

# 2020 BOND AND MILL LEVY OVERVIEW

SEPTEMBER 2020



On Nov. 3, 2020, Denver voters will be asked to approve the passage of a bond investment and a mill levy override for Denver Public Schools. This bond will provide capital improvement projects, including critical maintenance, air conditioning, upgraded technology, and school-determined funds for providing quality learning environments for students across the city. The mill levy funds, also called the “Debt-Free Schools” ballot initiative, will be invested annually among all schools and provide additional nursing, mental health, and special-education supports, as well as a wage increase for hourly workers and a cost-of-living increase for teachers.

The average age of DPS-owned buildings is 52 years old. The bond provides critical funding to ensure that these buildings are fit for 21st century learning — and that the 93,000 students in the district have equitable opportunities to learn in high-quality environments. In 2019, a Facility Condition Assessment (FCA) was conducted for over 300 DPS structures and sites. The FCA, completed by a third-party vendor, provided DPS the data to prioritize maintenance in the buildings with the most critical needs.

If approved, the bond proposal is not expected to raise property tax based on current and forecasted property values. The mill levy proposal, if approved, is expected to cost about \$4.25 per month (or \$51 annually) for owners of a Denver home valued at the median \$465,000. Denver voters have repeatedly trusted DPS to make fiscally responsible decisions with the passage of past bonds and mill levies, and we continue to deliver on our promise to be a good steward of taxpayer money.

The 75-member Community Planning and Advisory Committee, comprised of teachers, parents, students, and community members, met regularly in the winter and spring of 2020 to prepare a set of funding recommendations for the DPS Board of Education. These recommendations were considered by the board in August 2020, which unanimously approved a [resolution](#) to add the bond and mill levy to the ballot. This document provides an overview of the investments that will be implemented throughout the district if the bond measure and/or mill levy is approved by voters.



For more details, please see [bond.dpsk12.org](https://bond.dpsk12.org) or contact [bondmill@dpsk12.org](mailto:bondmill@dpsk12.org).

## Proposed Bond Investments

INVESTMENT AREA	\$ Amount
Maintenance	\$208 Million
Montbello Campus	\$130 Million
Air Conditioning*	\$128.5 Million
COP Payback	\$80 Million
Quality Learning Environments	\$71.6 Million
Capacity	\$71 Million
Technology and Safety	\$65 Million
General Fund Relief	\$36.5 Million
Food and Nutrition Services Greenhouse	\$2.1 Million
Master Planning	\$2 Million
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$795 Million</b>

## Proposed Mill Levy Investments

PROGRAM	\$ Amount
Increased Minimum Wage and Other Compensation	\$17 Million
Mental Health	\$3 Million
Nursing Services	\$4 Million
Special Education Services	\$2 Million
Charter Share (required by law)	\$6 Million
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32 Million</b>

### ADDITIONAL BOND INVESTMENTS AT LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED:

- ECE program expansion
- Center-based programs
- Middle school STEM labs
- Additional galvanized pipe replacement
- Additional asbestos removal

\*DPS is integrating a requirement for each design team to consider alternative, sustainable cooling solutions including, but not limited to, mechanical and/or passive solutions to provide thermal comfort for the building.



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Asbury Elementary	●					●	●							
Bradley World School	●					●	●			●				
Cory Elementary	●					●	●			●				
DSST: Byers Middle and High School						●	●			●				
Ellis Elementary	●					●	●		●	●				
Grant Beacon Middle School	●		●			●	●			●				
Hamilton Middle School	●					●	●			●	●	●	●	
Highline Academy: Southeast						●	●							
Holm Elementary	●	●			●	●	●			●				
Joe Shoemaker School						●	●			●				
Lincoln Elementary	●	●			●	●	●			●				

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McKinley-Thatcher Elementary	●						●	●		●				
Merrill Campus: Merrill Middle School/C3 Elementary	●		●				●	●		●	●			●
Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning							●	●		●				
Rocky Mountain Prep: Creekside	●						●	●	●	●				
Samuels Elementary	●						●	●		●				
Slavens Elementary	●						●	●		●				
South High School	●			●	●		●	●						
Southmoor Elementary	●						●	●						
Steele Elementary	●		●				●	●	●	●				
Stephen Knight Center for Early Education	●						●	●		●	●	●		
Thomas Jefferson High School	●		●		●		●	●	●	●				●
University Park Elementary	●						●	●		●				



**ADDITIONAL DISTRICT 2 INVESTMENTS:**

- Greenhouse for DPS Food and Nutrition Services
- Expanding CareerConnect Programming

