

Board of Education
RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSITION CC
(COLORADO REFERRED MEASURE 2019)
AND IT'S IMPACT ON AVAILABILITY OF STATE FUNDS FOR K-12 EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Colorado Proposition CC (the "Allow State to Retain Excess Revenue for Transportation and Education Measure") is on the ballot in Colorado for the November 5, 2019 election as a legislatively referred state statute; and

WHEREAS, if passed by a simple majority of voters, Proposition CC would allow the state, without raising taxes, to retain excess revenue it is currently required to refund under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR); and

WHEREAS, the excess funds retained under Proposition CC would be used to provide funding for K-12 education, higher education, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's investment in education continues to fall further and further behind other states and consistently ranks near the bottom in funding; and

WHEREAS, education funding has not recovered from the recession; in the 2019/20 school year alone, Colorado schools are underfunded by \$572 million based on constitutional mandates, and the loss to Jeffco Public Schools alone for 2019/20 is \$52 million (\$768,492,070 cumulative amount withheld from Jeffco Public Schools since 2009/10); and

WHEREAS, additional funding for k-12 education will allow Jeffco Public Schools to make local decisions about the best use of new funds that reflect local community priorities and needs including mental health, safety and security, career and technical education, teacher bonuses and other nonrecurring expenses; and

WHEREAS, additional funding for k-12 education will allow the State of Colorado to grow its talent pipeline, strengthen its economy, and remain competitive in an increasingly complex global marketplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education supports and endorses voting in favor of Proposition CC to allow the state of Colorado to retain excess revenue as a means of increasing General Fund availability in future years to improve K-12 education, higher education and transportation infrastructure to benefit all of Colorado's citizens and students.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 10th day of October, 2019

By: 
Ron Mitchell, President
Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education

ATTEST

By: 
Amanda Stevens, Secretary
Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education