

Bond & Override History

Throughout Adams 12 Five Star Schools, we strive to engage and inspire students at every level. From teachers to nurses and accountants to bus drivers, we work together to prepare students to thrive in our rapidly changing world. But limited funding challenges our potential and hinders our mission. It doesn't have to be this way. With your support, we can make K-12 education — and our children — a priority in Colorado and continue to provide high-quality instruction in every classroom, every day.

Promises Made Promises Kept

The last time Adams 12 Five Star Schools passed a Bond was in 2004 with Overrides in 2004 and 2008.

Where did the money go?

2004 Bond

In 2004, the Adams 12 Five Star Schools community passed a \$180 million bond. The bond addressed high-priority needs in every school throughout the district. We have spent every dollar fulfilling promises of work, including:

- **Air Conditioning:** Added air conditioning to 18 schools.
- **New Buildings:** Built Silver Creek Elementary, Coronado Elementary School, Silver Hills Middle School, Stellar Elementary, North Stadium and Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center.
- **Building Additions:** Built additions on Leroy Elementary, Malley Drive Elementary, Wyco Elementary to become new home of Hulstrom K-8, Mountain View Elementary, Eagleview Elementary and full remodel at Hulstrom Elementary to become The Studio School. Also converted Niver Creek Middle School into STEM Launch K-8 and renovated the former Huron Middle School to include Vantage Point High School and Crossroads Middle School. Eliminated mobiles at multiple sites.
- **School-Specific Improvements:** Addressed needs at every school. Based on unique needs, school classrooms and interior space were improved, playgrounds were made safer, mechanical and electrical systems were upgraded, asbestos was removed and exterior conditions were repaired.
- **District-wide improvements:** Upgraded computer and communications technology.

2004 Mill Levy Override

In 2004, the Five Star Schools' community also passed a \$9.9 million Mill Levy Override, providing:

- **Programming Costs:** Increased high school graduation requirements, increased tutoring, summer school and professional development for struggling students in reading and writing, and increased efforts in English Language acquisition for non-English speaking students.
- **Operational Costs:** Recruiting and retaining quality staff and operating air conditioning for 18 schools.

2008 Mill Levy Override

In 2008, the Adams 12 Five Star Schools community passed a \$9.9 million Mill Levy Override, providing:

- **Operational Costs:** Softened budget reductions due to low funding. Offset the increased cost of utilities, fuel and health care. Supported bus services and operational costs.

What does a Bond fund?

Bonds can only be used for capital expenditures, such as major repairs, renovations, additions and new schools. Bonds cannot be used for operating costs such as salaries and benefits, and instructional programs.



Bond = Buildings

What does an Override fund?

Overrides are used to cover operational needs not met because of funding shortfalls. Operational expenses include salaries and benefits, instructional programs, and classroom technology.



Override = Operations