

# MORGAN COUNTY

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COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

231 Ensign Street, First Floor – PO Box 1399

Fort Morgan, Colorado 80701

## GENERAL ELECTION

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**The Morgan County General Election will be conducted as a  
Mail Ballot Election on November 8, 2016  
from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

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**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

NOTICE OF ELECTION  
TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

***THIS IS NOT A BALLOT***

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THIS PAMPHLET CONTAINS  
SUMMARY STATEMENTS FOR  
BALLOT PROPOSITIONS AS  
REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF  
COLORADO CONSTITUTION,  
ARTICLE X, SECTION 20.

A 'YES' VOTE ON ANY BALLOT ISSUE  
IS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF CHANGING  
CURRENT LAW OR EXISTING  
CIRCUMSTANCES, AND A 'NO' VOTE  
ON ANY BALLOT ISSUE IS A VOTE  
AGAINST CHANGING CURRENT LAW  
OR EXSISTING CIRCUMSTANCE.

The November 8, 2016 General Election is a Mail Ballot Election. All eligible, registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail.

## **Morgan County Mail Ballot Drop-off Site and Voter Service Polling Center Location for 2016**

**Morgan County Elections Office**  
**8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**231 Ensign Street – First Floor**  
**Fort Morgan, Colorado 80701**  
**Telephone: (970) 542-3521 Option 5**

October 17 - November 7, Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 29 & Saturday, November 5  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Election Day - 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

### **Voter Service Polling Centers**

Election Day Tuesday, November 8, 2016

#### Morgan County Administration Building

231 Ensign Street (Basement) – Fort Morgan, CO

#### Morgan County Fairgrounds

750 Ellsworth – Brush, CO

#### Wiggins Fire Hall

701 Central Avenue – Wiggins, CO

Persons wishing to relinquish their mail ballot to vote on the ADA accessible voting equipment may visit any of the Voter Service Polling Centers listed above during the hours listed.

**Deadline for Return of Ballot:**  
**November 8, 2016 7:00 p.m.**

**\*\* Postmarks do NOT count as received \*\***

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

This voter information pamphlet contains local referenda appearing on your 2016 General Election ballot.

The title and text of the referenda are printed in full, and may be accompanied by two summaries of up to 500 words each, for and

against the measures. For some measures, current and recent fiscal year spending figures are included. For others, tax increase estimates or bonded debt repayment costs within a particular district have been submitted.

The mailing and content of this notice are mandated by an amendment to Article X, Section 20 (TABOR) of the Colorado Constitution.

THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PROVIDING THIS VOTERS' INFORMATION NOTICE DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR TRUTH OF ANY STATEMENT MADE IN THE SUMMARIES, NOR IS IT RESPONSIBLE FOR ERRORS IN THE SPELLING, GRAMMAR, OR PUNCTUATION OF SUBMITTED STATEMENTS. RECEIPT OF THIS VOTERS' INFORMATION PAMPHLET DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON EVERY MEASURE.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING VOTING PROCEDURES, OR YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE, REFER INITIALLY TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS NOTICE. FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE LISTED BELOW OR GO TO [WWW.GOVOTECOLORADO.COM](http://WWW.GOVOTECOLORADO.COM).

**Morgan County Elections Office**  
**(970) 542-3521 Option 5**

### **IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION**

You may cast your ballot by any one of the following methods:

- In person at a Voter Service Polling Center
- By mail via Mail-In ballot

There will be three Voter Service Polling Centers in Morgan County. You will be required to show a valid ID such as a driver license at the Voter Service Polling Center. You will also have the option of casting your vote prior to Election Day at the Voter Service Polling Center located in the Morgan County Election Office, which will be open from

Monday, October 17 through Tuesday, November 7. (Hours and location are listed elsewhere in this pamphlet.)

We will begin mailing ballots the week of October 17, 2016. Ballots may be mailed or deposited at the Ballot Drop-off location.

