

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**NOTICE TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS OF ELECTION
TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT**

**JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. R-1
(JEFFERSON AND BROOMFIELD COUNTIES, COLORADO)**

Local Election Office: 1829 Denver West Drive, Building #27, Golden, Colorado 80401
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Election Date: November 4, 2008

Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ballot Title and Text of Ballot Issue 3A:

"SHALL JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. R-1'S TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$34 MILLION ANNUALLY BY A LEVY OF 4.4 MILLS IN THE 2008-2009 BUDGET YEAR AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNT IS RAISED BY A LEVY OF 4.4 MILLS IN EACH BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER, BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL SUCH TAX INCREASE BE GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S., BY THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR DEPOSIT IN THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- EXPANDING OPTIONS FOR CAREER JOB SKILLS AND TECHNICAL TRAINING TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR TODAY'S WORK WORLD;
- SUPPORTING INCREASED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS;
- EXPANDING MATH AND SCIENCE OFFERINGS IN HIGH SCHOOL;
- PURCHASING TEXTBOOKS AND TECHNOLOGY;
- MAINTAINING TEACHABLE CLASS SIZES; AND
- PAYING FOR INCREASED FUEL COSTS TO RUN SCHOOL BUSES;

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 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

Year	Fiscal Year Spending (FYS)*
2004-05 (Actual)	\$607,654,681
2005-06 (Actual)	616,507,268
2006-07 (Actual)	626,929,542
2007-08 (Actual)	650,269,709
2008-09 (Current Year Estimated)	673,976,406
Overall FYS percentage change through 5 years (2004-05 - 2008-09):	10.9%
Overall FYS dollar change through 5 years (2004-05 - 2008-09):	\$66,321,725

*Does not include payments on bonded debt of \$74,588,549 in fiscal year 2004-05; \$73,416,694 in fiscal year 2005-06; \$74,482,792 in fiscal year 2006-07; \$76,477,575 in fiscal year 2007-08; and \$75,647,513 in fiscal year 2008-09.

Fiscal year spending without the tax increase in the ballot issue is estimated to be up to \$673,976,406 in the 2008-09 Fiscal Year, not including payment of bonded debt shown above and assuming no other tax increase is approved. The proposed maximum dollar tax increase in the ballot issue is \$34,000,000 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:

QUALITY. VALUE. RESULTS.

Vote **YES on 3A** because Jeffco Schools is all about providing quality for our community, value to taxpayers and results for our students and parents.

- Jeffco Schools provide **great value** for the price
(2nd fewest administrators/ student of 15 metro districts)
- Student performance is strong: Jeffco **kids are learning!**
- Your YES vote on 3A will:

Keep our **property values strong**
Keep our **schools safe**

Invest in **jobs and a strong economy** right here in our own backyard!

Here's what YES on 3A means to YOU!

- More classes for career **job skills and technical training** will prepare our students for today's work world.
- Increased **graduation requirements and expanded math and science** offerings in high school.
- Maintain **class sizes** and purchase **textbooks and technology**.
- Our **school buses travel the circumference of the Earth EVERY DAY**...we can cut bus routes significantly or pay for the fuel.

If we don't pass 3A, Jeffco will be forced to cut up to 500 teachers by 2013

Yes, the economy is bumpy now, but Colorado has always been able to beat national trends because we INVEST in ourselves. Jeffco homeowners will accomplish the goals in 3A for only \$2.92/month for each \$100,000 of actual home value. **YES on 3A is the right investment.**

Taxes should be increased \$34 million annually by a mill levy of 4.4 mills. Past increases have not resulted in the desired student performance improvement and a greater infusion of funds is required. Compared to other professions and trades, teachers are poorly paid and hopefully beginning salaries in the six-digit range can be offered within three or four years.

Senior citizens with fixed incomes are hard-pressed to shoulder increases in property tax. These people should recognize that their reduced productivity calls for them to be replaced by the youth of our nation. This measure calls for some of the property taxes to be earmarked for: "Expanding options for career job skills and technical training to prepare students for today's work world." Half of these should be committed to the following:

Seniors on fixed incomes, to whom this school tax is burdensome, need training, as well as compassion. They must be offered the opportunity to learn how to locate more modest accommodations than those they currently occupy, and how to cope, in other communities if necessary.

This tax increase furthers the goals of our teacher unions. It is consistent with a presidential candidate's promise for change, and hope for progress toward the Socialist utopia through education. This increase could create a pad until the oppressive TABOR measures can be repealed, and the Amendment 23 extra millions for schools be made permanent. The same criteria and logic should be applied in consideration of ballot question 3B, resulting in a resounding approval of the \$754 million debt. This will add as much as \$69 million to the \$34 million for 3A, annually, a picayune amount considering the future of our youth and well-being of the District's employees.

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

