



Christa S. McAuliffe STEM Academy Investment Plan



600 51st Avenue
Greeley, Colorado

Year constructed: 1988
Number of students: 849 (2018)
Building capacity: 356
Number of staff: 45
Student grade levels: K-8

Square footage of main building: 49,905
Number of temporary portable classrooms: 16

PROPOSED REPAIRS AND RENOVATION IN THE 2019 BOND ISSUE

McAuliffe was originally constructed as a K-5 elementary school. In 2016, it was converted to a K-8 school. The school has grown from about 450 students to over 900 attending in 2019-20. Because of this major growth, McAuliffe is slated for a significant renovation if the bond issue is approved by voters. This will include an approximately 50,000-square-foot addition to the school for additional classrooms and teacher workspaces, an additional gymnasium and expanded cafeteria, and furnishings for the new space. This will increase the capacity of the school and allow the removal of all temporary, portable buildings from the campus.

Renovations to the existing school will enhance safety and security, including improved entry; replace aging cooling and heating systems; replace aging door hardware for improved function and security; plumbing upgrades; paint and refinish walls and ceilings based on greatest need; remove and replace worn carpet and flooring, abate asbestos where needed; replace aging cooling tower, install energy efficient lighting, replace plumbing fixtures and upgrade kitchen equipment where needed. Improvements will also be made to some learning spaces and classrooms.

PROJECTED BUDGET:

\$21,000,000 - \$24,000,000*

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

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.



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Greeley-Evans
WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 6

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.