Ballots must be RECEIVED by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

**TO: All Registered Voters**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON  
A REFERRED MEASURE**

Town of Wiggins, Colorado  
Morgan County, Colorado

Election Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2016

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

**Local Election Office Addresses and Telephone  
Numbers:**

Town of Wiggins  
Office of the Town Clerk  
304 Central Avenue  
Wiggins, CO 80654  
970-483-6161

**Ballot Title and Text:**

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**BALLOT QUESTION/ MEASURE**

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**BALLOT ISSUE 2A**

SHALL TOWN OF WIGGINS TAXES BE INCREASED \$250,000 IN 2017 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND THEN ANNUALLY BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED THEREAFTER FROM THE IMPOSITION OF A USE TAX OF THREE (3.0) PERCENT UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF USING OR CONSUMING WITHIN THE TOWN CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS PURCHASED AT RETAIL FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OR BUILDING PROJECTS, SUCH USE TAX TO BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2017, AND WITH ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TAX TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT EXCLUSIVELY FOR TOWN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEPOSITED INTO A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, WHICH IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO BE CREATED PURSUANT TO C.R.S. § 29-2-111; AND SHALL THE TOWN BE PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH USE TAX AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE

COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

**Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:\***

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Spending*</u>
2016 (estimated):	\$ 586,050
2015 (actual):	\$ 428,523
2014 (actual):	\$ 351,379
2013 (actual):	\$ 379,513
2012 (actual):	\$ 383,544

**Overall Percentage Change from 2012 to 2016:** 53%

**Overall Dollar Change from 2012 to 2016:**  
\$ 202,506

\* Fiscal Year Spending does not include the Town's Water Enterprise Fund or Wastewater Activity Enterprise Fund.

**Town Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase for the First Full Fiscal Year:**

Ballot Issue 2A 3.00% Use Tax Increase  
(Fiscal Year 2017): \$250,000

**Town Estimate of 2017 Fiscal Year Spending Without Increase:**

Without Ballot Issue 2A Increase: \$ 600,644

**Summaries of written comments "FOR" Ballot Issue 2A:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**Summaries of written comments "AGAINST" Ballot Issue 2A:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**BRUSH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-2J**

**MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND TO INCREASE DEBT ON REFERRED MEASURES**

Election date: November 8, 2016

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

Deadline for receipt of ballots: November 8, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Local election office address and phone number:

Designated Election Official: Alejandra Stephens, Brush School District No. RE-2J, 527 Industrial Park Rd, Brush CO 80723; telephone number (970) 842-5176 ext. 1004

Coordinated Election Official: Susan L. Bailey, Morgan County Clerk and Recorder, 231 Ensign Street, P.O. Box 1399, Fort Morgan, CO 80701; telephone number (970) 542-3521

Ballot title and text:

Ballot Issue 3B: General Fund Override

SHALL BRUSH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-2J TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$2 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR A LIMITED FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS,

- SUPPORTING AND EXPANDING ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS THROUGH UPDATED TECHNOLOGY, TEXTBOOKS AND LEARNING MATERIALS,
- ATTRACTING AND RETAINING HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS AND STAFF THROUGH REGIONALLY COMPETITIVE SALARIES,
- PREVENTING FURTHER CUTS TO PROGRAMS SUCH AS ART, ATHLETICS, INDUSTRIAL ARTS, AND MUSIC,
- RESTORING THE LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE OF ALL SCHOOL FACILITIES TO EXTEND THEIR USEFUL LIFE, AND
- REPLACING OLDER BUSES AND SCHOOL VEHICLES BASED ON SAFETY AND CONDITION,

BY A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED FOR TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2017 THROUGH TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2021 AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED ABOVE, WHICH TAXES SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE DISTRICT AND SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE PROPERTY TAXES OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO BE LEVIED FOR THE GENERAL FUND?

Ballot Issue 3C: General Obligation Bond

SHALL BRUSH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-2J DEBT BE INCREASED \$38.5 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$60.8 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$3.4 MILLION ANNUALLY BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SUBJECT TO A DISTRICT AWARD OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE "BEST" PROGRAM, TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- ADDRESSING HEALTH, SAFETY, SECURITY, AND EDUCATIONAL DEFICIENCIES IN THE CURRENT MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL BY CONSTRUCTING A NEW MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY ON THE SITE OF THE CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL AND REPURPOSING AND RENOVATING PORTIONS OF THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING;
- MODERNIZING, UPDATING, RENOVATING, AND EQUIPPING CLASSROOMS TO PROMOTE THE TEACHING OF SKILLS NECESSARY TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN THE WORKFORCE; AND
- RAZING THE OUTDATED PORTION OF THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AND THE EXISTING MIDDLE SCHOOL;

AND TO THE EXTENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT AND REPAIR DISTRICT CAPITAL ASSETS, WHICH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SHALL BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF

ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF?

**Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:**

Year	Fiscal Year Spending <sup>1</sup>
2012-2013 (actual)	\$12,312,765
2013-2014 (actual)	12,546,788
2014-2015 (actual)	13,168,901
2015-2016 (actual)	15,661,551
2016-2017 (current year estimated)	13,244,972

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2012-2013 through 2016-2017: 7.57%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2012-2013 through 2016-2017: \$932,207

Estimated 2016-2017 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by the ballot issues: \$13,244,972

Estimated 2016-2017 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3B: \$2,000,000

Estimated 2016-2017 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3C: \$3,400,000

Information regarding bonded debt proposed by Ballot Issue 3C:

Principal amount: \$38,500,000  
 Maximum annual repayment cost: \$3,400,000  
 Maximum total repayment cost: \$60,800,000

Information regarding current bonded debt:

Principal balance: \$5,225,000  
 Maximum annual repayment cost: \$1,249,450  
 Maximum remaining total repayment cost: \$5,648,800

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 3B:

Ballot initiative 3B is a Mill Levy Override (MLO) for the Brush School District (BSD) proposed in order to make up for the losses in State funding due to the negative factor (BSD funding losses of approximately \$10.5 million over last 8 years). Said funds are necessary to (1) replenish cuts and freezes in district salaries, (2)

<sup>1</sup> Fiscal year spending includes amounts expended by the District for bonded debt service.

recoup and maintain technology, curriculum, and safety plans; and (3) maintenance of existing equipment, buildings, and infrastructure.

- 1) Cost of living has increased 14.30% and starting teacher salaries have only increased 2.48% from 2009 to 2016 (the same time period the negative factor has decreased District funding).
- 2) Several district positions and programs have been eliminated or cut due to lost funding. The proposed MLO would maintain current programs that are next to be cut or eliminated for the 2017-2018 school year and would allow for a tiered reinstatement of some of the past programs and positions lost in prior years such as safety officer(s), Middle School Industrial Arts, and other Vocational programs. The MLO would also fund curriculum improvements.
- 3) Several maintenance needs have been deferred (i.e. unable to be performed) and are becoming critical path for day to day operations of the school district (building repairs, equipment, etc).

The proposed MLO would be \$2.0 million annually for 5 years and would require constituent vote to continue thereafter (it would sunset/end after 5 years without voter approval to continue).

- The residential tax impact (7.96% of taxable assessment) would be \$5.59 monthly on a \$100,000 home value and \$16.78 monthly on a \$300,000 home value.
- Commercial tax impact (29%) would be \$20.38 monthly on a \$100,000 market value and \$101.92 monthly on a \$500,000 market value.
- Agriculture tax impact would vary from sprinkler irrigated farms at \$10.38 monthly per 100 acres (\$103.80 monthly for 1,000 acres) to dry land farm at \$2.01 monthly per 100 acres (\$20.10 monthly per 1,000 acres) down to grazing land of \$0.59 monthly per 100 acres (\$5.90 monthly per 1,000 acres).

YES VOTE: Voter approval of MLO ballot initiative 3B will cease the landslide in district cost freezing, position and program cuts, and major deferred maintenance items. Approval will allow for replenish of cost of living increases for district positions necessary to be competitive and reduce the gap in similar markets (and curtail loss of staff to higher paying adjacent districts).

NO VOTE: Voter disapproval of the MLO ballot initiative 3B will leave the district to continue to balance expenses with state funding and will require eliminating Art, Music,

Middle School sport programs, and cuts to High School sports (varsity only funding). Should a loss in students for the district occur due to a loss in programs (~\$7,565 per student currently) – additional cuts would have to be made to more programs in order to achieve budget balance. Continued district cuts could have immediate and permanent effects to the local economy and community that are not easily measured.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 3B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 3C:

Ballot initiative 3C a \$38.5 million Bond will provide local funding to construct a new combined Middle and High School on the current High School campus. The Bond is contingent upon receiving a BEST grant from the State of Colorado.

