

# 2019 DISTRICT 6 BOND MEASURE 4C



## THE FACTS:

- ✓ District 6 has grown by more than **7,000 students** in the past 20 years.
- ✓ District 6 is currently **5,000 students** over capacity in existing schools.
- ✓ In the next **10 years**, District 6 is expected to grow by nearly **1,400 students**. This is a conservative estimate.
- ✓ Today, over 2,000 District 6 students are being educated in **142 temporary/portable classrooms**, some more than 30 years old.
- ✓ The **last major bond issue** in District 6 was **17 years ago**. No additional school buildings have been added since then, excluding charter schools.
- ✓ A **Facility Needs Study** conducted in the 2018-19 school year showed District 6 has nearly **\$1 billion in facility needs in the next 10 years**.

## WHAT YOU GET FOR YOUR INVESTMENT



### CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

and instructional spaces at every school to prepare students for career and college



### REBUILD GREELEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL

for a capacity of 1,800 students (current capacity is 1,050 and 2019 enrollment of 1,700 students)



### REBUILD MADISON ELEMENTARY

with additional capacity



### BUILD A NEW K-8 SCHOOL

with capacity of 900 students



### SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONS

to Chappelow Arts Magnet K-8 School and McAuliffe STEM Academy to address overcrowding



### SAFETY AND SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS

at every school, including safe and secure entrances and new interior door locks and hardware



### NEW PAINT AND CARPET

in the most critical areas, including asbestos abatement where needed



### HEATING AND COOLING

upgrades, where needed



### ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

as required under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)



### CHARTER SCHOOLS

will receive money for building repairs, renovations and instructional space improvements



**What is a bond issue?** A bond issue is a way of raising money through an increase in residential and commercial property taxes. That money is used for large, capital projects. A bond issue can only be used for buildings, equipment, furniture and repairs to buildings. It cannot be used for salaries, benefits, programs or other operational costs. Issuing bonds is the only way school districts can build schools, and make major repairs and renovations.

## Arguments for:

- Greeley-Evans School District 6 schools are currently 5,000 students over capacity district-wide.
- District 6 has not constructed any additional, non-charter schools since 2003. The District has grown by 7,000 students in the past 20 years.
- The money from this ballot measure will provide much-needed funding for repairs and renovations of public schools, including charter schools.
- This ballot issue will also begin to address capacity issues by constructing a new K-8 and adding capacity to some schools.
- The State of Colorado does not provide specific funding to school districts for capital improvements, including new schools, major renovations and repairs, upgrades to security and safety, upgrades to systems such as heating and cooling, or renovations for programs. The only funding available for capital projects comes through state grants, which require significant matching funds and don't cover all needs.
- It is the responsibility of District 6 and the community to do everything possible to ensure students and staff are safe. This measure would pay for additional security measures, such as safe entryways, updated locks and door hardware and the removal of some portable buildings.
- A Bond Oversight Committee will be appointed to ensure that District 6 uses the money from the Bond to fund programs, repairs, renovations and enhancements as promised.

## Arguments against:

- Taxes should not support schools because they only serve students, which is a small segment of the population.
- This measure would increase property taxes. Due to the Gallagher amendment, this puts a larger burden on business owners in the communities of Greeley and Evans.
- District 6 doesn't need additional revenue. It should make cuts to fund facility needs.
- There is not sufficient accountability or oversight on how this money will be used.
- It is the responsibility of the state to fund public education. This measure asks local property owners to take on some of that responsibility.
- Some may not agree with how District 6 has spent its money to this point, and believe there is room for better financial management.
- District 6 should find money from other sources, such as charitable organizations and grants.