RESOLUTON NO. 12
SERIES 2008

A RESOLUTION URGING THE BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PURSUE ALTERNATIVES FOR THE LOUISVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT THAT ACCOMPLISH THE COMMUNITY'S SHARED GOALS OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION, OUTSTANDING EDUCATION FACILITIES, AND SCHOOL SAFETY

WHEREAS, as part of the 2006 Boulder Valley School District (District) Bond Program, the District is undertaking renovations to Louisville Middle School located on Main Street in Louisville; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Middle School is an historically significant school having been built by residents of Louisville during the Great Depression with a Works Progress Administration grant; and

WHEREAS, the building served as Louisville High School for over 30 years before becoming Louisville Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Middle School is an historic landmark and serves as a vital gateway to Louisville's historic downtown; and

WHEREAS, the District has advised that, after receiving additional input from the community and reviewing costs and program implications, the Louisville Middle School Design Advisory Team (DAT) has directed that the renovation project move forward without a design that preserves the historic portion of the school building; and

WHEREAS, City Council is of the opinion that its and many Louisville voters' support of the 2006 Bond issue was based upon, among other things, assurances from the School District that renovation of the Louisville Middle School would include preservation of the historic portion of the building; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that alternatives that include historic preservation should be further analyzed and discussed by and with the District Board, including further public discussion; and

WHEREAS, while not seeking to delay the project, the City Council finds that the District's project planning efforts should further include a high-level, collaborative and goal oriented effort to identify alternatives that would accomplish the community's shared goals of preserving the historic portion of the Louisville Middle School building, providing outstanding education facilities, and ensuring school safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a school and its community are integrally important to each other, and that historic preservation and the educational needs of the school need not be in conflict;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO THAT:

1. The Louisville City Council urges that the Boulder Valley School District Board of Education and the School District Superintendent further evaluate and assess options for the Louisville Middle School renovation project and pursue alternatives to the current project plan that will accomplish the community's shared goals of preserving the historic portion of the Louisville Middle School building, providing outstanding education facilities, and ensuring school safety.

2. The Louisville City Council urges the Boulder Valley School District Board of Education and the School District Superintendent to obtain an independent peer review analysis of preservation designs and cost options that would allow for preservation of the historic portions of Louisville Middle School.

3. That, without compromising the urgency of the project, the historic portion of the Louisville Middle School be preserved while such assessment and peer review is undertaken, and that the Board of Education further evaluate and pursue a project timeline that will allow for consideration of potential community fundraising for preservation.

4. That the District Board allow for additional public meetings and input, including a joint meeting between the District Board and Louisville City Council at Louisville Middle School.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

ATTEST:

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Charles L. Sisk, Mayor

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Nancy Varra, City Clerk