

**RESOLUTION OF THE DOUGLAS
COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT'S 2024 BOND BALLOT INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the mission of the Douglas County School District (“DCSD”) is to provide an educational foundation that allows each student to reach his or her individual potential; and

WHEREAS, the DCSD Board of Education’s Global End Statement says “All students will develop the knowledge, skills, mindsets, and dispositions needed to achieve their highest individual potential in a safe, accessible, thriving, and welcoming learning environment. These results shall be produced at a cost that demonstrates good stewardship of resources”; and

WHEREAS, a high-quality school system should provide high-quality educational facilities in the best interest of our students, families, staff, and community; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County School District has a proven history of providing students with a rigorous and relevant educational experience with positive achievement results, including leading the Denver metro area district in academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, total program funding for Douglas County School District remains unchanged when more dollars are collected locally as total program funding is set annually by the State Legislature under the School Finance Act and is funded by a combination of local and state dollars such that when local funding increases, state funding decreases; and

WHEREAS, only one Bond has been approved by local voters in the past 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County School District believes that students in Douglas County deserve equal financial investment in their education as neighboring school districts; and

WHEREAS, DCSD has over 111 public use buildings, primarily schools, that cost \$35 million a year to maintain ongoing capital needs and the Bond initiative includes capital maintenance for both public neighborhood schools and public district-authorized charter schools; and

WHEREAS, the Bond initiative includes continuing investment in career and technical education opportunities in partnership with Arapahoe Community College, University of Colorado, and Denver University, as well as safety and security upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the bond will support the improvement of facilities and programs for students with special needs, advancing equitable access and resources for all; and

WHEREAS, the bond proposal includes clear measures for transparency and accountability through the Mill Bond Oversight Committee, ensuring that funds are allocated effectively and responsibly with regular public reporting; and

WHEREAS, DCSD is an essential part of the Douglas County Community and it is our combined community goal to ensure that Douglas County is an attractive place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, it is in our collective best interest to attract and keep businesses in Douglas County, as important components of a thriving economy; and

WHEREAS, it is our collective responsibility, as a community, to build and maintain schools through local taxes, just as it is for libraries, parks, and other public use facilities; and

WHEREAS, the bond initiative is part of the Master Capital Plan to address the District's capital maintenance needs, without relying on short-term solutions, ensuring stability of the District's financial health; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of REALTORS® analysis positively correlates thriving school districts with strong enrollment and increased home values, resulting in all taxpayers and homeowners within the Douglas County School District benefitting from successful mill and bond elections; and

WHEREAS, there will be no additional tax impact of the Bond on homeowners and the impact will diminish as our community grows; and

WHEREAS, Board of Education Committees, several SACs and multiple governmental municipalities and community organizations have formally endorsed the passage of 5A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Board of Education of Douglas County School District supports passage of the Douglas County School District's Bond (5A) initiative, as it will benefit students, families, and staff members along with the entire Douglas County community.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this eighth day of October, 2024 by a vote of 7-0.

AYES: Geiger, Meek, Moore, Myers, Thompson, Williams, Winegar

NAYS: N/A

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