



# Board News

Denver Public Schools Board of Education  
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## \$310 Million Bond, \$20 Million Mill Levy Approved For Vote

The Board voted unanimously this week to ask Denver voters in November to consider a three-year, \$310 million bond proposal to build two new schools to help the district keep pace with growth, renovate and restore schools, assist two charter schools with construction costs, expand the popular Learning Landscapes, boost technology systems, refinance existing loans, and strengthen core school infrastructures.

The \$310 million bond proposal would not require an additional tax increase, only continuation of the existing tax rates.

Bond approval would yield a new K-8 school in Green Valley, a new K-8 school in Montbello, eight-classroom additions at Schenck and Gust elementary schools, and major upgrades of the Fred N. Thomas Career Education Center Middle College of Denver and Byers School (150 S. Pearl St.), recently vacated by Denver School of the Arts. Some work at North High School and planning for a major renovation would also be included.

### Art and Music Major Chord of Mill Levy Proposal

A companion \$20 mill levy proposal, if approved, would provide \$6.5 million for art and music teachers in elementary schools, \$2.5 million to revitalize and reconstitute neighborhood schools, \$2 million to increase support for capital investments, \$3.5 million for new textbooks, \$2 million to support middle and high school reforms, and \$3.5 million to expand all-day kindergarten and early childhood education opportunities.

The \$20 million mill levy proposal would mean that the owner of an average single-family residence (worth \$251,000) would pay an additional \$48 each year — or about 92 cents per week.

### What's a Bond?

### What's a Mill Levy?

By state law, bond and mill levy revenues are used for different purposes.

A bond election provides dollars for long-term capital improvements to renovate, remodel or add to existing schools and/or to build new schools.

A mill levy override provides general fund dollars to help with day-to-day operating expenses to run school programs.

The last time that Denver Public Schools asked the voters for such support was in 1998. That year, voters approved a \$305 million bond package that resulted in the construction of 10 new schools and numerous classroom addition and maintenance projects. Voters also approved a \$17 million mill levy override that provided a host of new educational programs including reading assistance, library materials and textbooks, and technology support, among other items. ■

### Denver residential tax impact of bond and mill levy election

#### \$310 million bond

*no additional cost to property owners*

#### \$20 million mill levy

*additional \$48 each year or about 92 cents per week*

*(Based on the average single-family residence worth \$251,000)*

## Bond Proposal

### Capacity for Future Enrollment

Green Valley II New K-8 School .....	\$17,938,000
Montbello I New K-8 School .....	\$17,938,000
Stapleton HS and Educational Complex Land Purchase .....	\$4,000,000
<b>Subtotal</b> .....	<b>\$39,876,000</b>

### Capacity for Existing Enrollment

Schenck Elementary 8 Classroom Addition .....	\$2,358,000
Gust Elementary 8 Classroom Addition .....	\$2,358,000
<b>Subtotal</b> .....	<b>\$4,716,000</b>

### Educational Program Improvement

Byers School .....	\$7,586,000
Career Education Center .....	\$4,623,000
Program Enhancements .....	\$4,800,000
<b>Subtotal</b> .....	<b>\$17,009,000</b>

### Charter Schools

KIPP: Sunshine Peak Academy .....	\$2,000,000
Denver School of Science & Technology .....	\$5,000,000
<b>Subtotal</b> .....	<b>\$7,000,000</b>

### COP Refinance

Green Valley I New K-8 School .....	\$26,000,000
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<b>Learning Landscapes</b> .....	<b>\$10,668,000</b>
<b>Codes</b> .....	<b>\$28,447,000</b>
<b>Infrastructure</b> .....	<b>\$82,034,000</b>

### Restoration

General .....	\$25,965,000
North High School .....	\$5,255,000
<b>Subtotal</b> .....	<b>\$31,220,000</b>

<b>Building Utility/Efficiency</b> .....	<b>\$6,388,000</b>
<b>Technology</b> .....	<b>\$38,655,000</b>
<b>Support Facilities: Food Services</b> .....	<b>\$2,322,000</b>
<b>Support Facilities: Safety &amp; Security</b> .....	<b>\$4,300,000</b>
<b>Support Facilities: Transportation</b> .....	<b>\$12,169,000</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$310,804,000</b>
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## Bond Plans – School By School

If Denver voters approve the \$310 million bond proposal in November, the following schools will receive technology and security upgrades, code and infrastructure improvements, restoration, utility work, food services facilities or more capacity to handle enrollment. A comprehensive school-by-school breakdown of detailed planned improvements will be posted soon on the district's web site, [www.dpsk12.org](http://www.dpsk12.org).

Abraham Lincoln High School, \$6,996,000  
Academia Ana Marie Sandoval, \$598,000  
Amesse Elementary School, \$658,000  
Archuleta Elementary School, \$22,000  
Asbury Elementary School, \$878,000  
Ashley Elementary School, \$495,000  
Baker Middle School, \$3,552,000  
Barnum Elementary School, \$979,000  
Barrett Elementary School, \$1,084,000  
Beach Court Elementary School, \$952,000  
Bradley Elementary School, \$2,198,000  
Bromwell Elementary School, \$624,000  
Brown Elementary School, \$2,060,000  
Bryant-Webster Elementary School, \$1,081,000  
Byers School (former DSA site), \$8,078,000  
Carson Elementary School, \$1,536,000  
Castro Elementary School, \$453,000  
Centennial Elementary School, \$1,913,000  
Cheltenham Elementary School, \$2,091,000  
Cole Middle School, \$1,182,000  
Colfax Elementary School, \$564,000  
College View Elementary School, \$943,000  
Columbian Elementary School, \$347,000  
Columbine Elementary School, \$1,516,000  
Columbine Primary Education Center, \$880,000  
Contemporary Learning Academy, \$591,000  
Cory Elementary School, \$1,037,000  
Cowell Elementary School, \$950,000  
Crofton Elementary School, \$1,460,000  
Del Pueblo Elementary School, \$459,000  
Denison Montessori, \$425,000  
Denver School of Science and Technology (future school), \$5,000,000  
Denver School of the Arts, \$56,000  
Dora Moore K-8 School, \$571,000  
Doull Elementary School, \$1,018,000  
Eagleton Elementary School, \$583,000  
East High School, \$2,876,000  
Ebert Elementary School, \$1,240,000

