



TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA
October 21, 2024
4:30 PM

I. Study Session Items

1. RESOLUTION NO. 24-054
A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Parker Supporting the Douglas
County School District's 2024 Bond Ballot Initiative - Town Council

II. Staff Updates

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Michelle Kivela, Town Manager
DATE: October 21, 2024
SUBJECT: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Parker
Supporting the Douglas County School District's 2024 Bond Ballot Initiative

ISSUE:

On November 5, 2024, multiple items will be on the ballot for consideration by the Town of Parker's registered electors, including the Douglas County School District's \$490 Million Bond Initiative, Ballot Initiative 5A. The Douglas County School District has requested support for the initiative from the municipalities in the district, including Parker. A resolution has been prepared for Council's review and has been added to the October 21, 2024 regular meeting agenda for formal Council consideration.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

BACKGROUND:

The Douglas County School District board has placed on the November 5, 2024 ballot a Bond Ballot Initiative, 5A. The value of the bond is \$490 million. According to the district, the bond proceeds would be used for:

- Updating and equipping aging schools and facilities;
- Building additional career and technical education pathways, including for students with special educational needs, by constructing and expanding school facilities;
- Constructing, equipping, and expanding neighborhood schools to accommodate growth and reduce overcrowding; and
- Upgrading school safety and security.

The \$490 million bond would not increase taxes for Parker residents or any other residents of Douglas County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is seeking feedback from the Council on the draft resolution in support of the ballot measure.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

Staff is seeking feedback from the Council on the draft resolution in support of the ballot measure.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution No. 24-054

RESOLUTION NO. 24-054, Series of 2024

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARKER
SUPPORTING THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2024 BOND
BALLOT INITIATIVE 5A**

WHEREAS, the Douglas County School District has referred a \$490 million bond initiative to the registered electors of Douglas County for the November 5, 2024, election; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County School District Staff has determined that it is in the best interest of the District and necessary to enhance educational opportunities for students that an investment be made in updating and equipping aging schools and facilities; building additional career and technical education pathways, including for students with special educational needs, by constructing and expanding school facilities; constructing, equipping, and expanding neighborhood schools to accommodate growth and reduce overcrowding; and, upgrading school safety and security; and

WHEREAS, it is our combined community goal to ensure that Douglas County is an attractive place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, it is in our collective best interest to attract and keep businesses in Douglas County, as important components of a thriving economy; and

WHEREAS, a high-quality school system, which requires high-quality teachers and staff, attracts businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, total program funding for Douglas County School District remains unchanged when more dollars are collected locally as total program funding is set annually by the State Legislature under the School Finance Act and is funded by a combination of local and state dollars such that when local funding increases, state funding decreases; and

WHEREAS, the \$490 million bond will help update and equip aging schools and facilities including making necessary updates to schools in the Town of Parker; and

WHEREAS, the \$490 million bond will help fund new neighborhood schools and invest in security, special education, information technology, athletics, activities, and transportation throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of REALTORS® analysis positively correlates thriving school districts with strong enrollment and increased home values, resulting in all taxpayers and homeowners within the Douglas County School District benefitting from successful mill and bond elections; and

WHEREAS, the \$490 million bond would not increase current tax rates

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARKER, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town Council of the Town of Parker supports passage of the Douglas County School District's Bond initiative.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

TOWN OF PARKER, COLORADO

Jeff Toborg, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chris Vanderpool, Town Clerk