



## Greeley West High School Investment Plan



**2401 35th Avenue  
Greeley, Colorado**

Year constructed: 1965  
Number of students: 1,603 (2018)  
Building capacity: 1,058  
Number of staff: 120  
Student grade levels: 9-12

Square footage of main building: 174,614  
Number of temporary portable classrooms: 19

### PROPOSED REPAIRS AND RENOVATION IN THE 2019 BOND ISSUE

Greeley West High School is recommended for a complete rebuild due to the condition of the existing building. The roof and walls have structural damage from leaking water, the building does not provide enough capacity for its current student population, the learning spaces are not adequate, there is asbestos in the main office area, the mechanical systems are antiquated and inadequate, and there are numerous safety and security issues with the building. The building also lacks windows and natural lighting. Common spaces such as the cafeteria and auditorium are too small to serve the student population.

It was determined in the Facility Needs Assessment that the cost of repairing and renovating Greeley West is approaching the cost of a complete rebuild.

New construction would provide modern learning spaces; natural lighting; more adequate common spaces such as the cafeteria and gymnasium; improved space and equipment for career and technical courses; enough classrooms to house all the students in the main building and remove all temporary buildings from the campus; enhance safety and security, including a secure main entrance; increase the capacity of the school to approximately 1,800 students, provide more efficient lighting and electrical systems; and provide more efficient ventilation, heating and cooling systems.

Expenditure of these dollars will be unique to each building and will be overseen by the District 6 Department of Finance and the Bond Oversight Committee.

### PROJECTED BUDGET:

\$107,000,000 - \$112,000,000\*

*\*Final budget will be developed in the design phase*



**Greeley-Evans**  
WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 6



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## 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 and learning opportunities 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.