

SAC Meeting 2/20/26 – Holmes Middle School

District 11 Bond Proposal Meeting

The meeting discussed the potential bond for District 11, focusing on improving school facilities. The proposed \$750 million bond would include \$80 million for rebuilding Holmes Middle School, \$40 million for air conditioning, and \$15 million for teacher compensation. The bond would impact taxes by \$4.50-\$5.50 per \$100,000 assessed value. Community input will be crucial in project allocation and design. Enrollment projections for the next school year are strong, with 590 students projected, potentially rising to 615. The GMP program is attracting significant interest, particularly in sixth grade, with 28 students already accepted. The eighth grade class will be small. Financial implications of enrollment are significant, with a \$3,500 penalty per student lost. The conversation also touched on historical enrollment trends, school rebuilding plans, and the importance of making schools safer and more marketable.

Topics:

Community Engagement and Bond Liaison Role

- Lauren introduces herself and explains her role as the bond liaison, focusing on community education and advocating for public education funding through tax dollars.

Dr. Comfort - Financial Context

- Dr. Comfort explains the current financial situation of District 11, noting that it hasn't passed a bond in 20 years.
- He highlights the financial necessity of bonds for school recapitalization, citing successful bond campaigns across Colorado.
- Dr. Comfort discusses the district's academic progress, including four consecutive years of academic growth and increased graduation rates.

Financial Benefits and Project Allocation

- He outlines the factors considered in project allocation, including facility condition, educational adequacy, regional balance, and utilization.
- He emphasizes the importance of rebuilding Holmes Middle School, citing its poor facility condition and high utilization compared to other schools.

Tax Impact and Community Engagement

- Dr. Comfort discusses the potential tax impact of the bond, estimating it to be around \$4.50 to \$5.50 per \$100,000 of assessed value.
- He compares District 11's tax impact to other districts, noting that District 11's tax impact is currently the lowest in the region.
- Dr. Comfort explains the process of community engagement and project selection, including the formation of steering committees and the importance of community input.

Steering Committee and Project Allocation Process

- Dr. Comfort confirms the formation of a steering committee for each project, including Holmes Middle School.
- He explains the process of project allocation, including the use of data to determine funding priorities and the involvement of school communities in decision-making.

Enrollment Projections and GMP Program Impact

- Enrollment for the next school year is projected at around 590 students, with a significant increase due to the GMP program.

People in attendance: Lindsay Blaise, Gia Ashe, Kevin Ridemour, Rachel Denkwalter, Kayleigh Glaspie-Biondo, Denise LaPlante, Jennifer McCall, Lauren Blazis Walker, Kyle Chamberlain, Brandan Comfort