

3A (Mill Levy)

Continuing the Special Building, Maintenance and Technology Fund

The monies used to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the district's school buildings and for technology improvements comes from a tax known as the *Special Building, Maintenance and Technology Fund Tax*. This tax was passed in 2001 by voters in the Summit School District and this December completes the three-year cycle of this tax. An election is required if the tax is to continue for another three years.

Because the new Silverthorne Elementary School is built and paid for now, taxpayers will be asked to approve a smaller Special Building, Maintenance and Technology Fund Tax this November. In fact, the tax is one-half of what it has been over the past three years.

The revised tax will be applied only to maintenance and technology costs. **Keeping programs, services and teaching staff intact is a high priority.**

If the Special Building, Maintenance and Technology Fund tax is not continued, the school district will have to cut educational programs, services and instructional staff. Every class, sport and extracurricular offering will be subject to reduction or elimination as part of the overall cost cutting measures. Twenty-seven instructional staff—as well as support staff and administrative staff—will be cut if the Special Building, Maintenance and Technology Fund tax is not continued. In the end, reductions of 11.6 percent in all levels of staffing would be necessary as of the 2005/2006 school year. The instructional staff cuts would significantly increase the student-to-teacher ratio, resulting in larger class sizes.

Following is a **summary of how the proceeds of the \$4 million Special Building, Maintenance and Technology Fund tax will be allocated annually.**

Maintenance of the District's 12 buildings (approximately 770,000 square feet) to maximize useful life of the facilities and provide a positive learning environment
\$2,600,000

Career and technical education programs at Summit High School and technology improvements at other schools
\$1,400,000

3B (Bond Issue)

Pursuing High Priority Renovations and Improvements to Four School Buildings

High priority renovations and improvements are necessary at four of the district's school buildings: Summit Middle School, Frisco Elementary, Summit High School and the old Silverthorne Elementary School.

The school district will put on the November 2004 ballot a 20-year bond issue to build and pay for these renovations and improvements. **The largest percentage of the bond proceeds will be used to renovate the 40-year-old Summit Middle School, making the facility much more efficient to operate and maintain.** Repairs and renovations will also be undertaken at Frisco Elementary and Summit High School. A new addition to Summit High School will also be built to house new Career and Technical Education programs.

Following are **highlights of the capital improvements** to be made with the proceeds of the \$32,575,000 bond issue and the projected costs by school.

SUMMIT MIDDLE SCHOOL (\$23,100,000)

Renovation, demolition and addition to school
Kitchen equipment
Lighting upgrades
HVAC upgrade
Auditorium improvements
Improvements to athletic facilities

SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL (\$5,425,000)

Career Technical Education Center addition
Science classroom improvements
HVAC control upgrades
Newcomer Center
Improvements to athletic facilities

FRISCO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (\$3,705,000)

Fire sprinkler system
Security system upgrade
Lighting upgrade
Remodel restrooms
Exterior siding
New Roof
Interior paint
Kitchen equipment
HVAC upgrade
Playground improvements
Parking lot improvements (asphalt/concrete)

OLD SILVERTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (\$345,000)

Roof replacement and other major repairs



Yes on 3A & 3B

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