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Memorandum

To: Senate and House Education Committee Members
Colorado State Capitol Building
200 E. Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80203
From: Patrick J. Burns, Chair, Education Data Subcommittee
CC: Members of the Education Data Subcommittee
RE: Support for Senate Bill 13-053

I am corresponding on behalf of the members of the Education Data Subcommittee of the Government Data Advisory Board, constituted under the authority of House Bill 09-1285. Part of the Education Data Subcommittee's statutory charge is:

> *"To recommend the design and continuing development of a statewide comprehensive P-20 education data system that may include, but need not be limited to, implementation of an interoperability data framework and protocols and standards for data input and for making and responding to data requests to ensure the preschool through postsecondary education entities throughout the state can share education data." (Section 24-37.5-703.5 (5)(e), C.R.S.)*

Specifically, the Education Data Subcommittee unanimously endorsed at its meeting of Friday, July 27, 2012 the strategy, principles, practices, and provisions contained in Senate Bill 13-053, and we hereby offer our endorsement of this proposed legislation in its present form.

In the Subcommittee's considered opinion, this legislation, as articulated in the Bill, will

- Reduce the administrative burden on institutions of higher education in Colorado associated with tracking the K-12 identifier number for students attending a postsecondary institution;
- Increase the accuracy of student records in institutions of higher education in Colorado;
- Allow better tracking of such students into, among, and through institutions of higher education in Colorado; and
- Enable state departments to collaborate to improve efficiencies in college admission and placement processes which could increase the number of Colorado students admitted to, enrolled in, and graduating from institutions of higher education in Colorado.

Pending passage, we would then begin addressing the details of implementation. We are eager to begin putting the provisions of the bill into practice, and are fully supportive of the proposed legislation.

We should be happy to be contacted for additional information.