



# MIDDLE SCHOOL INVESTMENT PLAN

## Ballot Issue 5C and Amendment 73 Funding Proposal



Our school, its students, staff and community deserve the absolute best when it comes to school programming and resources! We look forward to building on the great work being done to increase student achievement and growth. This proposal will prepare our students for high school and beyond, while also fostering the social-emotional well-being of all students. This investment will also allow further the use of technology in every classroom to ensure students are provided the skills needed to navigate the digital world.

- Jessica Fiedler, The International School at Thornton 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.



#### 21<sup>ST</sup> 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.