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Abraham Lincoln Campus: Lincoln High School/Respect Academy/Compass Academy	●					●	●			●				
Barnum Elementary	●					●	●		●	●				
Castro Elementary	●					●	●			●				
College View Elementary	●					●	●			●				
Denison Montessori	●		●			●	●		●	●				
Doull Elementary	●					●	●							
DSST: College View		●				●	●							
EXCEL Academy						●	●			●				
Florence Crittenton High School						●	●							
Force Elementary	●		●			●	●			●				



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Godsman Elementary	●	●				●	●	●		●				
Goldrick Elementary	●	●				●	●	●		●				
Grant Ranch ECE-8	●	●				●	●	●		●				
Gust Elementary	●	●				●	●	●		●				
Henry Campus: Bear Valley International School/DSST: Henry Middle School	●						●	●		●				●
John F. Kennedy High School	●						●	●		●				
Johnson Elementary	●	●				●	●	●		●	●			
Kaiser Elementary	●						●	●		●				
Kepner Campus: Kepner Beacon Middle School/STRIVE Prep – Kepner/Rocky Mountain Prep Southwest							●	●		●				
KIPP Sunshine Peak Elementary							●	●						
KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy	●						●	●						
Knapp Elementary	●		●				●	●		●				
Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy	●						●	●	●	●	●			

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Munroe Elementary	●						●	●		●	●			
Newlon Elementary	●						●	●			●			●
Pascual LeDoux Academy							●	●						
Rishel Campus: KIPP Denver Collegiate High School/ Math & Science Leadership Academy	●		●				●	●			●			●
Sabin World School	●		●				●	●			●	●		
Charles M. Schenck Community School	●						●	●			●			
Schmitt Elementary	●	●			●		●	●	●	●	●			
Valdez Achievement Campus: STRIVE Prep – Federal/STRIVE Prep – Ruby Hill							●	●						
Delgado Campus: STRIVE Prep – SMART/STRIVE Prep – Westwood	●	●					●	●			●			
Summit Academy	●						●	●						
Traylor Academy	●						●	●		●	●			
Valverde Elementary	●		●				●	●		●	●			●



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Ashley Elementary	●	●				●	●			●				
Bromwell Elementary	●					●	●			●				
Carson Elementary	●	●				●	●			●	●			
Contemporary Learning Academy						●	●							
Denver Green School Southeast	●	●				●	●			●				
Denver Justice High School	●					●	●							
Denver Language School	●					●	●		●	●				
Dora Moore ECE-8	●					●	●		●	●				
Emily Griffith Campus: Emily Griffith High School/ Downtown Denver Expeditionary School						●	●			●				

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George Washington Campus: George Washington High School/ DELTA High School	●						●	●	●	●				
Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences	●						●	●		●				
Lowry Elementary	●						●	●						●
McMeen Elementary	●						●	●		●		●		
Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment	●						●	●	●	●	●			
Morey Campus: Morey Middle School/ Denver School of Innovation and Sustainable Design	●						●	●	●	●				●
Palmer Elementary	●	●			●		●	●						
Park Hill Elementary	●						●	●		●				●
Place Bridge Academy	●						●	●		●				
Polaris at Ebert Elementary	●		●				●	●		●	●	●	●	●
REACH Charter School							●	●						
Steck Elementary	●						●	●		●				
Teller Elementary	●	●			●		●	●		●				

**ADDITIONAL DISTRICT 4 INVESTMENTS:**

- Rebuild/Remodel of Montbello Campus
- Purchase of land for two future school sites and construction of one new school in the Gateway Community
- Expanding CareerConnect Programming

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Academy 360						•	•							
Bill Roberts ECE-8	•					•	•			•				
Cole Campus: Cole Arts & Sciences Academy/DSST: Cole High School	•					•	•		•	•				
Columbine Elementary	•		•			•	•			•			•	
Conservatory Green: Willow Elementary/DSST: Conservatory Green Middle School						•	•			•				
DC21 at Wyman	•					•	•			•	•			
DCIS Ford	•	•			•	•	•			•				
Denver Language School (Gilpin)	•					•	•			•				

