

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO,
SUPPORTING THE 27J SCHOOLS MILL LEVY OVERRIDE (5A) AND BOND (5B)
BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE 2021 NOVEMBER ELECTION

WHEREAS, quality public schools make for quality communities; and

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

WHEREAS, the proposed 2021 mill levy override (5A) will provide an additional \$16 million in annual operating revenue 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 STEM and Career and Technical Education (CTE) and to increase staff compensation to attract and retain high quality adults to work with the students in our community; and

WHEREAS, an increase of \$16 million in annual mill levy override operating revenue equates to \$800 per student; and

WHEREAS, this is an increase from the current \$750,000 (\$38 per student) in annual mill levy override operating revenue; and

WHEREAS, it has been twenty-one (21) years since the voters in 27J Schools last approved a mill levy override request (\$750,000 in the year 2000); and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2021 mill levy override (5A) will require an 8 mill tax increase; and

WHEREAS, an 8 mill tax increase is equal to \$4.63 per month per \$100,000 of home value; and

WHEREAS, all students deserve safe, welcoming, and stimulating learning environments that support personal well-being and academic success; and

WHEREAS, school bond funds 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 proposed 2021 bond program (5B) will provide STEM/Career and Technical Education annexes at all three comprehensive high schools; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2021 bond program (5B) will build additional elementary and middle schools, and a fourth comprehensive high school; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2021 bond program (5B) will not increase the current bond redemption mill levy (no tax increase).

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

1. That City Council hereby declares its support for the approval of Ballot Issue 5A and 5B; and
2. The City Council encourages all eligible voters of the 27J School District to make sure that their voter registration is current, that they vote, and that they encourage others to vote; and
3. That the City Council appeals to all citizens of the 27J School District to devote some of their personal time in an effort to pass these critically-important ballot issues; and
4. The City Council urges all registered voters of the 27J School District to vote "YES" on Ballot Issues 5A and 5B.

Adopted this 5th day of October, 2021

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

GREGORY MILLS, Mayor

ATTEST:

NATALIE HOEL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

ALICIA CALDERÓN, City Attorney