

## RESOLUTION NO. 77-21

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DISTRICT 51 BOARD OF EDUCATION BALLOT ISSUE 4B CONCERNING A BOND ISSUE AND TAX INCREASE TO REPLACE GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL

#### RECITALS:

On August 17, 2021, the Board of Mesa County Valley School District 51 (School Board) forwarded a \$115 million bond and tax measure to the November 2, 2021 ballot. The ballot measure (Measure or Issue) proposes a temporary increase in taxes and issuance of bonds for the replacement of Grand Junction High School.

The City Council supports Measure 4B 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.

Grand Junction High School (GJHS) was constructed in 1956 and while serving well for many years, it now needs to be replaced. The purpose of the bond issue is to replace GJHS on the same site, renovate the existing East gymnasium and art building. In addition, the replacement of GJHS will provide improved classrooms and facilities for increased educational programs, opportunities for and access to college credit courses, vocational and technical skills training and improved art and athletic facilities.

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. The benefits to the community of having high-quality schools are clear and for these reasons, among many others, the City Council concludes that investment in Grand Junction High School is an investment in our future. That investment is best made at this time by passage of Issue 4B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Grand Junction City Council declares its support for Measure 4B and urges all qualified voters to **VOTE YES** on Measure 4B in the November 2, 2021 election.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

C.B. McDaniel

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President of the City Council

ATTEST:

Wanda Winkelmann

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City Clerk