Edison Elementary School, \$1,326,000  
Ellis Elementary School, \$2,174,000  
Emerson Street School, \$108,000  
Emily Griffith Opportunity School, \$523,000  
Fairmont Elementary School, \$1,823,000  
Fairview Elementary School, \$1,816,000  
Fallis Elementary School, \$1,542,000  
Force Elementary School, \$1,873,000  
Ford Elementary School, \$890,000  
Fred N. Thomas Career Education Center  
Middle College of Denver, \$6,542,000  
Garden Place Elementary School, \$1,075,000  
George Washington High School, \$2,689,000  
Gilpin Elementary School, \$630,000  
Godsman Elementary School, \$631,000  
Goldrick Elementary School, \$2,137,000  
Gove Middle School, \$1,493,000  
Grant Middle School, \$693,000  
Grant Ranch K-8 School, \$22,000  
Green Valley Elementary School (fall 2004 opening), \$68,000  
Green Valley Elementary School II (future school), \$17,752,000  
Greenlee Elementary School, \$1,045,000  
Greenwood Elementary School, \$22,000  
Gust Elementary School, \$1,134,000  
Hallett Elementary School, \$759,000  
Hamilton Middle School, \$709,000  
Harrington Elementary School, \$612,000  
Henry Middle School, \$1,294,000  
Hill Middle School, \$590,000  
Holm Elementary School, \$1,280,000  
Horace Mann Middle School, \$3,424,000  
John F. Kennedy High School, \$2,300,000  
Johnson Elementary School, \$2,974,000  
Kaiser Elementary School, \$932,000  
Kepner Middle School, \$804,000  
KIPP: Sunshine Peak Academy Charter School, \$2,000,000

Knapp Elementary School, \$563,000  
Knight Fundamental Academy, \$905,000  
Kunsmiller Middle School, \$1,102,000  
Lake Middle School, \$1,513,000  
Lincoln Elementary School, \$963,000  
Lowry Elementary School, \$22,000  
Manual High School, \$2,506,000  
Marrama Elementary School, \$827,000  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, \$1,389,000  
Maxwell Elementary School, \$387,000  
McGlone Elementary School, \$924,000  
McKinley-Thatcher Elementary School, \$1,190,000  
McMeen Elementary School, \$2,381,000  
Merrill Middle School, \$855,000  
Mitchell Elementary School, \$1,538,000  
Montbello Elementary School I (future school), \$17,752,000  
Montbello High School, \$3,158,000  
Montclair Elementary School, \$592,000  
Morey Middle School, \$930,000  
Munroe Elementary School, \$882,000  
Newlon Elementary School, \$1,713,000  
North High School, \$5,311,000  
Oakland Elementary School, \$1,340,000  
Palmer Elementary School, \$960,000  
Park Hill Elementary School, \$1,495,000  
Philips Elementary School, \$924,000  
Pioneer Charter School, \$531,000  
Place Middle School, \$2,023,000  
Rachel B. Noel Middle School, \$32,000  
Randolph Middle School, \$32,000  
Remington Elementary School, \$1,355,000  
Rishel Middle School, \$410,000  
Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL), \$427,000  
Rosedale Elementary School, \$1,603,000  
Sabin Elementary School, \$1,752,000  
Samuels Elementary School, \$490,000  
Schenck Elementary School, \$4,031,000  
Schmitt Elementary School, \$562,000  
Skinner Middle School, \$858,000  
Slavens K-8 School, \$249,000  
Smedley Elementary School, \$552,000  
Smiley Middle School, \$1,380,000  
Smith Elementary School, \$1,465,000  
South High School, \$1,259,000  
Southmoor Elementary School, \$942,000  
Stapleton High School (future school), \$4,372,000  
Steck Elementary School, \$524,000  
Stedman Elementary School, \$1,096,000  
Steele Elementary School, \$864,000  
Swansea Elementary School, \$1,473,000  
Teller Elementary School, \$309,000  
Thomas Jefferson High School, \$4,180,000  
Traylor Academy, \$676,000  
University Park Elementary School, \$397,000  
Valdez Elementary School, \$844,000  
Valverde Elementary School, \$573,000  
West High School, \$2,003,000  
Whiteman Elementary School, \$1,520,000  
Whittier Elementary School, \$1,198,000  
Wyman Elementary School, \$873,000

## Board Notes

### *The Board this week also:*

- Approved a 2.8 percent salary increase for members of the Denver Public Schools Association of Food Services Employees, effective Sept. 1, 2003. The new agreement also allows employees to convert unused personal leave to sick leave on a year-to-year basis.
- Approved the Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the district and Facility Managers Association, effective Sept. 1, 2003 through Aug. 31, 2005.
- Urged with the approval of a resolution that the U.S. Congress eliminate the reduced-price school meals programs and provide free meals for all children with family incomes below 185 percent of poverty. Reduced-price meals are offered to children with family income between 130 and 185 percent of the poverty line.
- Approved the application forms that nonpublic schools will use to apply to be included in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program.
- Approved the lease of a hangar with the option to purchase at Front Range Airport for the Emily Griffith Opportunity School Aircraft Training Center.