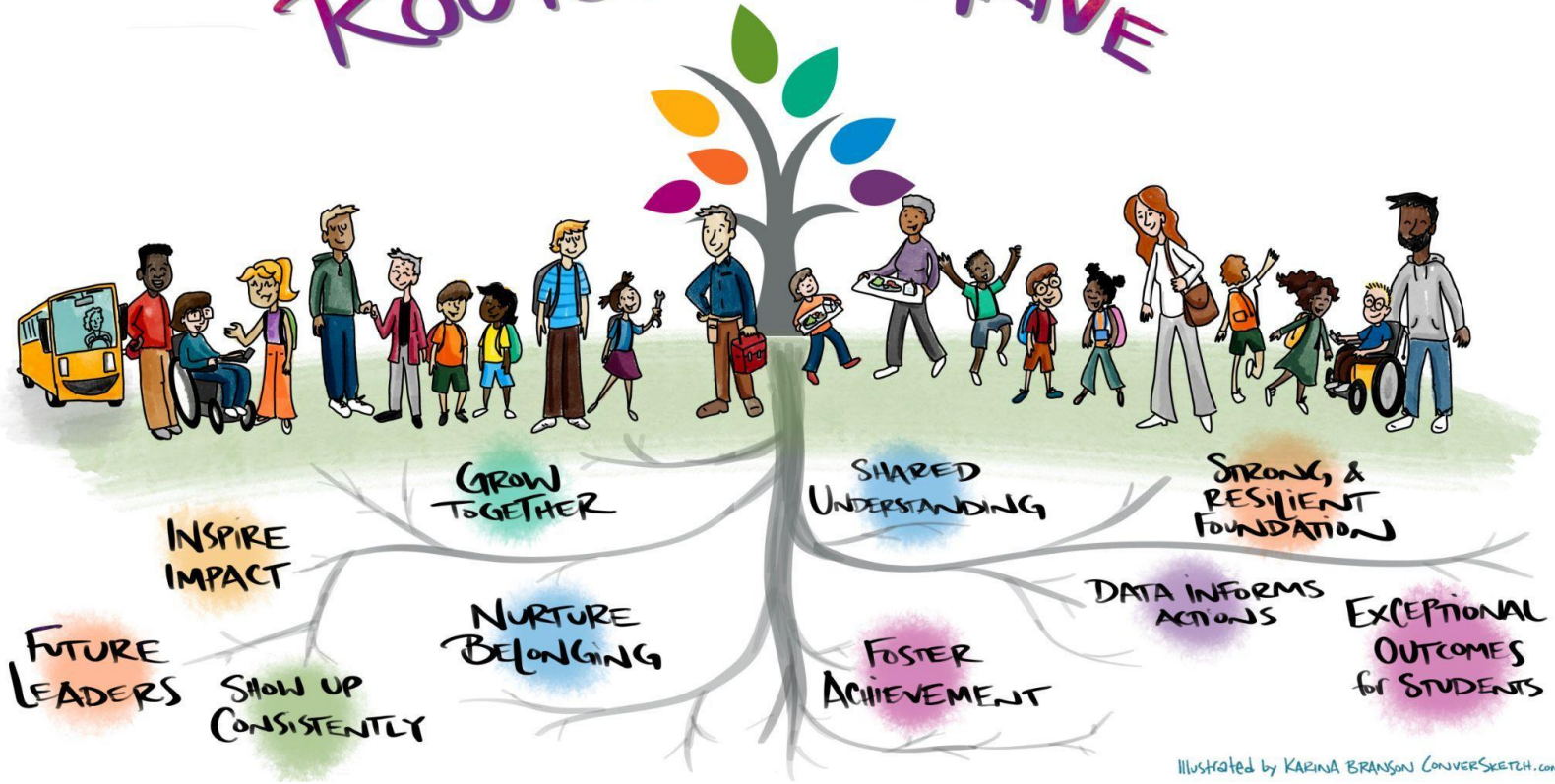


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Partnership for Fiscal Sustainability

February 3, 2026

Agenda

- Reground: Partnership Purpose and Role
- Complete election timeline review
- Committee timeline for May recommendation to Board
- Justin Silverstein - Data on school ballot elections outcomes
- Craig Hughes and Lindsey E. Rasemussen - Jefferson County electorate makeup
- Investment Priorities Exercise
- Executive Planning Subcommittee update on Values statement
- Closing



