

**Resolution in Support of Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) Grant
February 8, 2021**

WHEREAS: Schools, students and families as well as the entire Manitou Springs School District 14 community deserve excellent learning environments in which to learn, socialize, create, perform, and thrive,

WHEREAS: The District's Strategic Plan and the Board of Education's Ends Statements are best met in settings most conducive to teaching and learning in safe, innovative, creative, and inviting spaces,

WHEREAS: It is the Board of Education's purpose to ensure we are living our mission and fulfilling fiduciary responsibilities in terms of Fiscal Management and Controls and Protection of Assets to meet the criteria of our Executive Limitations,

WHEREAS: We support all students and staff having access to high quality learning environments that are equitable while also meeting their physical, social, and emotional needs.

WHEREAS: The cost of decades of deferred maintenance must be addressed to avoid continued deterioration of buildings and grounds and safety concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Education of Manitou Springs School District 14 hereby declares their support for the BEST Grant submission to Colorado Department of Education Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board.