

RESOLUTION

VALUES, BELIEFS, VISION AND MISSION

COMMUNITY VISION FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709

WHEREAS, Through the *Think Kids* initiative, people across Duluth, MN were invited to participate in a community-wide conversation about education;

WHEREAS, Nearly 2,000 citizens from all walks of life took part – community and business leaders, neighbors, groups and organizations, parents, teachers, students and more – through over 60 meetings, online surveys and other communication venues, sharing their thoughts about what’s going well, what could be improved, what needs to be done now, and what should be done in the future;

WHEREAS, Common themes have been identified throughout the *Think Kids* conversations that represent our values, beliefs and priorities for the future;

WHEREAS, Overall, our community values schools where educational excellence and a supportive environment provide each student with the skills and experiences they need in order to learn, grow and be successful, and Duluthians recognize that strong schools are key to the success of our community;

WHEREAS, The final vision document, along with priorities identified through *Think Kids*, will be used to create a District-wide continuous-improvement plan, which will be used to guide the development of individual school improvement plans;

WHEREAS, The Purpose of Independent School District 709 is to provide a quality education that prepares all students for successful lives as global citizens in the home, community and workplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the shared values, beliefs, vision, and priorities identified by the community and captured in the draft vision document, with the above Purpose of ISD 709, be adopted as the Values, Beliefs, Vision and Mission for ISD 709.

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