

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 61-19

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
DISTRICT 51 BOARD OF EDUCATION BALLOT ISSUE 4A

RECITALS:

On July 1, 2019, the District 51 School Board forwarded a \$179.5 million bond measure to the November 5, 2019 ballot. The bond measure (4A) proposes the following projects at D51 high schools:

Central High School - Eliminate 16 non-secure doors and create a single entrance by connecting all buildings so the entire campus is under one roof, perform asbestos abatement, install fire sprinklers, improve accessibility and traffic flow, and enlarge the cafeteria (Estimated cost: \$32 million).

Fruita Monument High School - Create a single main entrance by connecting all buildings on campus under one roof and eliminating 27 non-secure doors; improve accessibility and circulation; and add 18 classrooms to bring ninth-grade back to Fruita Monument High School so that Fruita Middle School and Fruita 8/9 can each become full middle schools (Estimated cost: \$21 million).

Grand Junction High School - Rebuild the school on the north side of the current campus and take down the current building, which has 71 entrances, a sinking foundation, and multiple buildings (Estimated cost: \$124 million. This includes \$99 million to rebuild the school, plus \$25 million to furnish it).

Palisade High School - Eliminate non-secure doors to connect all buildings under one roof, add fire sprinklers, create collaborative spaces, add six classrooms, and improve accessibility (\$12 million).

The work collectively would cost an estimated \$189 million. If the bond measure passes for \$179.5 million, the remaining \$9.5 million would come from a combination of 2017 Bond Measure money that would otherwise be spent on a Grand Junction High School roofing project and currently unallocated bond premiums, interest, and projected savings from the 2017 Bond Measure.

The mission of the City of Grand Junction is to be the most livable City west of the Rockies by 2025. The City Council fully embraces that mission and supports ballot issue 4A because the quality of our schools, and in turn the education that is provided to our students, is one of the most important factors in achieving and sustaining a positive quality of life. It is undeniable

that education provides opportunity; opportunity to live and work at trades, careers and professions that may otherwise be unattainable without a strong educational foundation. When a community has strong schools it likely has a well-educated workforce. A well educated work force in turn contributes to a more stable and economically prosperous and vibrant community.

For these reasons, among many others, the City Council concludes that investment in our schools is an investment in our future. That investment is best accomplished at this time by passage of ballot issue 4A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Grand Junction City Council declares its support for ballot issue 4A and urges all qualified voters to **VOTE YES** on question 4A in the November election.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2019.



President of the City Council



ATTEST:



City Clerk