Where have we been/what we heard:

First Meeting, 1/8/26



- Reviewed the Partnership Purpose and Role
- Discussed the process and engagement timelines to Nov. 2026 election
- Heard from JESPA and JCEA regarding their ballot measure MOU with the district
- Provided feedback to develop a Partnership for Fiscal Sustainability values statement to guide the committee's work together
- Discussed fiscal oversight and provided feedback
- Reviewed per pupil funding data, average teacher salary data, and the difference between a bond and Mill Levy Override (MLO)
- 12 members volunteered to serve on the Executive Planning team
- Provided feedback about data and information needed to support the work

Committee Purpose

To work alongside Jeffco leaders to **develop a revenue generation recommendation** to the Board of Education that **meets today's needs while preserving flexibility** for Jeffco's future.

Focused on **broad, durable investment priorities**, the committee will consider revenue options that **directly support Jeffco students'** learning, growth, and success.



The Role of the Partnership Committee

- Collaborate with Jeffco staff to develop a revenue-generation recommendation for the Board of Education
- Serve as a key communicator within your networks and organizations, explaining why this investment matters
- Advise on investment categories—without setting specific allocations or negotiating items like employee compensation agreements
- Consider joining an independent campaign team to support the ballot initiative



Revenue Generation Timeline

Jan-May 2026	The Partnership for Fiscal Sustainability works alongside Jeffco staff & community engagement occurs to explore a ballot measure
April 2026	Board of Education retreat to study a potential ballot measure
By June 2026	Establish MOU with Jeffco charter schools, per statute
May/June 2026	Board of Education would draft and review ballot language
May-Nov 2026	Private campaign group may form
Aug 2026	Board of Education takes formal action to approve ballot question
Sept 2026	Board of Education would certify ballot language ~60 days prior to the election
Nov 3, 2026	Election Day

Partnership Timeline, January - May 2026

Jan 2026	Review Partnership purpose and roles; develop a shared values statement to guide the work; identify key information needed for decision-making; and establish an Executive Planning Team to support agenda-setting and advance work between monthly meetings.
Feb 2026	Review the partnership's recommendation timeline; receive an overview of recent school ballot measure results and the Jefferson County electorate profile; participate in an investment priorities exercise; and continue developing the shared values statement.
March 2026	Receive ballot language guidance from Jeffco's bond counsel; preview state-level ballot measures being monitored; draft an outline of the committee's recommendation to the Board of Education; and review staff recommendations for a \$500M bond option.
April 2026	Receive an overview of state-level ballot measures and workshop the committee's recommendation for the Board of Education.
May 2026	On May 11, jointly present a revenue generation recommendation to the Board of Education, alongside district staff.

What a Recommendation Would Include:



- **Guiding Values Statement**

Articulates the principles the Partnership used to frame and ground its recommendation.

- **Ballot Measure Options Reviewed**

Outlines the specific funding options the Partnership analyzed, i.e. bond, MLO or some combination of both.

- **Assessment of Each Option**

Summarizes the key benefits and drawbacks associated with the ballot measure options.

- **Key Variables That Influence the Recommendation**

Identifies the factors the Partnership believes are most important for the Board to weigh when considering the options.

School Ballot Measure Landscape: Review of 2022-25 Election Outcomes

Justin Silverstein,
Colorado School
Finance Project



Bond Elections

District	Pass/Fail
Bennett	Fail
Boulder Valley	Pass
Calhan	Pass
Delta County	Pass
Douglas County	Fail
Fremont	Pass
Gunnison Watershed	Pass
McClave	Pass
Peetz Plateau RE-5	Pass
Weld RE-4	Pass
Weldon Valley	Pass

Pass: 9

Fail: 2

BEST Matching

District	Pass/Fail
Dolores County	Pass
Eibert County C-2	Fail
Hanover	Pass
Platte Canyon	Fail

Pass: 2

Fail: 2

MLO

District	Pass/Fail
27J	Pass
Douglas County	Fail
Ellicott	Fail
Greeley-Evans (Weld 6)	Pass
Lewis-Palmer	Fail
Mapleton	Pass
Weld RE-4	Pass

Pass: 4

Fail: 3

- National Midterm Elections
- Statewide - Prop FF: Healthy School Meals for All (HSMA)

