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Colorado HB 26-1078 presents a meaningful opportunity for Montezuma-Cortez School District RE-1 as we continue revising our instructional delivery model to better meet the evolving needs of students and families.

The proposed legislation aligns well with our efforts to refine a blended course offering model—one that thoughtfully integrates traditional in-person instruction with expanded online and flexible learning pathways. Rather than operating as separate systems, we envision a seamless “school within a school” framework. To the public, it functions as one unified district; operationally, it provides multiple customized pathways designed to meet students where they are academically and personally.

Under HB 26-1078, districts would have increased flexibility in structuring online and blended programming within a single-district model. For MCSD, this strengthens our ability to:

- Provide consistent academic standards and instructional oversight across all delivery models.
- Expand concurrent enrollment and hybrid course access for students seeking flexibility.
- Offer families a high-quality district-operated online option while maintaining connections to district teachers, activities, and supports.
- Responsibly compete for and attract students who have transitioned to independent online schools or homeschooling environments.

We recognize that some families left the district seeking flexibility, personalized pacing, or alternative learning environments. A refined blended model allows us to reengage those families with an option that preserves local relationships, district accountability, extracurricular access, and community connection.

This approach is not about replacing traditional schooling—it is about expanding opportunity. Our goal is to create a dynamic instructional ecosystem that ensures every student has access to a rigorous, supportive, and adaptable learning pathway within their home district.

HB 26-1078 provides a framework that empowers districts like ours to innovate responsibly while maintaining high standards and fiscal stewardship. Ultimately, it positions M-CSD to better serve current students and to welcome back those who are seeking a flexible, high-quality public education option rooted in their community.

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M-CSD Re-1 Vision: *Montezuma-Cortez schools inspire resilience, lifelong learning, and civic purpose by fostering high expectations, critical thinking, and accountability in a safe, and diverse environment.*

M-CSD Re-1 Mission: *As we strive to become a district of choice, we celebrate diversity, build meaningful relationships, and open doors to personal growth and a world of possibilities for every student.*