NOTICE TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS OF ELECTION
TO INCREASE TAXES

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-8
(FORT LUPTON, COLORADO)

Local Election Office: 301 Reynolds Street, Fort Lupton, Colorado 80621
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Election Date and Hours: Tuesday, November 7, 2006 – 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Ballot Title and Text of Issues:

Issue 3A:
"SHALL WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-8'S TAXES BE INCREASED $1,400,000 ANNUALLY, OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ANNUALLY DETERMINE, BY THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2007, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER FOR SEVEN YEARS FOR DEPOSIT IN THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND FOR EDUCATION PURPOSES AND SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL CITIZEN FINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW AND MONITORING OF EXPENDITURES, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO:

- ATTRACT, TRAIN AND RETAIN HIGH-QUALITY TEACHERS, SUPPORT STAFF, AND EMPLOYEES IN ORDER TO BE COMPETITIVE WITH SURROUNDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS

WITH SUCH TAXES TO BE IN EXCESS OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL FUND MILL LEVY PERMITTED UNDER STATE LAW WITHOUT SUCH INCREASE AND, TOGETHER WITH REVENUES FROM SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES ATTRIBUTABLE THERETO AND THE EARNINGS ON SUCH TAXES AND REVENUES, TO CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGE, TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT EACH YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION BY THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF, AND WITHOUT AFFECTING THE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO COLLECT AND SPEND OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS UNDER, ARTICLE X SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?"

Issue 3B:
"SHALL WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-8'S TAXES BE INCREASED $1,275,000 ANNUALLY, OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ANNUALLY DETERMINE, BY THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2007, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER FOR TEN YEARS FOR DEPOSIT IN THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND FOR EDUCATION PURPOSES AND SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL CITIZEN FINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW AND MONITORING OF EXPENDITURES, INCLUDING:

Fiscal Year Spending Information

Year	Fiscal Year Spending (FYS)*
2002-03 (Actual)	18,390,661
2003-04 (Actual)	18,052,076
2004-05 (Actual)	18,499,876
2005-06 (Estimated)	20,834,142
2006-07 (Current Year Estimated)	20,963,206
Overall FYS percentage change through 5 years (2002-03 - 2006-07):	13.99%
Overall FYS dollar change through 5 years (2002-03 - 2006-07):	$2,572,545

* Does not include payments on bonded debt of $775,717 in fiscal year 2001-02; $1,197,455 in fiscal year 2002-03; $983,250 in fiscal year 2003-04; $984,175 in fiscal year 2004-05; $989,713 in fiscal year 2005-06; and $983,588 in fiscal year 2006-07.

Fiscal year spending without the tax increase in the ballot proposal is estimated to be up to $20,963,206 in the 2006-07 Fiscal Year. The proposed maximum dollar tax increase in the ballot proposal is $3,095,00 in such Fiscal Year.

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FILED WITH THE ELECTION OFFICER

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR the proposal:

Please vote "YES" on 3A.

Weld County School District Re-8
PRO STATEMENT FOR BALLOT ISSUE 3A

Weld County School District Re-8 consistently ranks at the bottom in wages for teachers. This is a big problem, because in just the last two years our district has lost about 100 teachers. Our teachers are leaving Fort Lupton because neighboring school district's offer more competitive wages.

Our school district is also finding it extremely difficult to recruit qualified teachers given our uncompetitive wages. In addition, custodians, school bus drivers and food service workers are finding it more and more difficult to maintain a decent lifestyle while costs for utilities and fuel are ever increasing.

Fort Lupton Schools are currently on the State's "Accreditation Watch." That is NOT a good thing. Our school district will not be able to get off this watch—and get back on track—if our schools find it extremely difficult to recruit and retain quality teachers and staff.

Our school district has listened. The mill levy override sunsets (ends) in ten years, which is precisely what voters have requested.

Qualifying seniors will benefit from the Homestead Exemption, which significantly reduces property taxes.

A Mill Levy Oversight Committee will be formed to oversee the use of funds, which includes five citizen representatives.

Weld County School District Re-8
PRO STATEMENT FOR BALLOT ISSUE 3C

Weld County School District Re-8 has buses that are nearing the end of their safe and useful life. To ensure the safety of our students and staff, our district is seeking a mill levy override to upgrade our district's bus fleet. The average age of the current bus fleet exceeds 10 years, and many of the buses have over 150,000 miles. In addition, rising fuel costs have forced more and more families to place their children on the bus system and have created a need for additional transportation resources.

Passage of Ballot Issue 3C will allow our district to improve the safety—and reduce operating costs—of the school bus transportation system.

The tax impact of this mill levy override is estimated to be 86¢ (86 cents) per month per $100,000 of a home's market value.

Our school district has listened. The mill levy override sunsets (ends) in five years, which is precisely what voters have requested.

Qualifying seniors will benefit from the Homestead Exemption, which significantly reduces property taxes.

A Mill Levy Oversight Committee will be formed to oversee the use of funds, which includes five citizen representatives.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST the proposal:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.