November 2023

Bond Elections	
District	Pass/Fail
Bennett	FAIL
Douglas County	FAIL
Eagle County	PASS
Lake County	FAIL FAIL
Peyton	FAIL
Platte Canyon	PASS
Telluride	PASS
Weld RE-8	FAIL
Pass: 3	
Fail: 6	

Sales Tax Increase	
District	Pass/Fail
Cripple Creek	PASS
Pass: 1	
Fail: 0	

BEST MATCH	
District	Pass/Fail
Canon City	PASS
Crowley County	FAIL
Dolores Re-4A	PASS
Elbert County (Kiowa)	FAIL
Haxtun	PASS
Norwood	FAIL
Plateau Valley	PASS
Pass: 4	
Fail: 3	

Other	
District	Pass/Fail
Dolores County 2J	PASS
Telluride	PASS
Pass: 2	
Fail: 0	

- Prop HH - Reduced property tax (failed)
- School board elections

MLO	
District	Pass/Fail
Academy 20	FAIL
Archuleta county	PASS
Burlington	PASS
District 49	FAIL
Douglas County	PASS
Eagle County	FAIL
Ellicott	FAIL
Englewood	PASS
Peyton	FAIL
Weld RE-8	FAIL
Pass: 4	
Fail: 6	

November 2024

BEST MATCH Elections	
District	Pass/Fail
Fleming/Frenchman	FAIL
Holyoke	PASS
Kiowa (Elbert C-2)	FAIL
North Park	FAIL
Norwood	FAIL
Pass: 1 Fail: 4	

BOND ELECTION	
District	Pass/Fail
Academy 20	PASS
Adams 12	PASS
Adams 14	PASS
Alamosa	FAIL
Aurora	PASS
Briggsdale	FAIL
Byers	FAIL
Cherry Creek	PASS
Denver	PASS
District 51	PASS
Douglas County	PASS
Durango	PASS
Montrose County	FAIL
Platte Valley	PASS
Rangely	PASS
St. Vrain	PASS
Summit	FAIL
Thompson	FAIL
Weld RE-8	FAIL
Weld RE-9 (Ault-Highland)	PASS
Westminster	PASS
Pass: 14 Fail: 7	

MLO Election	
District	Pass/Fail
Aurora	PASS
Poudre	PASS
Adams 12	FAIL
Adams 14	PASS
Cherry Creek	PASS
District 51	PASS
Dolores RE-4	PASS
Harrison	PASS
Lake County	PASS
Montezuma-Cortez	PASS
Platte Valley	PASS
Pueblo County 70	FAIL
Thompson	FAIL
Weld RE-3J	FAIL
Weld RE-8	FAIL
Pass: 10 Fail: 5	

- Presidential Election

MLO Election	
District	Pass/Fail
Adams 12	Pass
Aspen	Pass
Buena Vista	Pass
Byers	Pass
Cripple Creek-Victor	Pass
Haxtun	Pass
Mancos	Pass
South Routt	Pass
Widefield	Pass
Pass: 9	
Fail: 0	

BEST MATCH Elections	
District	Pass/Fail
Aguilar	Pass
Elbert County (Kiowa C-2)	Fail
Norwood	Pass
Peyton	Fail
Valley RE-1	Pass
Widefield	Pass
Pass: 4	
Fail: 2	

BOND ELECTION	
District	Pass/Fail
Alamosa	Fail
Aspen	Pass
Briggsdale (Weld RE-10)	Pass
Buena Vista	Pass
Crowley County	Fail
Manitou Springs	Pass
Miami-Yoder	Pass
North Park	Fail
Thompson	Pass
Pass: 6	
Fail: 3	

SALES TAX Elections	
District	Pass/Fail
Aspen – Snowmass	Pass
Aspen	Pass
Larimer County	Pass
Garfield/Pitkin/Eagle County	Pass
Pass: 4	
Fail: 0	

- Prop LL - Retain funds for HSMA
- Prop MM - increase taxes for HSMA
- School board elections

Find all Election Information Here



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Overview of the Jefferson County Electorate

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Jefferson County was long considered a conservative stronghold, then a “swing” county - however, over the past decade, it has trended steadily liberal, voting Democratic in many elections: County leadership turned all Democratic in 2020 and has remained since.

