



Madison Elementary School Investment Plan



**500 24th Avenue
Greeley, Colorado**

Year constructed: 1964
Number of students : 496 (2018)
Building capacity: 331
Number of staff: 28
Student grade levels: K-5

Square footage of main building: 43,654
Number of temporary portable classrooms: 10

PROPOSED REPAIRS AND RENOVATION IN THE 2019 BOND ISSUE

Madison Elementary School has been recommended for a complete replacement. Madison is not adequate for educating students and has significant structural challenges. These include the round architecture that creates odd-shaped learning spaces, a flat roof that has caused significant water damage, a lack of windows to provide natural light, and dated ventilation, heating and cooling systems. Most of the plumbing, lighting, heating and cooling systems, and electrical systems have exceeded their intended life. The school does not meet Americans with Disability Act accessibility requirements.

In addition, the main office is located well inside the building, away from the main entrance, which does not meet current safety and security standards.

The building where kindergarten classrooms are currently located was originally placed on the site in 1968 as a temporary structure. This temporary building has many issues and is not adequate for current learning expectations. It also presents a security issue, having to walk the students to the main building for lunch, to access the library and other common spaces, and for special classes such as physical education.

It was determined in the Facility Needs Assessment that the cost of repairing and renovating Madison 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, enough classrooms to house all the students in the main building and remove all temporary buildings from the campus, enhance safety and security, increase the capacity of the school and provide more efficient ventilation, heating and cooling systems.

It is anticipated that a new school could be built on the existing site while educating students in the current building without major disruption. The school community will meet to decide if Madison is rebuilt as a traditional elementary school or built as a K-8 school.

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:

\$52,000,000 - \$58,000,000*

**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.