

# COORDINATED ELECTION



## COORDINATED ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2015

POLLS OPEN  
7 a.m. TO 7 p.m.

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO INCREASE TAXES, TO INCREASE DEBT,  
ON A CITIZEN PETITION AND/OR ON A REFERRED MEASURE

For further information, contact:  
City and County of Broomfield  
Elections Division  
Phone 303.464.5857  
One DesCombes Drive, Broomfield  
[www.votebroomfield.com](http://www.votebroomfield.com)

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THIS PAMPHLET CONTAINS SUMMARY STATEMENTS FOR BALLOT PROPOSITIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20.

A 'yes/for' vote on any ballot issue is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a 'no/against' vote on any ballot issue is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.

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This notice is mailed to each address with one or more active registered electors.

The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information.

# ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

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**BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 303.464.5857 OR VISIT  
[WWW.VOTEBROOMFIELD.ORG](http://WWW.VOTEBROOMFIELD.ORG)**

## VOTE IN PERSON AT A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER

Vote in person at any of these two locations.

<b>GEORGE DI CIERO CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING</b> 1 DesCombes Dr	8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday (Oct. 12 - Nov. 2) 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, October 31 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 3
<b>PAUL DERDA RECREATION CENTER</b> 13201 Lowell Blvd	8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday (Oct. 26 - Nov. 2) 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, October 31 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 3

## DROP OFF LOCATIONS (OCTOBER 12 - NOVEMBER 3)

Drop off your ballot 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.

### **GEORGE DICIERO CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING**

One DesCombes Dr.

Official Ballot Drop Box (In front of Motor Vehicle entrance)

### **PAUL DERDA RECREATION CENTER**

13201 Lowell Blvd.

Official Ballot Drop Box (West parking lot)

**ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-8  
BROOMFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND TO INCREASE DEBT ON  
REFERRED MEASURES**

Election date: November 3, 2015

Election hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Deadline for receipt of ballots: November 3, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Local election office address and phone number:

Designated Election Official: Wendy Faulhaber, Weld County School District RE-8, 301 Reynolds Street, Fort Lupton, Colorado 80621; telephone number (303) 857-3203

Coordinated Election Official: Jim F. Candelarie, City and County of Broomfield Clerk and Recorder, One Descombes Drive, Broomfield, Colorado 80020; telephone number (303) 464-5898

Ballot title and text:

Ballot Issue 3A:       General Fund Override Extension

SHALL WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-8 (FORT LUPTON SCHOOLS) ANNUAL TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.275 MILLION, WHICH ARE TO EXPIRE IN 2016, BE EXTENDED THROUGH COLLECTION YEAR 2026, TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND FOR EDUCATION PURPOSES, AND SUBJECT TO ANNUAL CITIZEN FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REVIEW AND MONITORING OF EXPENDITURES, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO CONTINUE TO:

- PROVIDE ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES IN ORDER TO EXTEND THEIR USEFUL LIFE,
- PURCHASE ACADEMIC SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS, AND REPLACE OUTDATED BOOKS, TO ADVANCE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN READING, WRITING, MATH, SCIENCE AND OTHER SUBJECT AREAS,
- IMPROVE AND ACQUIRE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT-WIDE IN ORDER TO RAISE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN THE CLASSROOM, AND
- PROVIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR ALL DISTRICT RESIDENTS, INCLUDING PRESCHOOL AND ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN,

THROUGH A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED ABOVE, WHICH TAXES SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO PROPERTY TAXES THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE LEVIED FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE?

Ballot Issue 3B:       Fort Lupton School Facility Bonds

SHALL WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-8 (FORT LUPTON SCHOOLS) DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$20.7 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$35.89 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$2.95 MILLION ANNUALLY TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, REPAIR AND IMPROVE DISTRICT CAPITAL ASSETS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS:

- ADDRESS SAFETY AND SECURITY NEEDS AT BUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (FORT LUPTON), TWOMBLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (FORT LUPTON) AND FORT LUPTON HIGH SCHOOL, INCLUDING CARD-READER LOCKS, INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR CAMERAS, AND INTERCOM SYSTEMS, AND,
- CONSTRUCT A PERMANENT K-8 SCHOOL ON DISTRICT-OWNED PROPERTY WITHIN WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-8 TO REPLACE QUEST ACADEMY'S TEMPORARY MODULAR BUILDINGS

BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF?

**Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:**

Year	Fiscal Year Spending <sup>1</sup>
2011-2012 (actual)	\$17,097,457
2012-2013 (actual)	17,682,048
2013-2014 (actual)	21,903,027
2014-2015 (actual)	19,878,579
2015-2016 (current year estimated)	18,959,831
Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2011-2012 through 2015-2016:	10.9%
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2011-2012 through 2015-2016:	\$1,862,374
Estimated 2015-2016 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increases authorized by Ballot Issue 3A and Ballot Issue 3B:	\$18,959,831
Estimated 2015-2016 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3A:	\$1,275,000
Estimated 2015-2016 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3B:	\$2,950,000

Information regarding bonded debt proposed by Ballot Issue 3B:

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<sup>1</sup> Fiscal year spending does not include amounts expended by the District for bonded debt service.

Principal amount:	\$20,700,000
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$2,950,000
Maximum total repayment cost:	\$35,890,000

Information regarding current bonded debt:

Principal balance:	\$16,400,000
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$1,758,053
Maximum remaining total repayment cost:	\$20,338,333

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 3A:

Your YES vote on Issue 3A—which is the extension of an existing mill levy override that sunsets at the end of 2016—will provide many benefits, including:

- Providing ongoing maintenance of Weld RE-8 (Fort Lupton) school facilities, extending their useful life
- Purchasing academic supplies and materials to advance student achievement
- Improving and acquiring instructional technology district-wide
- Continuing to provide early childhood education for all district residents, including preschool and all-day kindergarten

Issue 3A does NOT require a tax rate increase. The existing tax, which is about \$1.45 per month per \$100,000 of a home's actual value, would remain in place for a 10-year period. (This existing tax is even lower for seniors who qualify for the Senior Homestead Exemption.)

Without the continuation of the mill levy override, deferred maintenance projects will grow, outdated books and supplies will not be replaced, aging classroom technology will not be updated, and early childhood programs will be negatively impacted. There is a lot riding on this override.

Passage of Issue 3A is critical to advancing student achievement.

NONE of the mill levy money goes towards administration.

And ALL of the funds stay within our school district.

Issue 3A deserves our support.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 3A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 3B:

Your YES vote on Issue 3B will address critical safety and security needs at Weld RE-8 (Fort Lupton) schools as well as fund the construction of a permanent K-8 school on district-owned property for Quest.

The safety and security improvements that Issue 3B will fund include card-reader locks, interior and exterior cameras, intercom systems and related improvements. Fort Lupton schools that currently do not have this equipment, which include Butler Elementary, Twombly Elementary and Fort Lupton High School, will be upgraded.

Every child in the District deserves access to comparable instructional space, which is precisely why the District seeks to replace the Quest modular buildings with a permanent school building. The aging modular buildings pose many challenges for students and staff, including:

- cramped classrooms that offer limited opportunity to create flexible learning spaces
- no gymnasium for Physical Education
- no designated art room, music room or science rooms
- two bookshelves in the hallway that serve as the library
- safety and security problems
- limited accessibility for persons with disabilities
- numerous energy inefficiencies
- no storm shelter on site

The K-8 building would include 19 academic classrooms, music room, art room, computer lab, media center (library), commons area, science rooms, gym, staff workroom and storage. The school would be highly energy efficient and offer a safe and secure learning environment.

The new K-8 building would help to address district-wide overcrowding, especially at the elementary school level as new homes are built and new families move to our school district. The new K-8 school would be built on land donated to the school district.

The estimated tax impact of Issue 3B is \$1.56 per \$100,000 of a home's market value. Seniors who qualify for the Senior Homestead Exemption would pay even less.

Providing every child—not just some—with a safe and secure learning environment is the right thing to do.

Giving every child—not just some—the opportunity to properly prepare for college and careers is also the right thing to do.

Issue 3B deserves our support.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 3B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 3A  
WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-8**

Your YES vote on Issue 3A—which is the extension of an existing mill levy override that sunsets at the end of 2016—will provide many benefits, including:

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## **STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF ISSUE 3B WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-8**

Your YES vote on Issue 3B will address critical safety and security needs at Weld RE-8 (Fort Lupton) schools as well as fund the construction of a permanent K-8 school on district-owned property for Quest.

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The Broomfield City and County Clerk certifies that the  
Ballot Issue Notices are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions.



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