

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR VOTER SUPPORT ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016, OF TWO BALLOT MEASURES TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL LOCAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE GENERAL FUND OF THE DISTRICT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE INCURRENCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION INDEBTEDNESS BY THE DISTRICT AND THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES TO REPAY SUCH INDEBTEDNESS.

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2016, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Jefferson County School District No. R-1 (Jefferson and Broomfield Counties, Colorado) (the “District”) unanimously passed a resolution to place two ballot questions before registered voters of the district to authorize to raise and expend additional local property tax revenues and to incur general obligation indebtedness of the District and authorizing increases in ad valorem property taxes sufficient for the repayment of such indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, our teachers average 10 percent less in salary than our top seven metropolitan area competitors; and

WHEREAS, according to Colorado School Finance Project, Colorado now ranks 40th in the nation for per pupil spending; and

WHEREAS, education funding from the state has not been at levels dictated by Amendment 23 since fiscal year 2010/2011 because of statewide budget shortfalls, causing a cumulative \$490 million loss of funding for our Jeffco schools since the inception of the negative factor; and

WHEREAS, our property values (and taxes) have increased, the increase to our school district’s budget has been minimal; and

WHEREAS, according to the Colorado School Finance Project, the average amount spent per student in the United States in 2012-13 was \$10,700 (latest available data); and

WHEREAS, the amount spent last year per student in Jeffco Public Schools was \$8,500; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the current budget, projected future school funding and facilities conditions, the Board urges voters to approve the ballot measures to:

- improve the safety and security in our school buildings and to hire additional mental health and student support professionals and school safety education and liaisons to police, fire and 911 dispatch centers;
- increase school based budgets to ensure resources support student learning;
- improve 110 elementary, middle and high school buildings by renovating, repairing and/or replacing plumbing, electrical, lighting and mechanical systems and roofs to extend the life of existing schools and to better utilize existing school buildings and facilities to create more opportunities for district students;

- improve and equip schools with updated technology to better provide district students access to learning tools that will prepare them for college and the workforce;
- improve and repair Outdoor Lab, the district's nature and science learning center;
- expand, renovate, and construct, furnish and equip school buildings, additions and facilities; and

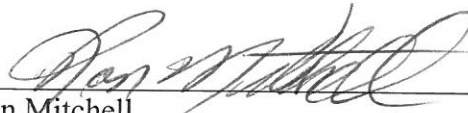
WHEREAS, the District must retain high quality teachers and support staff to provide students with the instruction, skills and hands-on learning necessary for success in college and the workplace by expanding science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), as well as arts, music and vocational programs; and

WHEREAS, the District managed its expenditures in a fiscally prudent manner, and will continue to do so in the future, but these measures alone will not generate sufficient funds to adequately address District needs; and

WHEREAS, if voters approve the bond issue and mill levy override for Jeffco schools, the cost per \$100,000 home value will be approximately \$4.12 per month or \$49.44 per year.

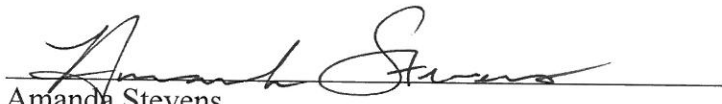
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 25th day of August 2016, by the Board of Education of Jefferson County School District No. R-1, that:

1. The Board declares its unanimous and unequivocal support for ballot issues 3A and 3B.
2. The Board urges all registered voters of the District to say "YES" and to vote in favor of ballot issues 3A and 3B on November 8, 2016.



 Ron Mitchell
 President, Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education

Attest:



 Amanda Stevens
 Secretary, Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education