

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation No. CP11-0696

In Support of City Year Denver's School-Based Model in Denver Public Schools

WHEREAS, every 26 seconds a student gives up on school, every day 7,200 students drop out of school in America, and these students are three times more likely than college graduates to be unemployed, eight times more likely than high school graduates to be incarcerated, and research has shown that as early as 6th grade, students who demonstrate key off-track indicators such as attendance, behavior, and course performance in math and English have a 75% probability of dropping out of high school; and

WHEREAS, City Year is a full-time, team-based AmeriCorps program providing human capital strategies to address the education crisis; City Year unites young people of all backgrounds to become tutors, mentors, and role models to serve children and youth in urban public schools in 20 major cities, across 16 states, and the District of Columbia; to deliver targeted and school-wide interventions in literacy, math, attendance and behavior, plus after-school programming; to low-income students in grades 3rd to 9th all day throughout the school year, and they serve in the high schools, middle and elementary schools that disproportionately generate the most dropouts; and

WHEREAS, City Year Denver will deploy 50 full time AmeriCorps members to serve in 5 high-need Denver Public Schools – Rachel B. Noel Middle School, Lake International Middle School, Montbello High School, North High School, and the Denver Center for 21st Century Learning at Wyman - which have a 51.8% graduation rate to provide intensive academic, behavior and attendance support to 700 at-risk students, and support to more than 1,500 students through positive school climate programs and service projects; and

WHEREAS, City Year Denver will promote its, “give a year, change the world” partnership program and will provide more than 500 opportunities for parents, students, and community members to volunteer and participate in their schools and neighborhoods, as well as engaging colleges and universities to commit to this service by providing financial scholarships and recognition to students who give a year or more to their communities through City Year; and

WHEREAS, City Year survey results revealed that 90% of all students tutored by City Year improved raw literacy scores, 55% of students off-track in attendance got back on track by the end of the year, 88% of teachers nationwide agreed that City Year helped to foster a positive environment for learning, and 94% of principals nationwide stated that City Year corps members are positive role models.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That City Council welcomes City Year to Denver Public Schools and supports their mission to partner and transform schools at the local level to help students stay “In School & On Track”.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Jeff Park, Executive Director, City Year.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 26, 2011

PRESIDENT