2024 Outcomes

- Presidential Election:
 - Colorado: Kamala Harris (54%); Donald Trump (43%)
 - Jeffco: Kamala Harris (60%); Trump (40%)
- Federal
 - Brittany Pettersen (D) 58.4%, Sergei Matveyuk (R) 37.9%
- County
 - Commissioners
 - D1: Rachel Zenzinger (D) 54.73% / Charlie Johnson (R) 46.55%
 - D2: Andy Kerr (D) 56.18% / Natalie Menten (R) 43.83%
- State Legislature
 - SD19: Lindsey Daugherty (D) wins with 56% of the vote / Sam Bandimere (R) 41.6%
 - SD16: Chris Kolker (D) won the race; however, in the Jeffco part of the district (Ken Caryl/Littleton), he lost to Robyn Carnes (R) by 5%
 - HD23: Monica Duran (D) 63.8% / Cory Ohneserge 36.2%
 - HD24: Lisa Feret (D) 56.5% / Gwen Henderson (R) 42.5%
 - HD27: Brianna Titone (D) 56.79% / Ed Cox (R) 43.2%
 - HD28: Sheila Leider (D) 52.85% / Peter Boddie (R) 47.16%

Historical Context & Recent Shifts: 2024 Elections



2024 Ballot Measures

- Local Measures:
 - Westminster 2C (increased taxes for firefighters): Lost by ~9%
 - RTD 7A: Passed in Jeffco by 23%
 - Littleton 3B (increase marijuana taxes): Lost by 3%
 - Lakewood 2A (retain revenues above TABOR cap): Passed by ~24%
 - County Measure 1A: Passed ~15%
- Amendment 80 (school choice)
 - Jeffco: Lost 54.17% no; 45.83% yes
 - Colorado: Lost 50.6% no; 49.3% yes

Historical Context & Recent Shifts: 2024 Ballot Measures in Jeffco



2023: Proposition HH, Statewide Ballot Measure

- Reduce property tax rates
- Allow state to retain and spend revenue over the TABOR cap
- Create new, increased cap on state revenue
- Allocate revenue to local governments to make up for decreasing property taxes

Statewide Results: Failed

- No: 995,259 (59.31%)
- Yes: 682,667 (40.69%)

Jeffco Results: Failed

- No: 122,418 (59.81%)
- Yes: 82,272 (40.19%)

2018: Jeffco Schools Bond & Mill

- 5A: PASSED (\$33m annual mill levy override)
 - Yes: 162,853 (54.88%)
 - No: 134,687 (45.12%)
- 5B: PASSED (\$567m bond for building repairs)
 - Yes: 149,263 (50.24%)
 - No: 147,808 (49.76%)

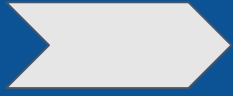
2024: County Measure 1A (retain full revenues above county TABOR cap)

- Passed 57.81% yes; 42.19% no
- This measure had been run 3 times prior in recent years; and passed in 2024 (no new taxes)

Historical Context & Recent Shifts: Tax-Specific Measures in Jeffco



Areas of Investment: What Matters to You?



Previous Investment Priority Recommendations:

- Capital Investment for Modernized, Safe Learning Environments
- Expanded Career & Technical Education (CTE) Opportunities
- Competitive Compensation to Attract and Keep Great Educators
- Mental Health

Feedback Exercise #1: Using the chart paper at your table, review the community recommendations of investment areas. What is missing? What would you change? Make a list of the broad categories of investment you believe new revenue should be used to invest in.

Feedback Exercise #2: Using 3 dot stickers from your table, place a dot next to the areas of investments that you believe are most important.

PROJECT MISSION, VISION, VALUES

WHAT IS MVV

Project MVV is our guide to help the committee stay aligned, make principled recommendations and clearly communicate its approach for a revenue-generation proposal to the Board of Education.



VISION

Why we exist and what we aim to achieve.



MISSION

How we plan to achieve our vision.



VALUES

What we stand for and how we behave.

