

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 10
Series of 2011

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DECISION TO CLOSE MARTENSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado Budget crisis has resulted in a budget reduction of \$375 million to K-12 education; and

WHEREAS, the impact to Jefferson County Public Schools includes an estimated budget cuts of \$40 million, in the form of school closures, larger elementary class sizes, fewer choices in secondary schools, student-contact furlough days and increases in fees; and,

WHEREAS, Martensen Elementary School in Wheat Ridge has been identified as one of two schools that is proposed to be closed as a result of budget cuts; and,

WHEREAS, the impact of closing Martensen Elementary School is significant and will negatively impact the availability of public school choices for Wheat Ridge citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Wheat Ridge is working hard to reposition our community and quality of schools are the cornerstone of retaining and attracting strong households. The closure Martensen Elementary School and the consolidation of students create new challenges for our City, as well as, low to moderate income families in Wheat Ridge; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of Wheat Ridge encourages the community to input at budget forums hosted by the Jefferson County School Board in April 2011; and,

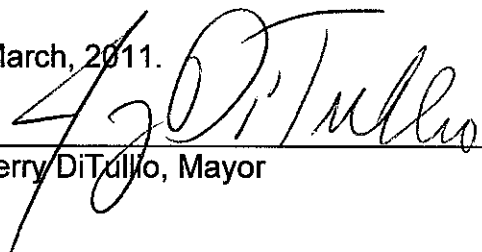
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, ask that the Jefferson County School Board to reverse their decision to close Martensen Elementary School.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 14th day of March, 2011.

ATTEST:



Michael Snow, City Clerk



Jerry DiTullio, Mayor