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IMPORTANT DATES

- October 9-16
ballots mailed to all active registered voters
- October 9
24-hour ballot drop boxes open
- October 19
Phase 1 VSPCs open
- October 30
Phase 2 VSPCs open
- November 2
All VSPCs open
- November 3
Election Day, ballots due by 7 p.m.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
 TO INCREASE TAXES /
 TO RETAIN EXCESS REVENUES /
 TO INCREASE DEBT ON A CITIZEN PETITION /
 ON A REFERRED MEASURE

GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

This notice is mailed to each address with one or more registered voters. You may not have all of these issues on your ballot.

This packet contains summary statements for ballot issues as required by the State of Colorado Constitution, Article X, Section 20, also known as the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR).

The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information. Adams County does not warrant the accuracy or truth of any statement made in the summaries submitted by other political subdivisions, nor is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar or punctuation of the submitted statements.

A "YES" vote on any ballot issue is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances; and
 A "NO" vote on any ballot issue is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.

This notice does not contain information on statewide measures. The Colorado Legislative Council's "Blue Book" will be mailed to you separately, or can be viewed at www.colorado.gov/bluebook.

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT
This contains information only.

I hereby certify that this packet contains all of the notices as provided by the various governmental entities pursuant to Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution.

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ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE
ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO

Election date: November 3, 2020

Election hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local election office address and phone number:

Adams County Elections Department
4430 S. Adams County Parkway
Suite E3102
Brighton, CO 80601
(720) 523-6500

Ballot title and text of ballot issue:

BALLOT ISSUE 1A

WITH NO INCREASE IN ANY COUNTY TAX RATE, SHALL ADAMS COUNTY'S EXISTING OPEN SPACE SALES TAX OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT (ONE-FOURTH PENNY PER DOLLAR) BE PERMANENTLY EXTENDED WITH THE PROCEEDS TO CONTINUE TO BE USED SOLELY TO:
PRESERVE LAND THAT PROTECTS WATER QUALITY;
PROTECT WILDLIFE AREAS, WETLANDS, RIVERS, AND STREAMS;
PRESERVE FARMLAND;
PROTECT OPEN SPACE TO LIMIT SPRAWL; AND;
FOR CREATING, IMPROVING, AND MAINTAINING PARKS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION FACILITIES; AND
WITH ALL COUNTY EXPENDITURES TO BE ALLOCATED BETWEEN ACTIVE AND PASSIVE OPEN SPACE USES BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF A CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION AND SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL AUDIT, WHICH TAX SHALL BE IMPOSED, COLLECTED, ADMINISTERED, AND ENFORCED AS PROVIDED IN RESOLUTION 2020-480 AND SHALL ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX AND ANY EARNINGS THEREON, INCLUDING REVENUES SHARED WITH THE INCORPORATED CITIES AND TOWNS IN ADAMS COUNTY, FOR THE DURATION OF THE TAX, CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND ANY OTHER REVENUE LIMITS IMPOSED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO?

Summary of written comments FOR the proposal:

In Adams County, we know the value of protecting our land and water. In thirty years, our county will have more people than the city of Denver and be the third largest county in the state. We need to act now to plan better for growth and preserve our quality of life, open spaces, and water quality.

Without increasing taxes, a "YES" vote will continue an existing open space program that helps:

- protect our water;
- preserve our farmlands;
- protect open space and manage growth; and
- create, improve, and maintain parks, trails, and recreation facilities.

This program, first approved by Adams County voters in 1999, has proven highly successful and funded more than 538 projects, including many parks, trails, open space and other resources that Adams County residents use and enjoy every day. Continuing this program into the future will ensure continued protections for water, parks, and farmland as Adams County continues to grow.

1A honors the principles, fiscal responsibility and citizen input that Adams County residents value. A citizen advisory committee and an annual independent audit included in the measure will make certain that funds will be used only for the purposes listed above.

This measure tangibly protects and improves the quality of life in Adams County in many ways; preserving land that protects water quality, protecting open space to limit sprawl, and increasing access to natural areas for all, including residents with disabilities, among many other benefits.

