

**CITY OF EDGEWATER
RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 12
SERIES OF 2016
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOND ISSUE AND MILL LEVY OVERRIDE**

WHEREAS, the City of Edgewater received a presentation from Superintendent Dan McMinimee on the current state of Jeffco Public Schools on August 4, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Superintendent McMinimee outlined the state of the school district's facilities, the goals of the district's 2020 Vision strategic plan for student achievement and the funding expected from the state of Colorado to meet the needs of our thriving students; and,

WHEREAS, the Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education took community feedback into account before placing the bond and mill levy questions on the November ballot to include 14 community forums April-June, seven formal public comment opportunities and the message heard was that neighborhood schools are an important asset to the Jeffco community; and,

WHEREAS, despite local increases in property tax revenue, Jeffco Schools sees no commensurate increase unless the state increases funding per student statewide; and,

WHEREAS, Jeffco Public Schools has not received approximately \$490 million which otherwise would have gone to educate and support Jeffco students since the implementation of the state's 'negative factor' in 2009 – making Colorado 40th in the nation in spending on public K-12 education; and,

WHEREAS, Jeffco Schools is falling behind metro area districts and losing its competitive edge in retaining and attracting quality educators; and,

WHEREAS, Jeffco classrooms will benefit from additional funds for science, technology, engineering and math instruction to prepare for the workforce of tomorrow today – as well as interventions to support struggling students to succeed; and,

WHEREAS, the median age of Jeffco schools is 45 years; and,

WHEREAS, Edgewater area schools will benefit through \$22-26 million in bond dollars with completion of the Jefferson High School Master Plan Phase 1, Edgewater Elementary preschool wing; Lumberg Elementary eight classroom addition and the Jefferson area feeder school Molholm Elementary's eight classroom addition; and,

WHEREAS, each school in the district will receive funds to improve, update or repair classrooms and school facilities; and,

WHEREAS, strong, successful communities invest in infrastructure to attract new businesses and families so that Jeffco Schools' taxpayer-owned schools and education system improve local property values; and,

WHEREAS, as the elected leaders of our community, we want every child to have a quality teacher, learning in a safe environment, and to be provided the instruction and skills necessary for success in college and the workplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWATER, COLORADO, THAT

The Edgewater City Council supports Jeffco Public Schools' two initiatives on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot and urges all Edgewater and Jefferson County voters to support the \$535 million bond issue and \$33 mill levy override questions.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2016.

/s/ Kris Teegardin
Mayor, City of Edgewater

ATTEST:

/s/Pam Anderson
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/Thad Renaud, City Attorney