



BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 26-31 IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION NN TO INCREASE K-12 FUNDING AND ENHANCE EDUCATOR SALARIES

WHEREAS, public education is the bedrock of our democracy, fundamental to individual opportunity, the foundation of thriving communities, and essential to Colorado's long-term economic prosperity;

WHEREAS, Colorado, despite having among the most highly education population in the country, has among the worst funded K-12 schools, ranking well below average in per-pupil funding;

WHEREAS, Colorado's average starting teacher salary is \$42,421, 41st in the nation;

WHEREAS, teachers make 62 cents for every dollar, compared to other college-educated professionals with similar experience;

WHEREAS, educational support professionals (paraprofessionals, custodians, etc.) average just \$35,249 in earnings, despite facing increasing responsibilities;

WHEREAS, inadequate school funding leads to teacher shortages, overcrowded classrooms, and deteriorating facilities;

WHEREAS, research suggests Colorado will need an additional \$4 billion in state funding to reach per-pupil funding adequacy levels; and local district budgets remain strained despite bond and mill-levy approvals;

WHEREAS, Proposition NN, a statewide ballot measure on the November 2026 ballot, would enable a sustainable and equitable long-term funding solution without raising taxes, instead funded by raising the annual limit on state fiscal year spending only by the amount spent on public K-12 education as a voter-approved revenue change, and requiring an annual publicly released, independent audit to show how the new investments are spent;

WHEREAS, Proposition NN funds would be spent to:

- Close the per-pupil funding gap,
- Raise average teacher and staff pay to a competitive level,
- Recruit and retain high-quality educators in every Colorado classroom, and,
- Support safe, well-equipped learning environments;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Boulder Valley School District Board of Education formally endorses November 2026 statewide ballot initiative **Proposition NN** to increase funding for Colorado K–12 education and substantially raise educator and staff salaries.

The School District shall distribute this Resolution by regular and customary means and Board Members and School District leadership are authorized to publicly speak and inform the public of the School Board's adoption of this Resolution in support of Proposition NN.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BVSD Board of Education encourages all community members to take part in the 2026 election.

Approved and adopted this ____ day of October, 2026.

By: _____
Nicole Rajpal, President

Attest:

Laura Shafer, Secretary