

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 24, 2016

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Resolution to Adopt a Position of Advocacy in Support of the 2016 Bond Ballot Issue and Declaring this Issue a Matter of Public Concern

RECOMMENDATION

Contingent upon the approval of the resolution submitting the 2016 Bond Ballot Issue to the electorate, it is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached Resolution adopting a position of advocacy in support of the ballot issue, declaring the issue to be a matter of public concern, and authorizing an expenditure for the publication of a fair and balanced factual summary for the ballot issue.

BACKGROUND

As per Section 1-45-117, C.R.S., of the Fair Campaign Practices Act, the Board is adopting a position of advocacy in support of the bond issuance ballot issue. The Board unanimously and enthusiastically supports the 2016 bond ballot issue and urges the voters of the District to vote "yes" on the issue in the November 2016 election, and authorize the expenditure of up to \$20,000 for the printing of a fair and balanced summary for the ballot issue.

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REFERRED MEASURE APPEARING ON THE
NOVEMBER, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, DECLARING THAT THE
REFERRED MEASURE IS OF PUBLIC CONCERN TO THE ELECTORATE, AND
AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR A FAIR AND BALANCED FACTUAL
SUMMARY FOR THE BALLOT ISSUE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J (herein, "District") has previously passed a Resolution to submit and refer a bond ballot issue to the District's electorate at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Referred Measure will request that the electorate approve the incurrence of bonded indebtedness in amounts up to and including \$260,340,000 for the purposes of acquiring, constructing or purchasing school buildings and grounds, enlarging, improving, repairing and making additions to school buildings and equipping schools, and providing other capital assets for District purposes, including repairing and renovating existing school buildings District-wide, enhancing educational, innovative, science, technology, engineering and math programs District-wide; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J (District) and its Board of Education to increase the spectrum of learning and/or broaden educational opportunities and choices available to all students across the District, and to ensure all students are prepared for the next level of education, higher college admission standards, or to enter a more highly skilled work place; and

WHEREAS, the St. Vrain Valley School District's annual enrollment is increasing by approximately 800 additional students each year, currently exceeding 32,000 PK-12 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Board of Education that the District provide all of its students with an educational learning environment that is safe, efficient, and conducive to learning; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that there are not sufficient funds in the District's General Fund and the Board does not anticipate that existing sources of revenue will be sufficient to generate and meet the capital needs of the District to accomplish these goals; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the bonded indebtedness authorization ballot issue is crucial to the future of the District, its students, and the St. Vrain Valley community; and

WHEREAS, the bonded indebtedness authorization Ballot Issues is a matter of public concern of the District's electorate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J:

1. That the Board of Education unanimously and enthusiastically supports the bonded indebtedness authorization, and urges the voters of the District to vote "yes" on this Ballot Issue at the November 8, 2016 election.
2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption by this Board. Pursuant to Section 1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(A), Colorado Revised Statutes, the passage of this Resolution may be reported, and this Resolution may be distributed, through established, customary means, other than paid advertising, by which information about other proceedings of this Board are regularly provided to the public.
3. Pursuant to Section 1-45-117(1)(b)(I), Colorado Revised Statutes, the 2016 bond indebtedness authorization Ballot Issue is hereby deemed to be of public concern of the District's electorate and that the District's administration is authorized to expend up to the sum of \$20,000 for the publication and dispensing of a factual summary concerning this ballot issue to include, but not be limited to, a reference document and other information that provide a factual summary, which shall include arguments both for and against the proposal, on any issue of public concern before the electorate in the jurisdiction.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on August 24, 2016.

ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J

By _____
Robert J. Smith, President, Board of Education

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ATTEST:

Debbie Lammers, Secretary of the Board