

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution Endorsing Expansion of Grade Levels at STRIDE Academy

WHEREAS, STRIDE Academy is a Minnesota public charter school committed to providing high-quality, student-centered education that meets the academic, social, and developmental needs of its students and community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has a responsibility to ensure long-term organizational sustainability, continuity of programming, and alignment with the mission, vision, and strategic direction of STRIDE Academy; and

WHEREAS, expanding grade-level offerings supports increased access, stability for families, and a coherent K–12 educational pathway that allows students to remain within the STRIDE Academy community throughout their educational journey; and

WHEREAS, the addition of Preschool programming supports early learning, school readiness, and family engagement, strengthening foundational skills prior to kindergarten entry; and

WHEREAS, the expansion to include Grades 9–12 supports post-secondary readiness, career exploration, and student continuity while addressing identified community needs for additional high-quality secondary education options; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion is intended to be implemented in compliance with all applicable state statutes, Minnesota Department of Education requirements, authorizer expectations, and board-approved policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of STRIDE Academy formally endorses the expansion of STRIDE Academy to include **Preschool and Grades 9–12**, in addition to its current grade offerings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Executive Director to take all necessary and appropriate steps to pursue approvals, submit required applications, engage with the school's authorizer and regulatory agencies, and develop implementation plans consistent with board oversight; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board affirms its commitment to ensuring that any grade-level expansion is implemented in a fiscally responsible manner and remains aligned with STRIDE Academy's mission, student-centered values, and commitment to equity, access, and educational excellence.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of STRIDE Academy on this ____ day of _____, **20**.

Board Chair: _____

Date: _____

Board Clerk: _____

Date: _____