Resolution to Define "Actively Engaged in the Educational Process" and Student Attendance for the 2020-2021 School Year

- Whereas, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization ("WHO") characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, meaning the WHO identified the worldwide spread of a new disease; and
- Whereas, on March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency and issued Executive Order D 2020 003 on March 11, 2020 as a safeguard against the further spread of COVID-19; and
- Whereas, on July 6, 2020, Governor Jared Polis amended and extended Executive Order D 2020 003 through Executive Order D 2020 125; and
- Whereas Colorado law requires local boards, including charter school boards, to establish school calendars that maintain certain minimum annual hours of schooling; and
- Whereas, as required by 1 CCR 301-39, the Board of Directors defines "educational process," in RE5J District Board Policy IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time; and
- Whereas the Board of Directors finds that the current pandemic creates the need for changes to instructional delivery and the situations under which students are considered in attendance; and
- Whereas the Colorado Department of Education provided guidance specific for the 2020-2021 school year, stating local boards may define "the educational process" as including instruction delivered electronically and/or other types of independent, remote work time for students that is provided under the supervision of a certified or licensed teacher.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Knowledge Quest Academy Board of Directors authorizes the following for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Expansion of the definition of "actively engaged in the educational process" addressed in RE5J District Board Policy IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time to include, instruction delivered electronically and/or the use of other types of independent, remote work time for students provided under the supervision of a certified or licensed teacher.
- 2. Attendance will be recorded at least once daily for days when instructional hours are provided, meaning a student is "actively engaged in the educational process."

- 3. Student contact days may include remote learning days implemented as a result of public health and safety measures. Remote learning days may include use of: Google Classroom, Class Dojo, Seesaw, PowerUp Literacy, Collaborative Classroom, Mystery Science, Colorado Digital Learning Solutions, Edgenuity, Zoom, Google Meet, or other board-approved programs. Teacher-pupil instruction and contact time may occur in the following ways:
 - a. Presence during in-person instruction;
 - b. Assignments completed at home;
 - c. Logging into the online learning platform;
 - d. Student demonstration of learning;
 - e. Participating in academic discourse via video/chat;
 - f. Responding to teacher emails or communication;
 - g. Completing an assigned task and turning it in via Google Classroom; or
 - h. A student and/or parent contacting the appropriate teachers, counselors, or administrator when there are questions or a need for support in their learning.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the school will make a good faith effort to ensure that the combination of in-person and/or remote learning implemented during the year allows students to learn the same academic content as they would have learned under the inperson bell schedule.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Principal is directed to keep the Board of Directors informed of actions taken under this Resolution.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution is in effect for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Board upon a two-thirds majority vote.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

Adopted and approved the 3rd day of September, 2020.

Amended on the 1st day of October, 2020.

Chair, on behalf of

the Knowledge Quest Academy Board of Directors

Date