

Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education Votes to Place Bond/Mill Levy on November Ballot

GOLDEN, CO, August 3, 2016 – At a special meeting yesterday evening, the Board of Education voted to place a \$535 million bond and \$33 million mill levy override on the ballot this November.

If Jefferson County voters approve the mill levy ballot measure, the funding will enable Jeffco Public Schools to:

- Increase per-student funding for programs suited to individual schools such as STEM, career/tech, and art and music;
- Have transparent and competitive teacher compensation to ensure the district's ability to attract and retain the best teachers;
- Cover any funding gaps should the state reduce funding; and
- Improve safety and security, including enhanced mental health services such as school counselors and intervention programming

If voters approve the bond, the funding will enable Jeffco Public Schools to:

- Improve, update, and repair 110 schools, including updating technology, lab spaces, and furnishings;
- Renovate and construct additions at 45 schools and facilities, including more classroom space; and
- Replace four current school facilities and construct three new elementary schools.

The funding from both the mill levy override and the bond will benefit all neighborhood, option, and charter schools in the district.

After reviewing the current budget, projected future school funding, and facilities conditions, the Board feels that asking voters for this funding was needed in order to provide the best learning resources to prepare students for the workforce and college. This includes attracting and retaining the best teachers and enhancing school safety and security to provide the best learning environment for students.

If approved, the bond and mill levy override will cost taxpayers \$4.12/month per \$100K home value and \$15.04/month per \$100K property value for non-residential properties.

For more information go to www.jeffcopublicschools.org.

About Jeffco Public Schools

Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 60 years. Approximately nine percent of all the K-12 students in Colorado attend a Jeffco school. Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future. The district serves over 86,000 students at 155 schools on 168 campuses. Find [Jeffco Public Schools](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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