Vote "YES" on 1A to keep Adams County a great place to live, work, and recreate now and for generations to come.

Summary of written comments AGAINST the proposal:

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

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4430 S. Adams County Parkway
Suite E3102
Brighton, CO 80601
(720) 523-6500

Ballot title and text of ballot issue:

BALLOT ISSUE 1B

WITH NO INCREASE IN ANY COUNTY TAX RATE, SHALL ADAMS COUNTY'S EXISTING ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (ONE-HALF PENNY PER DOLLAR) SALES TAX BE PERMANENTLY EXTENDED FOR THE CONTINUED PURPOSE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO OR THE BUILDING OF ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECTS AND THE CONTINUED PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING, EQUIPPING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING, AND EXPANDING EXISTING AND NEW ADAMS COUNTY GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, WITH SUCH TAX TO BE IMPOSED, COLLECTED, ADMINISTERED, AND ENFORCED AS PROVIDED IN RESOLUTION 2020-481, AND WITH FORTY (40) PERCENT OF THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX TO CONTINUE TO BE SHARED AMONG THE COUNTY AND THE INCORPORATED CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE COUNTY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO OR THE BUILDING OF ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECTS AND SIXTY (60) PERCENT OF THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX TO CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR EXISTING AND NEW ADAMS COUNTY GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AS PROVIDED IN RESOLUTION 2020-481, AND WITH ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX AND ANY EARNINGS THEREON, INCLUDING SHARED REVENUES, FOR THE DURATION OF THE TAX, TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND ANY OTHER REVENUE LIMITS IMPOSED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO?

Summary of written comments FOR the proposal:

Adams County is one of the top counties in the nation for job growth. Over the next thirty years, it is expected that Adams County will surpass the population of Denver and become the third largest county in Colorado. Along with that growth comes an increased need for road and bridge construction projects. In addition, our public buildings are under increased use and strain.

Without increasing taxes, a "YES" vote on 1B will ensure that Adams County continues to have the resources necessary to maintain and improve our roads, bridges, and community buildings. Adams County will build on past investments to ensure both livability and safety as our population and economy continue to grow.

Summary of written comments AGAINST the proposal:

No comments were received by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES
ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Byers School District No. 32J
Adams and Arapahoe Counties, Colorado

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Stacy Sondburg, Designated Election Official
c/o Byers School District No. 32J
444 East Front Street
Byers, CO 80103
Telephone: (303) 822-5292

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5A:

SHALL BYERS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32J TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$90,000 ANNUALLY AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT \$150,000 (THE AMOUNT OF THE TRANSPORTATION TAX APPROVED IN 2015 WHICH EXPIRES IN 2020) RESULTING IN A TOTAL OF \$240,000 ANNUALLY FOR FIVE YEARS COMMENCING IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2021 TO BE USED FOR GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING:

PROVIDING A MATCHING CONTRIBUTION OF \$1,088,756.50 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A BEST GRANT FROM THE STATE OF COLORADO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$586,253.50, WHICH GRANT HAS BEEN AWARDED AND THE RECEIPT OF WHICH IS CONTINGENT UPON THE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE MATCHING AMOUNT, FOR HEALTH AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING PROVIDING SECURITY DOORS AND INCREASED SECURITY THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, HEATING, COOLING VENTILATION AND CONTROL SYSTEM UPGRADES AND REPLACEMENTS, AND UPGRADING VENTILATION IN THE VO-AG BUILDING; FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF DISTRICT STUDENTS AND STAFF;

BY AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S., AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>		
2020-2021 (estimated)	\$5,216,703	
2019-2020 (actual)	\$5,851,625	
2018-2019 (actual)	\$5,464,528	
2017-2018 (actual)	\$5,670,733	
2016-2017 (actual)	\$5,507,006	
Overall percentage change from 2016-17 to 2020-21		(5.27)%
Overall dollar change from 2016-17 to 2020-21		\$(290,303)

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount
of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2021-22
(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5A: \$240,000

District Estimate of 2021-22 Fiscal Year Spending
Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$5,500,000

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Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5A:

Colorado Department of Education awarded a BEST Grant contingent on matching funds for the project. If passed, the Byers School will receive funding for several facility improvements including: HVAC replacement in the Elementary and Secondary Schools, Security upgrades to outside doors in the Elementary classrooms, Welding ventilation in the VO-AG shop.

