

RESOLUTION No. 2023-021

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT STANDARDS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDARDS.

WHEREAS the South Dakota Board of Education Standards is considering a proposed revision to the South Dakota Social Studies Content Standards; and

WHEREAS hundreds of South Dakota education professionals have publicly expressed their opposition to the proposed standards; and

WHEREAS the Department of education has received at least 940 public comments in opposition to the standards, which constituted 86% of all public comments received by the Departments as of the last public hearing on the standards; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education for Rapid City Area Schools has unanimously passed a resolution opposing the adoption of the proposed standards; and

WHEREAS Elevate Rapid City, the area's largest economic development organization, has publicly opposed adopting the proposed standards; and

WHEREAS our schools are directly tied to both economic development and the overall success Rapid City; and

WHEREAS it is our duty to protect and promote the interests of Rapid City and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rapid City Common Council opposes the adoption of the proposed Social Studies Content Standards currently under consideration.

Dated this ____ day of March, 2023.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Steve Allender, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Davis, Interim Finance Director