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Denver School of the Arts	●					●	●		●					
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College	●					●	●			●				
DSST: Cole Middle School	●					●	●		●	●	●			●
DSST: Montview	●					●	●		●					
East High School	●					●	●		●	●	●			
Escalante-Biggs Academy						●	●			●				
Evie Dennis Campus: DSST: Green Valley Ranch Middle School/STRIVE Prep – Green Valley Ranch/Vista Academy/SOAR					●	●	●			●				
Farrell B. Howell ECE-8	●	●			●	●	●							
Florida Pitt-Waller ECE-8	●					●	●			●				
Green Valley Elementary	●					●	●		●					
Gilliam School						●	●							
Groff Campus: KIPP Northeast Denver Leadership Academy/STRIVE Prep – Rise						●	●			●				

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Hallett Academy	•		•					•	•		•	•		•	
Highline Academy Northeast								•	•						
Isabella Bird Community School								•	•						
John H. Amesse Elementary	•							•	•		•	•			
KIPP Northeast Elementary and Middle School								•	•			•			
Legacy Options High School								•	•						
Lena Archuleta Elementary	•							•	•			•			
Manual Campus: Manual High School/ McAuliffe at Manual Middle School	•		•					•	•			•			
Marie L. Greenwood	•							•	•			•			
Marrama Elementary	•							•	•			•			
Maxwell Elementary	•							•	•		•	•			
McAuliffe International School at Smiley	•		•					•	•		•	•			

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McGlone Academy	•						•	•		•				
Monarch Montessori							•	•						
Montbello Campus: STRIVE Prep – Montbello/Noel Community Arts School/DCIS at Montbello	•						•	•						
Montbello Career and Technical High School	•						•	•						
Northeast Early College	•						•	•			•			
Oakland Elementary	•						•	•			•			
Odyssey School	•						•	•			•			
Omar D. Blair Charter School	•						•	•			•			
Park Street Campus: Inspire Elementary/Denver Green School: Northfield							•	•						
Paul Sandoval Campus: Northfield High School/ DSST: Conservatory Green High School							•	•						
PREP Academy	•						•	•			•			

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Rachel B. Noel Campus: DSST Middle School at Noel/Collegiate Prep Academy	●							●	●		●	●			
Sandra Todd-Williams Academy								●	●						
Smith Elementary	●		●					●	●		●	●			
Sierra School at Barrett	●							●	●		●	●			
Stedman Elementary	●		●					●	●	●	●	●			
SMIS Campus: Swigert International School/Denver Discovery School								●	●						
The CUBE High School								●	●						
Westerly Creek Elementary	●							●	●						
Whittier ECE-8	●							●	●			●			●
Wyatt Academy								●	●						





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5280 High School						●	●							
Academia Ana Marie Sandoval Elementary	●					●	●			●				●
Academy of Urban Learning						●	●			●				
Beach Court Elementary	●					●	●			●				
Brown International Academy	●	●			●	●	●			●	●			
Bruce Randolph School	●		●			●	●							
Bryant-Webster ECE-8	●					●	●		●	●				
CEC Middle College	●		●			●	●			●				●
Centennial Elementary	●					●	●			●	●			
Cheltenham Elementary	●					●	●			●				

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Colorado High School Charter/GES								•	•								
Colfax Elementary	•	•					•	•	•			•					
Columbian Elementary	•							•	•			•					
Compassion Road Academy								•	•								
Cowell Elementary	•		•					•	•			•					
Center for Talent Development at Greenlee	•							•	•			•					
DCIS Baker	•							•	•			•					
DCIS Fairmont	•							•	•			•					
Eagleton Elementary	•	•					•	•	•			•					
Edison Elementary	•							•	•			•					
Emily Griffith Technical College		•						•	•			•					
Fairview Elementary	•		•					•	•		•	•					
Girls Athletic Leadership School	•							•	•			•					

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Garden Place Academy	●						●	●		●				
International Academy of Denver at Harrington	●						●	●	●	●				
Lake Campus: Lake Middle School/STRIVE Prep – Lake	●						●	●		●				●
North Campus: North High School/STRIVE Prep – Excel/North Engagement Center	●				●		●	●		●				●
RiseUp Community High School							●	●						
Rocky Mountain Prep: Berkeley							●	●						
Skinner Middle School	●						●	●		●				
Smedley Campus: Denver Online High School/Denver Montessori Junior/Senior High School	●		●				●	●		●	●			
STRIVE Prep – Sunnyside	●						●	●	●	●				
Swansea Elementary	●						●	●		●				
Trevista at Horace Mann	●						●	●		●				

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University Prep - Steele	●						●	●		●	●			
University Prep - Arapahoe	●						●	●			●			
Valdez Elementary	●						●	●			●			●
West Early College/ West Leadership Academy	●		●		●		●	●		●	●	●		