The average residential cost for a \$300,000 home will increase taxes \$28.11 annually, that's \$2.34/month to support the additional \$90,000.

The mill-levy request will expire after 5 years.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

**GREATER BRIGHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADAMS AND WELD COUNTIES, COLORADO**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Election Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Local Election Office:

Sue Blair, DEO
Community Resource Services
7995 S. Prentice Avenue, Suite 103E
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
(303) 381-4960
elections@crsofcolorado.com

Ballot Title and Text:

GREATER BRIGHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE NO. 7B:

SHALL GREATER BRIGHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE OR DECREASE ITS CURRENT AND ALL FUTURE MILL LEVIES IF, ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 3, 2020, THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE METHOD OF CALCULATING ASSESSED VALUATION OF ONE OR MORE PROPERTY CLASS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A CHANGE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSED VALUATION DUE TO ARTICLE X SECTION 3 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT) OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON SUCH AS ACTION BY THE LEGISLATURE, SO THAT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES GENERATED BY SUCH MILL LEVIES ARE THE SAME AS THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN GENERATED HAD SUCH CHANGES NOT OCCURRED?

Summary of Written Comments FOR Greater Brighton Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 7B:

Our Brighton Firefighters and Paramedics need our support. Issue 7B is not a request for a tax increase but instead is asking us to help stabilize the fire department revenue in future years. If 7B is not approved, our Firefighters and Paramedics may suffer devastating budget cuts, and the ultimate decline in service will hurt all of us as residents. This is a dilemma that our Firefighters and Paramedics did not cause, state law did.

Our Firefighters and Paramedics are here for us 24 hours a day, and this time they are the ones that need our help. The service the fire department provides to the community is far above our surrounding communities, but the cost we pay as a taxpayers is far below what residents pay for Fire and Emergency Services in Commerce City, Northglenn, Arvada, Broomfield, Thornton, Bennett, unincorporated west Adams County, and so on. We need to help them continue to provide this high level of service.

The Greater Brighton Fire Rescue District relies on property tax for 95% of its funding as required by state law. It is not part of the City of Brighton, so it does not receive any other funding such as sales tax or utility fees. Their commitment to our community is to continue to pursue grants and other funding to keep our Fire and EMS tax costs the lowest in this area of the county!

Our Fire Rescue District protects an area of 150 square miles and responds to nearly 7,000 incidents each year. They protect us for fires of all types, medical calls, car accidents, and incidents that include hazardous materials and specialized rescue. Our Firefighters also respond through mutual aid for statewide forest fires, floods, and other major emergencies.

These Firefighters and Paramedics stand ready to protect and serve us for any emergency. This time, they are the ones calling 9-1-1. We urge you to support our Firefighters and Paramedics and vote YES on Issue 7B.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Greater Brighton Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 7B:

No statement was filed by the constitutional deadline.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

**SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Election Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Local Election Office:

Sue Blair, DEO
Community Resource Services
7995 S. Prentice Avenue, Suite 103E
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
(303) 381-4960
elections@crsofcolorado.com

Ballot Title and Text:

SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 BALLOT ISSUE 6A:

