

3 school resolutions target finance, testing

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Joining the Amendment 23 class action suit, restoring the negative factor as a legislative priority and urging the reduction of state-mandated testing were the subjects of three resolutions passed by the Holyoke School District Re-1J board at its April 8 meeting.

In joining as a plaintiff in the Amendment 23 class action suit, the board seeks an answer from the courts about the correct interpretation of Amendment 23 as it pertains to school funding.

In 2000, the people of Colorado added Amendment 23 to the Colorado Constitution to dictate that school funding should be increased annually with inflation plus pupil growth in order to reach the 1988 level of funding.

However, starting with the 2009-10 school year, the State Legislature changed its interpretation of Amendment 23, creating the negative factor.

The difference between the funding a school district was supposed to receive, by statute, and what it actually received is called its negative factor.

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