



Chappelow Arts Magnet K-8 School Investment Plan



**2001 34th Street
Evans, Colorado**

Year constructed: 1986
Number of students: 660 (2018)
Building capacity: 422
Number of staff: 36
Student grade levels: K-8

Square footage of main building: 61,210
Number of temporary portable classrooms: 8

PROPOSED REPAIRS AND RENOVATION IN THE 2019 BOND ISSUE

Chappelow was converted to an Arts Magnet K-8 two decades ago. The school does not have a neighborhood boundary and all students are open enrolled from areas throughout District 6. Chappelow and the arts magnet program have been a popular choice for students and parents, and the school is more than 200 students over capacity.

Despite the school's focus on the fine arts, Chappelow has no formal performing arts space. Therefore, a significant addition is proposed for the school that would include additional classrooms that will facilitate the removal of temporary, portable buildings, and the construction of a performing arts space, to be determined with input from the school community.

In addition, repairs and renovations to the existing building will include enhanced safety and security, including an improved entry; replacement of aging heating and cooling systems, replacement of worn carpet and flooring, and asbestos abatement where needed; replacement of plumbing fixtures; replacement of aging door hardware to improve function and security; painting and refinishing walls and ceilings based on greatest need; replacement of select kitchen equipment, installation of energy efficient lighting and accessibility improvements in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Improvements will also be made to some classrooms and learning spaces.

PROJECTED BUDGET:

\$18,000,000 - \$21,000,000*

**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.