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# ELEVATE

**BUILDING ON FIVE STAR SUCCESS** 

## Five Star Community Supports 2018 Mill Levy Override

Construction and renovations are not the only exciting updates in the Five Star District. In November 2018, you helped pass a mill levy override funding measure, Ballot Issue 5C, which provides additional funding to jump-start priorities from our new community-driven strategic plan, ELEVATE.

During the 2017-18 school year, we set out to develop a new strategic plan by building on our current success and turned to our community to set the direction. More than 7,000 parents, students, staff and community members came together across every school in the district through in-person collaboration and online surveys to create a new plan that will continue to elevate student success for years to come.

From the process, six areas of focus were determined in order to elevate student success:



### **Moving from steps to strides**

Ballot Issue 5C was aligned directly to priorities that came from ELEVATE focus areas and because of your support we are able to make major strides in providing the programs and resources that our community outlined in our new plan.

Work has already begun in several areas, including the development of a new social-emotional curriculum; compensation increases for world-class staff; and increasing staff at middle and high schools to help address class sizes and increase course options for diverse learning opportunities.

With the passage of 5C, our work has just begun. For more information on the process, strategic plan, and outlined priorities for the funding from 5C, visit [www.adams12.org/ELEVATE](http://www.adams12.org/ELEVATE).

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As a parent and as a past student of Riverdale Elementary myself, I love that this school has grown in pride in its students and the new look shows that Riverdale continues to impress. It's warm and inviting but still seen as a place of education and professionalism. Bringing [the look of] this school into this century shows Riverdale isn't going anywhere and will be here for my children.



*Amanda Rodriguez  
Riverdale Elementary Parent*

### Cover image

Riverdale Elementary received an exterior renovation and new landscaping to give the building a new modern look.

## RENOVATIONS

The 2016 Bond Program prioritizes critical repairs and renovations, especially at some of the oldest schools and facilities in the Five Star District.

This included the completion of building renovation projects in 2018 at Arapahoe Ridge, Cotton Creek, Mountain View, North Star, North Mor, Stukey, Westview, Woodglen and Riverdale elementary schools and the start of multi-year renovation projects at three additional schools: Federal Heights Elementary, Horizon High School and Northglenn High School.



## NEW STUDENT SPACE

Alleviating school overcrowding and reducing the number of mobile classrooms, primarily at the elementary and middle school level, is also a key priority of the bond program. In 2018, the Five Star District opened the new Thunder Vista P-8 to serve the growing northwest portion of the district. Large building expansions were also completed at Arapahoe Ridge and Cotton Creek elementary schools, which eliminated the need for mobile classrooms at both schools.



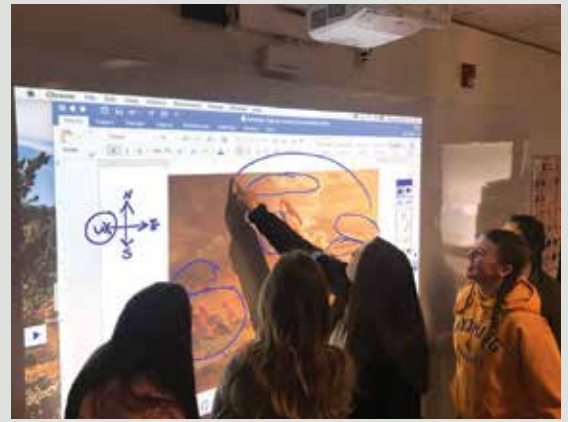
Thunder Vista is my new learning community. Thunder Vista is new friendships, a cozy library, choir with two teachers, amazing artwork in the halls, passion projects, longer lunches to bond with my friends, and walking to school with neighbors. Thunder Vista is friendships, opportunities, and my new Herd."

*- Annie Good, Fifth-Grader, Thunder Vista P-8*



## INSTRUCTIONAL UPGRADES

The bond provides each district school with funds designated for classroom instructional upgrades to meet students' learning needs. As of early 2019, more than 500 new technology classrooms featuring the latest in interactive projectors and whiteboards had been installed in schools across the district and more than 3,000 Chromebooks and other devices purchased. Schools have also used instructional upgrades money to make other improvements in their building including purchases of new classroom and building furniture.



“Students are excited to use the new technology. They can manipulate and/or directly interact with what is being projected. The wireless microphones work well for large classrooms or to pass around to groups to report out or for quiet students who are presenting.”

*- Dawn Schafer, English Teacher, Horizon High School*



## SAFETY & SECURITY

As part of bond-funded security improvements, the district has identified the need for secured entry vestibules at each district school in alignment with national guidelines for school safety. These secured entrances allow office staff to interact with and screen building visitors before allowing them full access to the building. This provides another layer of building security. These new, secured entrances will be implemented at each school throughout the bond program.

## AHEAD IN 2019

2019 will be one of the busiest years for the 2016 Bond Program with the start or completion of more than 30 school and facility construction improvement projects. The bond allows for \$350 million in new construction or school/facility improvement projects with no property tax increase.



Start of construction on district's second Career and Technical Education campus.



Completion of two-year renovation and reconstruction of STEM Lab K-8 magnet school, creating expanded STEM learning opportunities for students across the Five Star District.



Start of multi-year renovation project on existing Bollman Technical Education Campus.

*Scheduled for completion in August 2020*



Continuation of School Connectivity Project to build district-owned fiber-optic network.

*Scheduled for completion in 2020*

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## 30+ summer projects

More than 30 school renovation projects are planned for Summer 2019, including critical building repairs, playground upgrades and improvements to schools' arts, music and physical education programs.

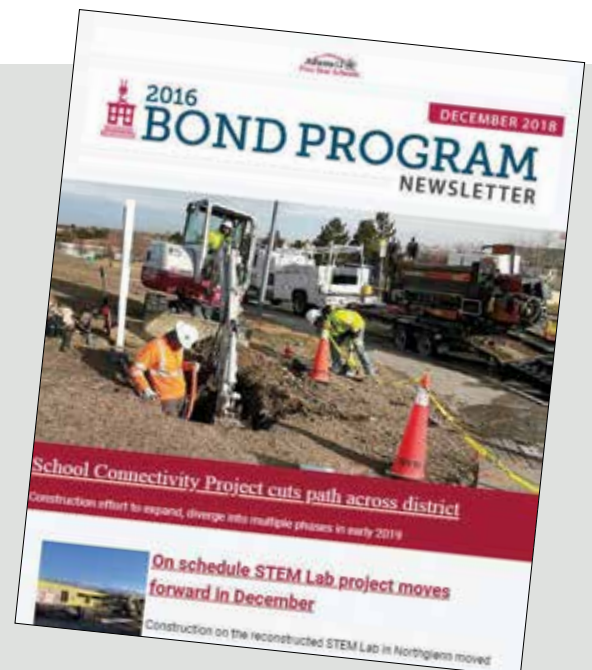
- Centennial Elementary
- Century Middle School
- Cherry Drive Elementary
- Coyote Ridge Elementary
- Eagleview Elementary
- Early Childhood Education Center
- Federal Heights Elementary
- Glacier Peak Elementary
- Hunters Glen Elementary
- Hillcrest Elementary
- Horizon High School
- Hulstrom K-8
- International School at Thornton Middle
- Legacy High School
- Leroy Elementary
- Malley Drive Elementary
- McElwain Elementary
- Northglenn High School
- Rocky Mountain Elementary
- Shadow Ridge Middle School
- Skyview Elementary
- STEM Launch
- Student Family Resource Center
- Tarver Elementary
- The Studio School
- Thornton Elementary
- Thornton High School
- Westlake Middle School
- Vantage Point High School

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