

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J'S BALLOT ISSUES 5A AND 5B WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE A \$16 MILLION MILL LEVY OVERRIDE, NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT ADDITIONAL MILLS, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$515 MILLION IN DEBT WITH NO EXPECTED INCREASE IN THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT BOND MILL LEVY WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE VOTERS AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021.

WHEREAS, School District 27J serves students in Thornton, Brighton, Commerce City, and unincorporated Adams County; and

WHEREAS, many of the students and existing and future school facilities are located in Thornton and serve Thornton families; and

WHEREAS, school mill levy overrides provide additional annual general fund operating revenues; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Issue 5A is a school mill levy override that would provide additional general fund operating revenues of \$16 million in annual operating funds for district managed and district charter partner schools; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$16 million in annual operating revenues will be used to hire additional teachers for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and Career and Technical Education (CTE) and to increase staff compensation to attract and retain high quality teachers to work with the students in the community; and

WHEREAS, the current annual override mill levy was approved in 2000 and provides \$38 per student and the proposed 2021 increase of \$16 million in annual mill levy will equate to \$800 per student; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2021 mill levy override equates to \$4.63 per month per \$100,000 of home value; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Issue 5B would authorize the issuance of \$515 million in bonds with no expected increase in the District's current bond mill levy of 22.069 mills; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2021 Bond Program (5B) will provide STEM/CTE annexes at all three comprehensive high schools and build additional elementary and middle schools, as well as a fourth comprehensive high school; and

WHEREAS, these funds will help schools provide safe facilities that offer the learning opportunities required for students to be prepared for post-secondary enrollment, employment, and/or enlistment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes these measures will enable School District 27J to provide a more meaningful public education well into the future; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of high-quality education to the overall stability, well-being and vitality of the Thornton community and desires to express its support for this ballot measure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:


That the City Council hereby supports School District 27J's Ballot Issues 5A and 5B which will be considered by the voters at the November 2, 2021 election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Thornton, Colorado, on September 28, 2021.

CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO

  
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Jan Kulmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kristen N. Rosenbaum, City Clerk