MVV CONSIDERATIONS

WHAT THIS IS:

- Establish common ground among members with diverse perspectives
- Provide a consistent lens for evaluating revenue options
- Support transparent, thoughtful decision-making
- Explain the rationale behind recommendations to the Board and community

WHAT THIS IS NOT:

- It is not a replacement for [Jeffco's Mission, Vision and Values](#)
- It is not the tactical specifics of what we need to solve for to create the recommendation

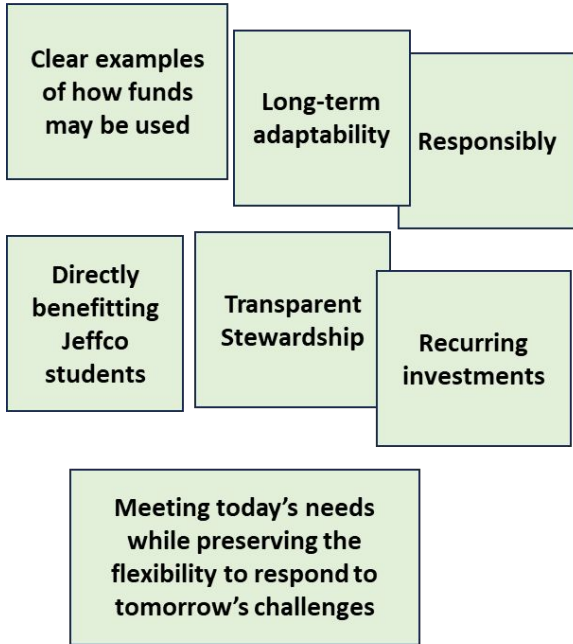
JAN 8 STATEMENT

Our commitment is to invest revenue in ways that **responsibly meet today's needs** while preserving the **flexibility to respond to tomorrow's challenges**.

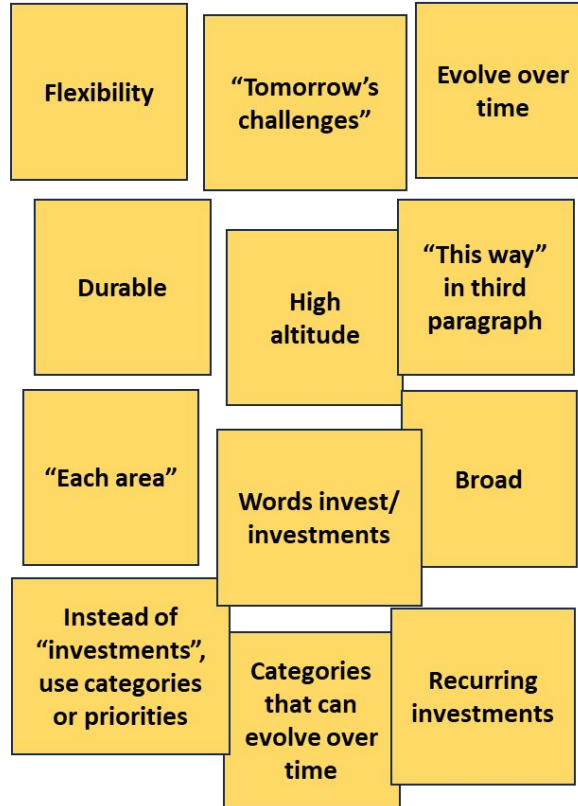
This means identifying investments at a high altitude—**broad, durable categories that can evolve over time**—while providing **clear examples of how funds may be used** within each area.

By structuring our revenue generation proposal in this way, we ensure **long-term adaptability, transparent stewardship, and recurring investments** that **directly benefit Jeffco students**, supporting their learning, growth and success for years to come.