TAX REVENUE STABILIZATION

WITHOUT INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE (RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT RATE MULTIPLIED BY THE DISTRICT'S MILL LEVY) AND IN ORDER TO STABILIZE TAX REVENUE THAT THE DISTRICT NEEDS TO PROVIDE ITS COMMUNITY WITH FIRE, RESCUE, AMBULANCE AND OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: MAINTAINING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES; PROVIDING TRAINING FOR LIFE-SAVING MEDICAL AND OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TECHNIQUES TO ENSURE FIREFIGHTER AND CITIZEN SAFETY; AND MEETING GROWING DEMANDS AND COSTS FOR VITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC, SHALL SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 BE AUTHORIZED TO ADJUST ITS CURRENT AND ALL FUTURE MILL LEVIES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ACTUAL TAX REVENUE LEVELS GENERATED BY SUCH MILL LEVIES TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AT THE LEVELS GENERATED UNDER THE METHOD AND LEVEL OF CALCULATING ASSESSED VALUATION AS OF NOVEMBER 3, 2020 IF ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 3, 2020, THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE METHOD OF CALCULATING ASSESSED VALUATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A CHANGE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSED VALUATION DUE TO ARTICLE X SECTION 3 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Summary of Written Comments FOR South Adams County Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6A:

As a mother, an active member of this community, an Adams County resident, and the wife of a firefighter, I have seen and experienced the importance of a fast and efficient response by our South Adams County Fire Department. I understand how public safety must be a priority, especially in these uncertain times. I, like so many of you, have been stuck at home, schedules rearranged, school completely disrupted, and yet, the men and women of our fire department, like my husband, go off to work every day. They have been the front line for COVID, racial unrest, and violence. They respond no matter the situation.

So, when I found out that there was a system that would automatically take away nearly 3 million dollars from the operating budget of the fire department next year, I was not only surprised, I was angry. As a taxpayer, I know we voted to give the department a specific amount of revenue for them to operate every year. To find that the state can simply take that away in an incredibly undemocratic process that leaves you and I out of the conversation is infuriating.

This means the ability of our fire department to respond may be slowed. It means one less fire fighter on an engine or truck. This isn't just one less fire fighter to handle your emergency, but it means one less fire fighter to protect a crew and fire fighters like my husband.

Voting yes on 6A will stabilize the revenue of the South Adams County Fire Department for decades to come. It will remove them from the volatile Gallagher process. It will not raise taxes. It simply keeps the operating budget you and I voted to remain the same.

I implore you to vote YES on 6A to safeguard our community, to protect our families, and to ensure men and women, like my husband, who serve us no matter who we are (our religion, our politics, and our identity) come home safely.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST South Adams County Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 6A:

No statement was filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT
ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Strasburg School District 31J
Adams and Arapahoe Counties, Colorado

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Georgia Steele, Designated Election Official
c/o Strasburg School District 31J
56729 E. Colorado Ave.
Strasburg, CO 80136
Telephone: (303) 622-9211

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5B:

SHALL STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT 31J DEBT BE INCREASED BY \$19.8 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF NOT TO EXCEED \$36.5 MILLION (WHICH REPRESENTS THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE DEBT OVER TIME), AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$1.59 MILLION ANNUALLY, BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, LOCAL MATCHING MONEY REQUIRED FOR THE DISTRICT TO RECEIVE \$3,699,808.71 IN STATE GRANT FUNDS (WHICH ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE REPAID) UNDER THE BUILDING EXCELLENT SCHOOLS TODAY ("BEST") PROGRAM, ALL FOR PROVIDING CAPITAL ASSETS FOR DISTRICT PURPOSES, INCLUDING:

PROVIDING DISTRICT MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,299,674.29 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE BEST GRANT WHICH HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE STATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,699,808.71 (THE RECEIPT OF WHICH IS CONTINGENT UPON THE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE MATCHING AMOUNT) TO CONSTRUCT HEALTH, SAFETY AND SYSTEM UPGRADES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL INCLUDING MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, FIRE ALARM, PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS AND ROOFING UPGRADES;

CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, REMODELING AND EQUIPPING AN ADDITION TO THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO ADD CLASSROOMS AND CONSTRUCTING A NEW GYMNASIUM TO ADDRESS OVERCROWDING DUE TO GROWTH, HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY ISSUES;

EXPANDING AND RECONFIGURING BUS AND PARENT DROP OFF AREAS, PLAYGROUND EXPANSION AND OTHER SITE IMPROVEMENTS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SITES;

