

Endorsements for Innovating Declining Enrollment Management through Community Impact

To Whom it May Concern,

I am Daniel M. Archuleta, President of Surpassing Distinction. You are receiving this letter because you are a leader in Colorado education, economic development, and community advancement. We are asking for your partnership in developing and implementing a proof of concept that will result in providing Colorado school districts relief in managing declining enrollment. The concept maximizes benefits to the communities that have been most severely impacted by shifts in Colorado populations.

The following organizations and individuals offer their endorsements for Surpassing Distinction and the further exploration of our concept for innovating declining enrollment management through community impact. They agree on these critical points:

1. Declining enrollment is a statewide and urgent challenge that requires immediate action to mitigate.
2. Sometimes declining enrollment is a result of root causes outside of school districts' control.
3. District funded small-school subsidies can be cost prohibitive and unsustainable.
4. Declining enrollment projects can result in negative impacts on communities and communities' relationships with school districts.
5. A community-impact model has the potential to produce relief by: a) satisfying high-priority community desires through intentional community engagement, b) funneling resources into communities, and c) mitigating some of the negative effects from population shifts.

We believe that Surpassing Distinction is uniquely positioned to effectively steward this work because of our specialized skills in data, research, PK-12 public education, nonprofit management, community impact, project management, strategic management, engagement through dialectical models, and our network of subject-matter experts across multiple sectors and knowledge domains. Please view our proof of concept slides here (https://surpassingdistinction.com/docs/SurpassingDistinction_POC-Proposal_wNotes.pdf) or contact us to schedule a presentation.

We are asking you to join us in endorsing the further exploration of this concept by adding your signature to the following page. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Daniel M. Archuleta, President

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Maria D. Zubia (Adams 14)
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Maria D. Zubia 12-7-2023
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North Park R-1 Christine Redman School Board
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Andrew Wilton School Board 3J
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Andy Bennett - Parent + Business Owner
Montezuma-Cortez RE-1 Interactive Learning
Organization/Name/Title

Andy Bennett 12/7/23
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Bobby Jones Founder
Bobby Jones speaks
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Bobby Jones 12/7/23
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South Canyons
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<u>South Conejos County DURAN</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12-07-23</u>
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<u>Susan K Browne Weld RE8</u> <u>Former Board of Education President</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12-07-2023</u>
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<u>Sally Dargle</u> <u>Sheridan School District</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12-07-23</u>
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<u>Federal Schools Taulley</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12-7-23</u>
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<u>Gilpin County School District RE-1</u> <u>JOE STRANALY Board Member</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12/07/23</u>
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<u>Jess Weld RE8</u> <u>Jessica Spindle Board</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12/07/23</u>
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<u>Weld RE-4 School District</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12/7/23</u>
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<u>MOFFAT DIST. #2 MICHAEL BOOTH</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12-7-23</u>
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<u>Moffat Dist #2 Lynn Ertle</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12/7/23</u>
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<u>Weld and Valley RE 205</u> <u>Dustin Heid</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12/7/23</u>
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Trinidad School District #1 Board Member Brett D 12-8-2023
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Alicia Sears Liberty J4 Board Member Alicia Sears 12-8-2023
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Ker Carson SDR 1 Robert Lee Fernald 12/8/23
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Gilpin County RE-1 Superintendent Dan Conner 12/8/23
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SCHOOL BOARDS DIRECTOR Leila C Baker 12/07/2023
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Renee V Lovato Adams City School Renee V Lovato 12/8/23
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Name	Title	Organization	Date Signed
Maria Zubia	School Board Member	Adams School District 14	12/7/2023
Christine Redman	School Board Member	North Park R-1	12/7/2023
Alex Marrero	Superintendent	Denver Public Schools	12/7/2023
Tami Velasquez	School Board Member	Gilpin County Re-1	12/7/2023
Nick Behm	School Board Member	Manzola School District 3J	12/7/2023
Andrew Casey Williams	School Board Member	Manzola School District 3J	12/7/2023
Andy Bennetts	Parent and Business Owner	Interactive Learning	12/7/2023
Bobby Jones	Founder	Bobby Jones Speaks	12/7/2023
Juan Pena	School Board Member	Eagle County School District Re-50J	12/7/2023
Eufemia Martinez-Duran	School Board Member	South Conejos School District Re-10	12/7/2023
Donald Duran	Community Member	South Conejos School District Re-10	12/7/2023
Susan K Browne	Fmr. Board of Education President	Weld Re-8	12/7/2023
Sally Daigle	School Board VP/Mayor Pro Tem	Sheridan School District 2	12/7/2023
Jared Morgan	Superintendent	Sanford School District 6J	12/7/2023
Joe Stranally	School Board Member	Gilpin County Re-1	12/7/2023
Jessica Spindle	School Board Member	Weld Re-8	12/7/2023
Karen Trusler	Superintendent	Weld Re-4	12/7/2023
Michael Booth	School Board Member	Moffat Consolidated School District #2	12/7/2023
Lynne Ertle	School Board Member	Moffat Consolidated School District #2	12/7/2023
Dustin Heid	School Board Member	Weldon Valley Re-20J	12/7/2023
Brett Duran	School Board Member	Trinidad School District #1	12/8/2023
Brandi Slane	School Board Member	Sangre de Cristo School District RE-22J	12/8/2023
Alicia Sears	School Board Member	Liberty School District J-4	12/8/2023
Kari Schultz	School Board Member	Liberty School District J-4	12/8/2023
Carrie Zimmerman	Superintendent	Center Consolidated School District 26JT	12/8/2023
Robert Framel	Superintendent	Kit Carson School District R-1	12/8/2023
David MacKenzie	Superintendent	Gilpin County Re-1	12/8/2023
Leila Baker	School Board Member	Ignacio School District #11Jt	12/7/2023
Alondra Maldonado	Multimedia Teacher	Center Consolidated School District 26JT	12/8/2023
Renee Lovato	School Board Member	Adams School District 14	12/8/2023