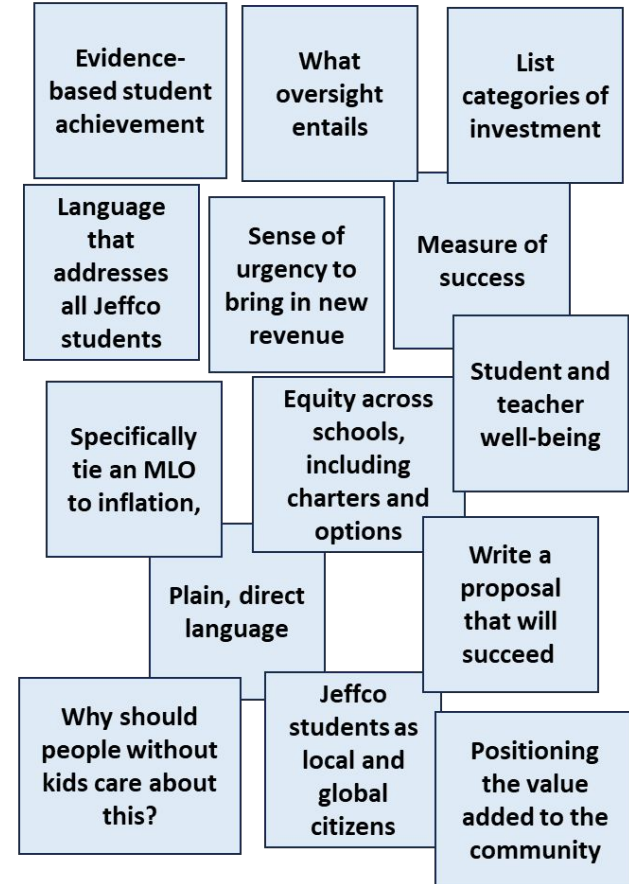
WHAT RESONATED



WHAT WAS CHALLENGING



WHAT WAS MISSING



VISION – Why We Exist

Ensure every Jefferson County student has the resources to learn, grow, and succeed.

MISSION – How We Achieve Our Vision

Develop a sustainable revenue plan for the Jeffco Board of Education that prioritizes high student impact, earns voter support in November 2026, and includes clear, regular reporting on fund use.

VALUES – What We Stand For

STUDENTS FIRST

Put student success at the center of every decision.

ACCOUNTABLE

Measure and report student outcomes and financial performance with clear, evidence-based metrics.

ADAPTABLE

Adjust funding priorities as student needs evolve.

**BALANCED
COLLABORATION**

Partner with staff, associations, experts, families, and the community to support equitable outcomes across all schools.

**COMMUNITY
TRUST**

Communicate clear value for students, stakeholders, and taxpayers to strengthen confidence in the district.

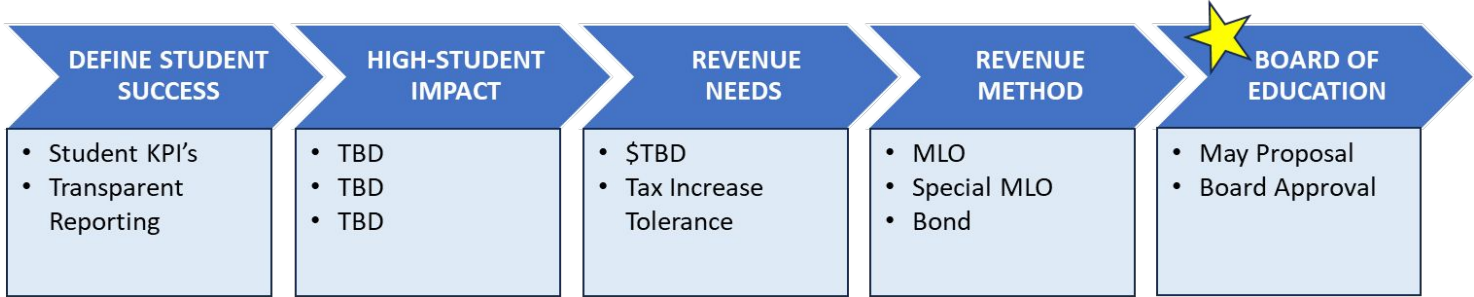
PUTTING MVV INTO ACTION



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OUR MISSION:

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STUDENTS FIRST | ACCOUNTABLE | ADAPTABLE | BALANCED COLLABORATION | COMMUNITY TRUST

THE BIG PICTURE

Equip Jefferson County students with the resources they need to learn, grow, and succeed.



When difficult choices arise—as they often do in revenue discussions—this committee’s Project MVV acts as a reference point to ensure recommendations remain grounded in agreed-upon priorities and provides insight to the Board and public on why certain decisions were made.

Committee Transparency and Updates



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- Sharing meeting dates and notes, names of our committee members, etc.
- Share this website with your networks



March 3 Meeting Topics

- Receive ballot language education and overview from Kim Crawford, Jeffco's bond council
- Preview state-level ballot measures being monitored
- Review summary of identified capital needs
- Draft an outline of recommendation to the Board of Education

These topics may change with input from the executive planning team.

Thank You

