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3                   **State Board of Education Resolution**  
4                   **To Approve the Physical Education Standards**  
5                   **SR17-4**

6   **WHEREAS**, District of Columbia law requires State Board of Education approval  
7 and regular review of academic standards;  
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9   **WHEREAS**, physical education plays an essential role in developing physically  
10 literate students who have the knowledge, skills and confidence to enjoy a lifetime  
11 of healthful physical activity;  
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13   **WHEREAS**, the current District of Columbia Physical Education Standards were  
14 last revised in 2008;  
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16   **WHEREAS**, since 2008, new national standards have been developed that reflect  
17 new data, best practices, and changing physical activity trends;  
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19   **WHEREAS**, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education’s Division of  
20 Health and Wellness aligned the proposed Physical Education Standards with the  
21 new National Physical Education Standards developed by the Society of Health  
22 And Physical Educators (SHAPE);  
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24   **WHEREAS**, the proposed physical education standards were developed by the  
25 Office of the State Superintendent of Education after a rigorous drafting process  
26 that included significant stakeholder involvement, including from the Healthy  
27 Schools Act Commission, the District of Columbia Public Schools, interested  
28 District of Columbia Public Charter Schools, the District of Columbia Public  
29 Charter School Board, and the general public;  
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31   **WHEREAS**, the proposed physical education standards are normed against  
32 national best standards and practice, and therefore are informed by current data and  
33 emphasize the importance of daily physical activity;  
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35   **WHEREAS**, District of Columbia students and teachers were directly involved in  
36 the review of the proposed standards;  
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38   **WHEREAS**, the State Board of Education heard testimony on February 15, 2017  
39 regarding the proposed physical education standards;

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41 **WHEREAS**, District of Columbia Public School and Public Charter School  
42 students will be assessed on their knowledge of the proposed physical education  
43 standards through the Health and Physical Education Assessment;

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45 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, on March 15, 2017, the State  
46 Board advises that the State Superintendent adopt the physical education standards  
47 as proposed in this Resolution.

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50 Date Adopted: March 15, 2017 Signed:   
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