WITH SUCH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO BE SOLD, TO BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM OF NOT MORE THAN THREE PERCENT, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE, AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT AND ANY DEBT ISSUED TO REFUND SUCH DEBT WHEN DUE, OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR THE SAME, PROVIDED THAT ANY REVENUE PRODUCED BY SUCH MILL LEVY SHALL NOT EXCEED \$1.59 MILLION ANNUALLY; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT'S DEBT LIMIT BE INCREASED FROM AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 20% OF THE DISTRICT'S ASSESSED VALUE TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 6% OF THE DISTRICT'S ACTUAL VALUE, AS CERTIFIED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSORS OF ADAMS AND ARAPAHOE COUNTIES?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2020-2021 (estimated)	\$9,500,579
2019-2020 (actual)	\$10,248,944
2018-2019 (actual)	\$11,038,955
2017-2018 (actual)	\$10,242,434
2016-2017 (actual)	\$10,001,329
Overall percentage change from 2016-17 to 2020-21	(5)%
Overall dollar change from 2016-17 to 2020-21	\$(500,750)

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount
of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2021-22
(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5B: \$1,590,000

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District Estimate of 2021-22 Fiscal Year Spending
Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$11,000,000

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5B:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$19,800,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 1,590,000
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$36,500,000

Information on District's Current Debt*

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$4,595,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$848,600
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$4,991,113

*Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5B:

Let's support our kids and our community by passing Ballot Issue 5B in November. Addressing key infrastructure needs relating to student safety, overcrowding, and aging facilities will benefit all Strasburg students. Strasburg school administrators made a dedicated effort to understand voter concerns when last year's bond initiative failed; they listened to comments from community surveys and responded with a new initiative that asks less of taxpayers while providing an opportunity to leverage \$3.69 million in matching grant funding from the state. The \$19.8 million bond initiative must pass in order for Strasburg to get this grant funding, which does not have to be repaid but which would go to another district if rejected by Strasburg voters.

Strasburg is growing and elementary school enrollment already exceeds building capacity and fire code. District assessments identified a number of life safety and facility maintenance issues with existing school buildings. Additionally, current transportation routing does not provide adequate separation of bus, delivery, and community traffic to ensure student safety. Issue 5B is thoughtfully targeted to address each of these critical issues.

The main features of 5B will be:

\$3.6 million in matching BEST grant funding from the state, contingent upon the district providing \$6.3 million in funding from the bond initiative. This will fund upgrades to aging mechanical, fire alarm, and public address systems to improve the learning environment. Construction of six additional elementary school classrooms to address community growth.

Relocation of district maintenance and support facilities to address site concerns, as well as elementary school site safety and security improvements to address parent and bus drop off.

Construction of a shared elementary and high school gymnasium.

If 5B passes, the cost impact to Strasburg area homeowners will be \$5.52 per month, per \$100,000 in assessed value.

The increase in taxes amounts to less than many of us spend each month on recreational pursuits, and will benefit our children and our town in a meaningful and enduring way. In rural America, schools are often the lifeblood of their communities, nurturing a sense of pride and unity, and creating a shared commitment to service. Studies show that this kind of social cohesion reaps for communities a host of benefits, including increased safety, stability, and economic activity. Regardless of our personal connection to Strasburg Schools, let's vote yes for Strasburg's kids and for a vibrant, connected community well into the future!

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-3(J)
ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election date: November 3, 2020

Election hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election by Mail Ballot

Deadline for receipt of ballots: November 3, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Local election office address and phone number:

Designated Election Official: Julie Wiener, Weld County School District No. RE-3(J), 1101 4th Avenue, Hudson, Colorado 80642; telephone number (303) 536-2017

Ballot title and text:

Ballot Issue 5C: General Fund Override

WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES, SHALL WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-3(J) TAXES APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT'S VOTERS IN 2016 BE EXTENDED TO PROTECT EXISTING FUNDING TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS:

MAINTAIN SAFER LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF THROUGH SAFETY, SECURITY, AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS;

ATTRACT AND RETAIN QUALITY TEACHERS AND REDUCE TEACHER TURNOVER;

CONTINUE TO UPDATE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY, TEXTBOOKS, AND LEARNING MATERIALS;

