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 1, 2005 - 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Ballot Title and Text of Question:

"SHALL WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-8'S TAXES BE INCREASED \$2.21 MILLION ANNUALLY, OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ANNUALLY DETERMINE, BY THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE 2005-2006 BUDGET YEAR AND EACH BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER FOR DEPOSIT IN THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- RECRUITING, TRAINING, AND RETAINING THE HIGHEST QUALITY TEACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF FOR THE DISTRICT;
- PURCHASING ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS TO ADVANCE STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN READING, WRITING, MATH AND SCIENCE;
- PROVIDING ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES;
- IMPROVING TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING COMPUTER SOFTWARE, HARDWARE AND TRAINING; AND
- CREATION OF AN ALL DAY TUITION FREE DISTRICT WIDE KINDERGARTEN INITIATIVE;

WITH SUCH TAXES TO BE IN EXCESS OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL FUND MIL 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 UNDER, 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?"

Fiscal Year Spending Information

Fiscal Year

Year	Spending (FYS)
2001-02 (Actual)	\$17,606,812
2002-03 (Actual)	18,390,661
2003-04 (Actual)	18,052,076
2004-05 (Actual unaudited)	18,499,876
2005-06 (Current Year Estimated)	20 834 142

Overall FYS percentage change through 5 years (2001-02 - 2005-06):
Overall FYS dollar change through 5 years (2001-02 - 2005-06):

18.3%

\$3,227,330

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; and \$989,713 in fiscal year 2005-06.

Fiscal year spending without the tax increase in the ballot proposal is estimated to be up to \$20,834,142 in the 2005-06 Fiscal Year. The proposed maximum dollar tax increase in the ballot proposal is \$2,210,000 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.

Strong schools build a strong community. That's why we urge a "Yes" vote for the Weld County Re-8 (Fort Lupton) School District's proposed \$2.21 million operational mil levy issue that would pay to provide free all day kindergarten, recruit and retain high quality teachers, and provide academic supplies and technology for all of our children.

This is <u>a low cost</u>, <u>frugal approach</u> to meet current academic needs, one that would ensure that the District continues to work toward providing the highest quality education in Colorado.

The District has also worked with community leaders to come up with the most frugal, cost efficient way to provide these necessary programs. As a result, the cost per \$100,000 home value will be about \$6.13 per month...less than a cost of a meal at our local fast food restaurant. All proceeds from the operational mil levy election will go toward the expansion of school programs. Not one cent of this issue will go toward salaries for administrators. 3A will help our community do the following:

Yes on 3A will:

- Allow the District to create a tuition-free all day kindergarten program;
- Allow the District to recruit and retain the highest quality teachers and support staff;
- Allow the District to provide additional academic supplies to advance student achievement;
- Provide the means for necessary technology upgrades in our schools, including computer hardware, software and training;
- Allow the District to provide a higher quality learning environment for our kids.

Let's do it for our kids-Vote Yes on Question 3A!

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

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.