

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR 27J SCHOOLS MILL LEVY OVERRIDE (ISSUE 5A) AND BOND (ISSUE 5B) BALLOT MEASURES FOR THE 2021 NOVEMBER ELECTION

NO. 2021-94

WHEREAS, the vision of the City of Commerce City is to create a Quality Community for a Lifetime, and quality public schools make for quality communities;

WHEREAS, school mill levy overrides provide additional annual general fund operating revenues;

WHEREAS, the proposed 2021 mill levy override for 27J Schools (Issue 5A on the ballot) will provide an additional \$16 million in annual operating revenue for district managed and district charter partner schools;

WHEREAS, the additional \$16 million in annual operating revenues will be used to hire additional teachers for STEM and Career and Technical Education (CTE) and to increase staff compensation to attract and retain high quality adults to work with the students in our community;

WHEREAS, an increase of \$16 million in annual mill levy override operating revenue equates to \$800 per student;

WHEREAS, this is an increase from the current \$750,000 (\$38 per student) in annual mill levy override operating revenue;

WHEREAS, it has been twenty-one (21) years since the voters in 27J Schools last approved a mill levy override request (\$750,000 in the year 2000);

WHEREAS, the proposed 2021 mill levy override (Issue 5A) will require an 8 mill tax increase;

WHEREAS, an 8 mill tax increase is equal to \$4.63 per month per \$100,000 of home value;
and

WHEREAS, all students deserve safe, welcoming, and stimulating learning environments that support personal well-being and academic success;

WHEREAS, school bond funds help schools provide safe facilities that offer the learning opportunities required for students to be prepared for post-secondary enrollment, employment, and/or enlistment;

WHEREAS, the proposed 2021 bond program (Issue 5B on the ballot) will provide STEM/Career and Technical Education annexes at all three comprehensive high schools;

WHEREAS, the proposed 2021 bond program (Issue 5B) will build additional elementary and middle schools, and a fourth comprehensive high school;

WHEREAS, the proposed 2021 bond program (Issue 5B) will not increase the current bond redemption mill levy (no tax increase).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby declares its support for the approval of Ballot Issues 5A and 5B and urges all registered voters of the 27J School District to vote “YES” on Ballot Issues 5A and 5B.

SECTION 2. The City Council encourages all eligible voters of the 27J School District to make sure that their voter registration is current, that they vote, and that they encourage others to vote.

SECTION 3. The City Council appeals to all citizens of the 27J School District to devote some of their personal time in an effort to pass these critically-important ballot issues;

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2021.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

ATTEST

Dylan A. Gibson, City Clerk