



MIDDLE SCHOOL INVESTMENT PLAN

Ballot Issue 5C and Amendment 73 Funding Proposal



At Rocky Top our vision is to create a safe, inclusive community that inspires learners to achieve their unlimited potential. By adding another campus supervisor and a complete social-emotional learning curriculum, we will be able to increase our support of students' physical safety as well as their mental health. These proposals will also allow us to expand our after-school club offerings and finance a full outdoor education experience for all middle school students — a huge benefit as this year's sixth-graders have to pay their own way to Camp Grizz!

– Chelsea Behanna, Rocky Top Middle Principal

The following funding proposal reflects prioritized investments across all district middle schools. Specific investments will vary by location based on individual school needs.



MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIORITIZED INVESTMENTS

(Aligns with the district's new strategic plan - ELEVATE.)



DIVERSE LEARNING

- Decrease class sizes.
- Increase learning opportunities for all students including Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), Career and Technical Education (CTE), etc.
- Increase support for specialized populations (e.g. emerging bilinguals, special education, gifted and talented).



SAFE SCHOOLS

- Add members to the district crisis response team that supports all schools.



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

- Invest in additional staff to provide more individualized attention to students.



21ST CENTURY LEARNERS

- Enhance critical-thinking and problem-solving skills through inquiry-based lessons and resources across all programs.
- Improve and embed technology into learning.
- Bring textbooks and learning materials up-to-date to meet new and more rigorous academic standards.



WORLD-CLASS STAFF

- Increase new teacher starting salary to be competitive with neighboring districts.
- Implement cost-of-living adjustment for all employee groups.
- Support teachers with updated resources and instructional materials.



OUTSIDE-THE-CLASSROOM LEARNING

- Improve outside-the-classroom learning opportunities.
- Implement a new after-school sports model.

More information about the funding measures on the November ballot, including arguments for and against: www.adams12.org/elevate-funding-proposal