The original portion of the High School was completed in 1971. The Auxiliary gym, weight room, wrestling room, and seven class rooms were added in 2005. Over 75% of the entire High School is 45 years old.

The original portion of the Middle School was completed in 1952 (gymnasium, stage, industrial arts building, etc). The majority of class rooms were constructed in 1974. Additions were completed in 1988 and 2005. The predominate age of the Middle School varies between 28 and 64 years.

The proposed \$38.5 million Bond would be funded approximately (+/-) 75% from the local power plant and 25% from the remaining local tax payers (residential, commercial, agriculture). When considering the BEST grant monies added to the \$38.5 million Bond, the percentages of tax responsibility would be approximately 37.5% from the local power plant and 12.5% from the residential, commercial, and agriculture properties.

- The residential tax impact (7.96% of taxable assessment) would be \$5.55 monthly on a \$100,000 home value and \$16.65 monthly on a \$300,000 home value.
- Commercial tax impact (29%) would be \$20.21 monthly on a \$100,000 market value and \$101.07 monthly on a \$500,000 market value.
- Agriculture tax impact would vary from sprinkler irrigated farms at \$10.29 monthly per 100 acres (\$102.90 monthly for 1,000 acres) to dry land farm at \$1.99 monthly per 100 acres (\$19.99 monthly per

1,000 acres) down to grazing land of \$0.59 monthly per 100 acres (\$5.90 monthly per 1,000 acres).

YES VOTE: Voter approval will allow the District to replace extremely aged structures with new buildings designed and constructed to current standards. The new structures would eliminate several code compliance conditions - chronic roof leaks and damages, deteriorating asbestos based products (floor tiles, etc), ADA non-compliance, lack of adequate security, and current safety concerns.

The State of Colorado BEST grant program funds and funding mechanisms could change in any given year. The green energy direction of the United States could sunset the local coal power plant in the not so distant future. Thus now is an opportune time to join matching funds.

Construction of new combined facilities will not only provide current technologies to students but allow for the most efficient use of facilities and staff while correcting current deficiencies.

Bond funds can ONLY be used for school building improvements and construction projects – no Bond funds can be used for district operating expenses.

NO VOTE: Voter disapproval will leave the district to continue to balance budgets and programs with the available State and local funding. Continued deterioration of aged structures could require school closures for repairs, additional program cuts, and ultimately potential losses in student population – all of which could have immediate and permanent negative effects to the local economy and community that are not easily measured.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 3C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

## **ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

### **WIGGINS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-50J**

### **MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO**

## **NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Election date: November 8, 2016

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

Deadline for receipt of ballots: November 8, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Local election office address and phone number:

Designated Election Official: Cary Allen, Wiggins School District No. RE-50J, 320 Chapman St., Wiggins, CO 80654; telephone number (970) 483-7762 ext. 4206

Coordinated Election Official: Susan L. Bailey, Morgan County Clerk and Recorder, 231 Ensign Street, P.O. Box 1399, Fort Morgan, CO 80701; telephone number (970) 542-3521 ext. 5

Ballot title and text:

Ballot Issue 3W

SHALL WIGGINS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-50J DEBT BE INCREASED BY \$31 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$46.5 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$3.2 MILLION ANNUALLY (A PORTION OF WHICH AMOUNT REPRESENTS THE CONTINUATION OF TAXES CURRENTLY LEVIED FOR BONDS TO BE RETIRED EARLY BY THE DISTRICT IN 2016) FOR THE PURPOSE OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS:

- CONSTRUCTING A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL / HIGH SCHOOL ON THE EXISTING SCHOOL SITE TO COMPLETE A MORE SECURE AND INTEGRATED CAMPUS;
- RENOVATING THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO CONSTRUCT A SAFE ENTRY;
- REPAIRING AND IMPROVING DISTRICT FACILITIES TO EXTEND THEIR USEFUL LIFE, REPLACE AGING AND OUTDATED UTILITY SYSTEMS, MAKE UPGRADES FOR SECURITY AND LIFE SAFETY NEEDS, AND UPDATE THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT;
- CONSTRUCTING AN AUDITORIUM / PERFORMING ARTS MUSIC HALL FOR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY USE; AND
- CONSTRUCTING A DEDICATED WRESTLING ROOM TO PERMIT WEIGHT ROOM COMMUNITY USE, AND CONSTRUCTING AN ALL-WEATHER TRACK AND FIELD,

AND TO THE EXTENT MONEYS ARE AVAILABLE, TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, REPAIR AND IMPROVE DISTRICT CAPITAL ASSETS, BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS,

NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF?

**Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:**

Year	Fiscal Year Spending*
2012-2013 (actual)	\$4,303,073
2013-2014 (actual)	4,279,412
2014-2015 (actual)	4,563,563
2015-2016 (actual)	5,482,956
2016-2017 (current year estimated)	4,616,484

\*Fiscal year spending includes amounts expended by the District for bonded debt service.

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2012-2013 through 2016-2017: 7.28%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2012-2013 through 2016-2017: \$313,411

Estimated 2016-2017 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3W:

Estimated 2016-2017 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3W:

Information regarding bonded debt proposed by Ballot Issue 3W:

Principal amount: \$31,000,000  
Maximum annual repayment cost: \$3,200,000  
Maximum total repayment cost: \$46,500,000

Information regarding current bonded debt:

Principal balance: \$2,005,000  
Maximum annual repayment cost: \$383,421  
Maximum remaining total repayment cost: \$2,282,904

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 3W:

Your YES vote on Issue 3W will provide many benefits for students across the Wiggins School District RE-50J. The benefits to students, schools and taxpayers include:



- Cost to taxpayers will be lower than anticipated due to the early payoff of all our existing bonds 5 years ahead of schedule, which saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest.
- Saving taxpayer dollars by eliminating expensive emergency repairs by replacing our outdated 68 year old High School building
- Protecting property values by keeping our schools up to date with modern facilities
- Extending the useful life of existing school buildings
- Improving the safety and security of each Wiggins RE-50J school so that no child has to worry about being harmed while at school
- Providing the education that today's students will need for tomorrow's jobs and careers
- Addressing overcrowding to reduce wear and tear on existing buildings and positively impact existing programming
- Capturing some of the marijuana sales tax revenues by applying for a BEST grant and using some of the bond money for our required matching funds.

An investment of \$4.24 per month per \$100,000 of a home's actual value will provide \$31 million in school facility improvements, including:

- Construct a new Middle School and High School in one secure building
- Remodel old Middle School into Career and Technical Ed classrooms
- Construct a safe and controlled entry to the Elementary School with a secure reception area
- Improve energy efficiency by replacing outdated, energy inefficient lighting, roofs and heating, ventilation and cooling systems
- Dedicated Auditorium and Performing Arts Hall
- Dedicated Wrestling Room
- All Weather Track and Field

What happens if Issue 3W does not pass?

- Class sizes will increase
- We will continue to educate our kids in classrooms that were not originally designed for their age group

- None of the high priority safety and security improvements will be addressed
- None of the programming enhancements will be addressed
- Cars will continue to drive very close to our children
- We're unable to provide the necessary BEST grant matching funds

With interest rates at historic lows, our tax base increased from oil and gas production, and construction costs on the rise, it makes sense to address these improvements sooner rather than later. The longer we wait, the more it will cost.

Property taxes are deductible on your income tax filing. And for seniors who qualify for the Colorado Senior Homestead Property Tax Exemption, the tax impact can be reduced by up to 50%.

What can \$4.24 per month do? A lot!

Your YES vote on Issue 3W is critical. It keeps our schools open, saves taxpayers dollars, protects property values district-wide, and gives the kids in our community a fighting chance to compete and succeed in college and the workforce.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST Ballot Issue 3W:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

I, Susan L. Bailey hereby certify that the ballot issue notice is complete as submitted by the political subdivision.

"The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information."

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FORT MORGAN, CO 80701



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## OFFICIAL ELECTION MATERIAL

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FOR ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THIS HOUSEHOLD:

THIS NOTICE IS MAILED TO EACH ADDRESS WITH ONE OR MORE  
ACTIVE, REGISTERED ELECTORS. YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE  
TO VOTE ON ALL ISSUES PRESENTED

POSTMASTER, DELIVER TO

HOUSEHOLD MAILING LABEL

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO INCREASE TAXES  
ON A REFERRED MEASURE

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TO BE COUNTED  
MAIL-IN BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE  
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BY  
7:00 p.m. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016 BY MAIL OR AT A  
BALLOT DROP-OFF SITE