

Ballot Title and Text of Ballot Issue:

“SHALL THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J’S TAXES BE INCREASED \$13.8 MILLION ANNUALLY BY A LEVY OF UP TO 7.6 MILLS IN THE 2018-2019 BUDGET YEAR AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNT IS RAISED BY A LEVY OF 7.6 MILLS IN EACH BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER BY THE COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, TO BE MONITORED BY A CITIZENS’ OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:

- MAINTAINING CURRENT CLASS SIZES AND PUPIL-TEACHER RATIOS;
- ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICT AS A COMPETITIVE EMPLOYER BY INCREASING COMPENSATION TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN HIGH QUALITY EMPLOYEES;
- UPDATING TEXTBOOKS, CURRICULUM, MATERIALS, TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AND INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS; AND
- INCREASING AND UPGRADING STUDENT SECURITY IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING EXPANDING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM;

WITH A PORTION OF SUCH TAXES TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE DISTRICT’S CHARTER SCHOOLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW; AND 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, BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL SUCH TAX INCREASE BE GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S., OR ANY SUCCESSOR STATUTE; AND WITH THE DISTRICT TO BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES, TOGETHER WITH REVENUES FROM SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES ATTRIBUTABLE THERETO, AND THE EARNINGS ON SUCH TAXES AND REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?”