

RESOLUTION NO. 23-42

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES,
COLORADO SUPPORTING A “YES” VOTE ON THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT’S BALLOT ISSUES FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION, SEEKING
VOTER APPROVAL FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT’S MILL
LEVY OVERRIDE AND BOND INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Castle Pines City Council recognizes that a high-quality school system, which is driven by high-quality teachers and staff, attracts businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act (C.R.S. § 1-45-117), the City Council may pass a resolution taking a position on any ballot measure; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of REALTORS® analysis positively correlates thriving school districts with strong enrollment and increased home values, resulting in all taxpayers and homeowners within the Douglas County School District benefitting from successful mill and bond elections; and

WHEREAS, a \$484 million bond will help fund new neighborhood schools, improve school safety and security upgrades, and be used for building repair and replacement including athletic facilities; and

WHEREAS, total program funding for Douglas County School District remains unchanged when more dollars are collected locally as total program funding is set annually by the State Legislature under the School Finance Act and is funded by a combination of local and state dollars such that when local funding increases, state funding decreases; and

WHEREAS, a \$66 million mill levy override (“Mill Levy Override”), if passed, would be used to make compensation more competitive for Douglas County School District teachers and staff, more than 6,000 of whom are Douglas County residents who will re-invest in Douglas County businesses and the Douglas County economy; and

WHEREAS, the nationwide teacher shortage and lack of competitive pay has caused Douglas County to receive fewer, and in some cases no, applicants for teaching positions such that the opportunity cost of not retaining teachers is to potentially not have teachers to fill the vacancies, which is an incalculable cost to students; and

WHEREAS, the School District’s proposed \$484 million bond initiative (“Bond Initiative”) includes an investment in career and technical education opportunities in aviation, healthcare, robotics, manufacturing, entrepreneurship, culinary, and automotive in partnership with Arapahoe Community College, University of Colorado, and Denver University, as well as safety and security upgrades, and construction of three new elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, the total tax impact of both the Mill Levy Override and Bond Initiative on homeowners would be \$20 per year per \$100,000 of assessed home value, with the impact

diminishing as our community grows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council supports a “YES” vote on the Douglas County School District’s ballot issues for the Douglas County School District’s Mill Levy Override and Bond Initiative.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval by City Council.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR, 1 AGAINST, AND 0 ABSENT THIS 8th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.



ATTEST:

Tobi Duffey

Tobi Duffey, MMC, City Clerk

Tracy Engerman
Tracy Engerman (Sep 20, 2023 14:46 MDT)

Tracy Engerman, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Linda C. Michow

Linda C. Michow, City Attorney