

**2023 KIT CARSON COUNTY
INFORMATION PAMPHLET
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT ON A
REFERRED MEASURE**

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:

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

This voter information pamphlet contains referenda and/or initiatives appearing on your November 7, 2023, Coordinated Mail ballot.

The title and text of each referenda/initiative is printed in full and may be accompanied by two summaries of up to 500 words each, for and against the measure. 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 is mandated by an amendment to Article X, Section 20 (Amendment 1) of the Colorado Constitution.**

RECEIPT OF THIS VOTERS' INFORMATION PAMPHLET DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-6J MEASURE: BALLOT ISSUE 5C

SHALL THE BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-6J TAXES BE INCREASED BY THE AMOUNT OF \$1,124,989 IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2023, AND AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY IMPOSING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY AT A RATE OF 9.515 MILLS, PROVIDED THAT SUCH TAX INCREASE SHALL SUNSET SEVEN YEARS AFTER ITS IMPLEMENTATION, FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO FUNDING NEW COSTS NECESSARY FOR

- ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH, AND OTHER PROGRAMS
- ATTRACTING AND RETAINING QUALITY STAFF
- REPLACEMENT OF OUTDATED BOOKS, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES
- EXTENDING USEFUL LIFE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS
- IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF BUILDINGS
- ADDRESSING DISABILITY ACCESS CONCERNS
- IMPROVING CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY
- IMPROVING AGING OUTDOOR/PLAYGROUND AREAS AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL
- UPDATING CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY
- ADDRESS OUTDATED BUSES AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

BY COLLECTING, DEPOSITING INTO THE GENERAL FUND, RETAINING AND EXPENDING ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TAX, AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT THEREOF, 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:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2023 (estimated)	\$9,491,162
2022 (actual)	\$8,145,494
2021 (actual)	\$7,949,750
2020 (actual)	\$12,457,113
2019 (actual)	\$13,338,632

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2019 to 2023 -28.8 %
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2019 through 2023: -\$3,847,470

Proposed District Tax Increase

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year:	\$1,124,989
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:	\$9,491,162

Summaries of written comments on ballot issue 5C filed with the election officer:

The following summary was prepared from comments filed by persons for the issue:

The Burlington School District has been and will continue to be a conservative steward of taxpayer funds. The district has a five-year strategic plan to improve upon the educational offerings that it currently provides and to improve the district's current educational rating with the state. To accomplish the goals from the plan, the district needs to be able to offer a competitive wage to teachers and staff members. This money will make it possible to retain the talent we currently have and to attract new talent to the district.

In addition to offering a competitive wage, the district will use the money to update the curriculum used to teach students, place its aging transportation fleet on a replacement rotation, and continue needed upgrades to instructional facilities. The district has worked hard over the past two years to apply for every grant that it is eligible for and will continue to do so to help in the needed areas of improvement. This money has helped but it falls well short of the overall amount needed to meet our improvement goals. The district lags behind its neighbors by an average of over nine mills and now finds it difficult to compete with other rural districts in our area.

The Burlington School District realizes that money alone does not solve issues and that it is a tool that must be used correctly to generate successful outcomes. Because of this, the district has placed a sunset on the Mill Levy Override we are asking for and look forward to accountability from our taxpayers in proving that we have done what we said we would do with the additional funds.

The following summary was prepared from comments filed by persons against the issue:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

VOTE SERVICE & POLLING CENTER

There is only one vote center for Kit Carson County. You will be able to come to this location to drop off ballots, replace a ballot that was destroyed, lost or if you would like to vote in person. This location will be open beginning October 30th through Nov. 7, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Monday through Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, beginning 8:00 AM until NOON. Election Day from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Kit Carson County Courthouse

1650 Donelan Ave., Suite 201
Burlington, CO 80807

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

There will be a 24 hour drop off box located at the south entrance of the Kit Carson County Courthouse, 1650 Donelan Ave., Burlington, CO this box will be opened beginning Oct. 16, 2023, and close at 7:00 PM Nov. 7, 2023, Election night.

There will be **DROP OFF LOCATIONS** for ballots only on **Election Day** from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM:

Stratton Activity Center
918 Colorado Ave.
Stratton, CO 80836

Flagler Senior Center
306 Main Ave.
Flagler, CO 80815

Only Nov. 7, 2023, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Should you have questions please call either of the Designated Election Officials (DEO) listed below.

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL (DEO)

Burlington School District RE-6J
S. Shane Walkinshaw, Superintendent
719-346-8737 Ext 7002
2600 Rose Ave.
Burlington, CO 80807
swalkinshaw@burlington12.org

**KIT CARSON COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
2023 COORDINATED ELECTION DEO**

Susan Corliss
719-346-8638
1650 Donelan Ave, Ste. 201
Burlington, CO 80807
clerkandrecorder@kitcarsoncounty.org

Kit Carson County Clerk
1650 Donelan Ave., Suite 203
PO Box 249
Burlington, CO 80807
Return Address Requested



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123 A STREET
BURLINGTON, CO 80807**