BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2 RESOLUTION NO. 19-38

In Support of a Boulder County Student Voter Registration Awareness Week in BVSD High Schools

WHEREAS, the right to vote is an important civil liberty and the core of the American democratic system; and

WHEREAS, voter pre-registration for high school students who are 16 or 17 and registration for high school students who are, or will turn 18 before an election, should be accessible and convenient; and

WHEREAS, educators play a critical role in the development of their students as productive, active citizens, and participation in the electoral process is one way students can become informed and engaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, Boulder County Clerk and Recorder, Elections Division will work with Boulder Valley School District, as well as other interested parties, to conduct voter registration outreach and education to high school students across Boulder County; and

WHEREAS, February 3 - 7, 2020 will be the first annual Boulder County Student Voter Registration Awareness Week, in which teachers and staff will be encouraged to: educate students on voter registration and the ability of 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections (if 18-years-old by a General Election), hold registration and civic engagement opportunities, and make voter registration accessible and convenient for eligible high school students throughout the district; and

WHEREAS, Students can apply to register to vote by submitting paper applications to their appointed school liaison or local county clerk and recorder office; completing the online form on the Colorado Secretary of State’s website; or at a voter registration drive; and

WHEREAS, voting is a vital part of our democracy and ensures that everyone’s voice is heard;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Boulder Valley School District supports the growing involvement of the student body in the democratic process; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Boulder Valley School District designates the week of February 3 - 7, 2020 as Student Voter Registration Week.

Adopted this 14th day of January 2020.

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