27J Ballot Measure

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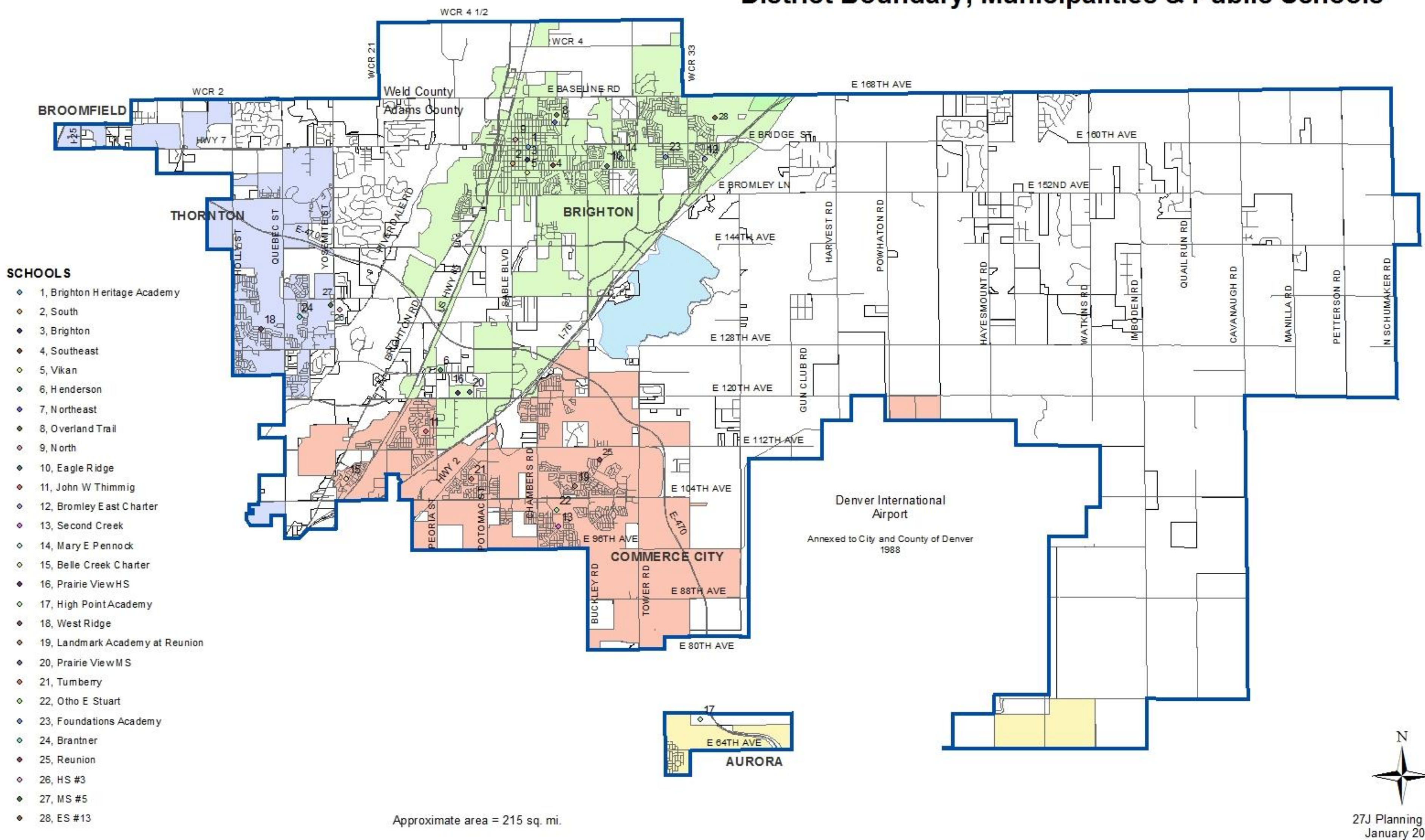
Purpose

- Provide pro/con information on Ballot Measure 3D referred by School District 27J

- Draft resolution of support included for discussion

Background

School District 27J
District Boundary, Municipalities & Public Schools



How Does 27J Compare to Metro Denver School Districts?

- State Funding Per Pupil: 14 out of 15
  - Average: $7,764
  - 27J: $7,389
- Mill Levy Override Per Pupil: 15 out of 15
  - Average: $1,306
  - 27J: $43
- Total Funding Per Pupil: 15 out of 15
  - Average: $9,070
  - 27J: $7,432

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- Beginning Teacher Salaries: 15 out of 15
  - Average: $38,338
  - 27J: $33,686

- Average Teacher Salaries: 15 out of 15
  - Average: $57,368
  - 27J: $48,890

Referred Ballot Measure

SHALL BRIGHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J TAXES BE INCREASED $12 MILLION BEGINNING IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2018, AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS MAY BE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY OF NOT TO EXCEED 12 MILLS, BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL SUCH TAX INCREASE BE GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S., BY THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR DEPOSIT IN THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- RETAINING AND RECRUITING HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF; AND
- PURCHASING AND MAINTAINING INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS AND MATERIALS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE TECHNOLOGY BASED ITEMS, TO SUPPORT THE INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS;

WITH SUCH TAXES TO BE IN EXCESS OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL FUND MILL LEVY PERMITTED UNDER STATE LAW WITHOUT SUCH INCREASE AND, TOGETHER WITH REVENUES FROM SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES ATTRIBUTABLE THERETO AND THE EARNINGS ON SUCH TAXES AND REVENUES, TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGE UNDER, TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT EACH YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION BY THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF, AND WITHOUT AFFECTING THE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO COLLECT AND SPEND OTHER 3 REVENUES OR FUNDS UNDER, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Ballot Measure: Plain English

- Not to exceed 12 mills
- Represents an additional $0.20/day or $6.11/month on a $100,000 home
- Generate $12 million
  - $3.6 million tools
  - $6 million for talent
  - $2.4 million for charter partners investment in talent & tools
- No administrative salaries

Pros and Cons

Pros

- Measure addresses local funding inequities for our students ($43 vs. $1306).
- Measure invests directly in student success.
  - Replace 13-year old textbooks
  - Retain and attract talented teachers
  - Increase number of support staff
  - Increase access to technology/digital resources
- Improved schools = improved city attractiveness

Cons

- Too many taxes ; district just passed construction bond two years ago.
- State should increase education funding – not local residents
- Existing resources – make do with less/improve efficiency.
- Growth/development should be paying own way.

Discussion