ENSURE ADEQUATE NUMBER OF TEACHERS TO REDUCE AND MAINTAIN CLASS SIZE;

MAINTAIN PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION IN ART, STEM, MUSIC, AND OTHER ELECTIVES FOR ALL SCHOOLS; AND

PROPERLY FUND THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES TO EXTEND THEIR USEFUL LIFE AND IMPROVE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES;

THROUGH A CONTINUING PROPERTY TAX OVERRIDE MILL LEVY IMPOSED AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE \$3.3 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE DISTRICT, OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ANNUALLY DETERMINE, TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION?

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 5C:

Voting Yes on 5C will help secure the future of our students, families, and teachers in Weld County School District Re-3J. A Yes vote on 5C simply continues our district's voter-approved Mill Levy Override and ensures that our local schools remain strong during these uncertain times.

Voting Yes on 5C will provide some certainty to allow all district schools—including Meadow Ridge Elementary, Lochbuie Elementary, Hudson Elementary, Hoff Elementary, Cardinal Community Academy, Weld Central Middle, and Weld Central High—to provide safe learning environments; support students' mental well-being; retain dedicated, quality teachers; and ensure that our children have the resources to learn in the classroom and online.

Without raising taxes, 5C continues the 2016 Mill Levy Override to provide \$3.3 million annually in stable, reliable funding for our school district. This funding is critical considering the district's budget was reduced by more than \$1 million this year because of cuts in the state of Colorado's budget. These cuts are completely out of the district's control, and they are expected to get worse over the next few years. Importantly, the state cannot take away a local increase in funding or reduce the state share because of it.

If approved by voters, 5C will allow the district to:

Maintain safer learning environments for students, teachers, and staff through safety, security, and mental health supports;

Attract and retain quality teachers and reduce teacher turnover;

Continue updating instructional technology, textbooks, and materials;

Ensure proper number of teachers to reduce and maintain class size;

Maintain programs of instruction in Art, STEM, Music, and electives; and

Properly fund the ongoing maintenance of schools and improve safety and reliability of transportation.

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24-HOUR BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS

Open October 9 - November 3, 2020

Aurora	Aurora Municipal Center - 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy. <i>(shared Arapahoe County Box) near the library circle</i>
	Aurora Motor Vehicle - 3449 N. Chambers Rd. <i>sidewalk by Motor Vehicle entrance</i>
	Colfax Community Network - 1585 Kingston St. <i>parking lot on north side of building</i>
	Martin Luther King, Jr. Library - 9898 E. Colfax Ave. <i>(shared Arapahoe County box) center island in parking lot</i>
	University of Colorado Anschutz Campus - 12477 E. 19th Ave. <i>northeast corner of Monte Vista Parking Lot</i>
Bennett	Bennett Motor Vehicle - 355 S. First St. <i>drive-thru on median across from building entrance</i>
Brighton	Adams County Government Center - 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy. <i>roundabout in front of the building, by flag poles</i>
	Adams County Justice Center - 1100 Judicial Center Dr. <i>east side of parking lot, aisle farthest away from the building</i>
	Brighton City Hall - 500 S. 4th Ave. <i>drive-thru next to USPS blue mailbox & utility payments box</i>
	Riverdale Animal Shelter - 12155 Park Blvd. <i>south of main entrance</i>
Byers	Kelver Public Library - 404 E. Front St. <i>(shared Arapahoe County box) east side of building</i>
Commerce City	Commerce City Civic Center - 7887 E. 60th Ave. <i>drive-thru next to USPS blue mailbox</i>
	Commerce City Sheriff's Substation - 4201 E. 72nd Ave. <i>sidewalk on the south side of the building, by the Motor Vehicle door</i>
Denver	Perl Mack Community Center - 7125 Mariposa St. <i>north side of parking lot across from pool</i>
	Rotella Park - 1824 Coronado Pkwy. S. <i>east end of parking lot</i>
Federal Heights	Federal Heights City Hall - 2380 W. 90th Ave. <i>drive-thru on island at north end of parking lot</i>
Northglenn	Northglenn City Hall - 11701 Community Center Dr. <i>drive-thru next to USPS blue mailbox and utility payment box</i>
Strasburg	Strasburg Sheriff's Substation - 2550 Strasburg Rd. <i>sidewalk on east side of building</i>
Thornton	Anythink Library Wright Farms - 5877 E. 120th Ave. <i>east end of parking lot</i>
	Hilltop Village Shopping Center - 13762 Colorado Blvd. <i>north end of the shopping center</i>
	Margaret Carpenter Recreation Center - 11151 Colorado Blvd. <i>parking lot between tennis courts and skate park</i>
	Thornton Civic Center - 9500 Civic Center Dr. <i>drive-thru lane near utility payments box, box is enclosed in brick</i>
	Trail Winds Recreation Center - 13495 Holly St. <i>east end of parking lot</i>
Westminster	Adams County Western Services Center (ACED) - 12200 N. Pecos St. <i>island next to accessible parking spaces</i>
	Adams County Human Services Center - 11860 N. Pecos St. <i>sidewalk to the right of the main entrance doors</i>
	Front Range Community College - 3645 W. 112th Ave. <i>sidewalk in front of library, next to blue USPS box</i>
	Westminster City Hall - 4800 W. 92nd Ave. <i>parking lot, near the flag poles</i>
	Westminster Motor Vehicle - 8452 N. Federal Blvd. <i>sidewalk to the left of the doors to the Motor Vehicle office</i>

VOTER SERVICE & POLLING CENTERS (VSPCs)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, VSPC locations may change.
Please visit AdamsVotes.com for current information.

Voting, ballot replacement, ballot drop box, ADA accessible ballot marking devices, new voter registration, and voter registration updates available at all locations.

Phase 1: Open beginning October 19 (see calendar below for details)

Aurora	Moorhead Recreation Center - 2390 Havana St.
Bennett	Bennett Motor Vehicle Office - 355 S. First St.
Brighton	Adams County Government Center (West Entrance) - 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy.
Commerce City	Adams City Middle School - 4451 E. 72nd Ave.
Westminster	Adams County Economic Development - 12200 N. Pecos St.
	Westminster Motor Vehicle - 8452 N. Federal Blvd.

Phase 2: Open beginning October 30 (see calendar below for details)

Aurora	University of Colorado Anschutz Campus - 13121 E. 17th Ave.
Thornton	Anythink Library Huron - 9417 Huron St.
	Anythink Library Wright Farms - 5877 E. 120th Ave.
	Margaret Carpenter Recreation Center - 11151 Colorado Blvd.
	Thornton Civic Center - 9500 Civic Center Dr.
	Trail Winds Recreation Center - 13495 Holly St.
Westminster	Front Range Community College - 3645 W. 112th Ave.

Phase 3: Open beginning November 2 (see calendar below for details)

Brighton	Anythink Library Brighton - 327 E. Bridge St.
Commerce City	Eagle Pointe Recreation Center - 6060 Parkway Dr.
Denver	Perl Mack Community Center - 7125 Mariposa St.
Federal Heights	Pinnacle Charter School - 1001 W. 84th Ave.
Henderson	Belle Creek Family Center - 10693 Belle Creek Blvd.
Thornton	North Metro Church - 12505 Colorado Blvd.
Westminster	The MAC - 3295 W. 72nd Ave.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 18	19 Phase 1 VSPCs open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	20 Phase 1 VSPCs open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	21 Phase 1 VSPCs open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	22 Phase 1 VSPCs open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	23 Phase 1 VSPCs open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	24 VSPCs Closed
25 VSPCs closed	26 Phase 1 VSPCs open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	27 Phase 1 VSPCs open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	28 Phase 1 VSPCs open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	29 Phase 1 VSPCs open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	30 Phase 1&2 VSPCs open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	31 Phase 1&2 VSPCs open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Nov 1 VSPCs closed	2 ALL VSPCs open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	3 ELECTION DAY ALL VSPCs open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.	4	5	6	7