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BOND - Capital Operations				
Adams 12 Five Star	Bond	\$220,000,000	Extending the useful life of existing school buildings, renovating and equipping classrooms to promote teaching skills necessary in preparing students to compete in 21st century workforce, updating and enhancing school buildings to improve safety and security and constructing two new schools to address growth and overcrowding and expanding three elementary schools	
Adams 14 Commerce City	Bond	\$95,700,000	New Middle School; District-wide renovation and modify existing Elementary Schools for Universal Preschool Program and providing and upgrading health and safety requirements district-wide.	
Adams 50 Westminster	Bond / BEST	\$20,000,000	Providing safety and security improvements as needed including fire alarm upgrades, security cameras, more secure entry ways and vestibules at schools; providing matching money for any state BEST grants to repair and replace aging roofs; expanding and renovating existing facilities for teaching high-tech science and mat based job skills needed for college or success in the job market of the future; acquiring and installing air condition units in the five remaining elementary schools currently operating without them; extending eat life of current classrooms and schools by repairing, renovating, and/or replacing electrical wiring, heating and ventilation systems, plumbing and sewer systems, interior and exterior finishes, and such other improvements as are necessary	
Boulder	Bond	\$576,400,000	Build, repair & maintenance: \$333.2M. New schools/additions \$70.9M, District wide needs \$54M, Security & Safety \$8.9M, Technology \$12.3M, Athletic/fitness \$18.5M, Education Innovation \$21.8M.	
Brighton 27J	Bond	\$148,000,000	Build new schools, renovate existing schools, attend to district's infrastructure needs, extend fiber optic network, address safety issues.	
Cheyenne Mountain 12	Bond	\$45,000,000	Reconstruction of Cheyenne Mountain High School and miscellaneous improvements to other sites.	
Elizabeth	Bond	\$2,500,000	Critical infrastructure (roofs, fire alarms, emergency communication, etc.)	
Falcon 49	Bond	\$107,400,000	Build 3 new schools (2 elementary, 1 middle) and renovate 6 schools.	
Garfield 16	Bond	\$30,077,287	Acquire, construct, repair and improve district capital assets; improve safety and security at district facilities; address failing roofs, windows, and lighting in district schools; upgrade instructional technology infrastructure to modern standards; add vocational instructional space and bus maintenance; repair and improve athletic fields and facilities; replace outdated heating and cooling equipment to more energy efficient systems; upgrade hardscapes and landscaping to conserve water.	

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Mapleton	Bond	\$67,000,000	Construct, acquire, improve, equip and provide improvements to District facilities; Extend the useful life of aging school buildings by making necessary repairs and improvements to flooring, roofs, HVAC systems, plumbing and electrical system, and/or undertaking renovations or replacements where necessary; Renovate and repair school buildings to improve security and comply with current safety codes, such as updated fire systems	
Ouray	Bond	\$2,500,000	Essential life safety, code compliance and building life extension projects	
Platte Valley RE-7	Bond- 3B	\$16,525,000	Focus on addressing high priority school facility needs: School safety - updating fire alarm systems at middle school; Extend useful life of existing school facilities by making critical repairs/improvements; Replace outdated roofs and HVAC units; Plumbing improvements & resurfacing parking lots; Address health and safety codes in MS kitchen; Repair and improve softball and baseball fields and football stadium; Add instructional space for preschool programming; Replace school buses/vehicles which have exceeded their useful life; Replace outdated technology infrastructure to benefit all district schools. No expected increase in tax rate as result of increase in district's total assessed value.	
Platte Valley RE-7	Bond - 3C		Auxiliary gymnasium: Connected to high school, used for athletic and physical education programs, including wrestling; available to community use. As result of increase in district's total assessed value, district's mill levy is projected to go down - even with approval.	
Telluride	Bond	\$24,000,000	Two-story addition of 10 classrooms, interior remodel to expanded kitchen and cafeteria, increased gym, recreation and arts facilities, more secure entry areas in both of the district's school buildings and a turf field. Energy efficiency will be improved. Dedicated dance studio and a small "black box" theater - includes intended for use by the community	
Weld RE-1	Bond	75,000,000	Reconfiguration of schools - Early Childhood Center, Primary, Intermediate, Jr. High and High School; New Jr. High for 7th & 8th Grade; new Career Technical Center for 7-12; repurposing current elementary school to an early childhood center and adult learning center; gymnasium addition to Platteville elementary; Classroom addition to North Valley Intermediate School; updates and renovation to all schools; and Athletic facility upgrades and improvements.	
Weld Re-9 Highland / Ault	Bond	\$10,700,000	Ault Campus renovation	
16 - Bond Elections				
Bond Total Dollars		\$1,440,802,287		

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BEST Building Excellent Schools Today) Grant - Capital				
Edison 54 JT	BEST	\$325,000	Bond pending receiving \$11,000,000 BEST grant to build addition to MS/HS building to address crowding and safety issues	
1 - Total BEST Elections				
BEST Total dollars		\$325,000		
MILL LEVY OVERRIDE - General Operations				
Arickaree R2	MLO	\$250,000	Operational, maintain services	We have used \$600,000 in reserves to operate. We will combine three grade levels and cut a minimum of two teachers and our only maintenance position, cut one bus route, raise food prices, and four day week.
Adams 12 Five Star	MLO	\$15,000,000	Providing updated textbooks, technology and instructional materials, attracting and retaining highly effective teachers, offering additional specialized classes for students and restoring preventative maintenance programs, previously cut to enhance and maintain the value of school buildings.	
Adams 14 Commerce City	MLO	\$4,980,000	Adding additional classroom support to implement new educational opportunities and programs	
Adams 50 Westminster	MLO	\$2,500,000	Support academic programming focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) as well as practical vocational training, offset future budget cuts that impact classroom sizes and arts, theater and music programs, keep highly qualified teachers in the classroom and support the continued implementation of the district's successful Competency Based System (CBS).	
Brush RE-2(J)	MLO	\$1,100,000	6 year sunset. Restore prior year instructional cuts and prevent \$400,000 in reductions next year	District reduced budget by \$550,000 for current year.
Burlington RE-6J	MLO	3.515 Mills	Improving School safety and security; repairing existing facilities to extend their useful life; replacing student transportation vehicles, and providing relief from state and federal regulations that have limited local control.	
Cheyenne Mountain 12	MLO	n/a	Request the current total mill levy cap of 50 mills be increased to a maximum of 53 mills.	
Elizabeth	MLO	\$1,000,000	Attracting and retaining talented teachers, student and staff safety and security, classroom and instructional technology.	

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Ellicott School District 22	MLO	5 mills	Upgrade sports facilities, expires in 5 years.	
Falcon 49	MLO	\$0	Voter approval to redirect a portion of the 2005 override for operations instead of repaying certificates of participation the district issued for capital needs. Of \$7.5M collected per year, about \$2.5M would go for operation needs: teacher compensation, educational programming, instructional technology, and safety and security.	
Garfield 16	MLO	\$1,171,002	To be used for educational purposes, including but not limited to: Recruiting, training, and retaining quality teachers and staff; replacing outdated textbooks and educational materials.	
Gunnison Re1J	MLO	\$2,500,000	\$2.5M to move kids forward.	District underfunded by \$1.9M from state for 14-15. District frozen for 6 years due to Negative Factor, per pupil funding at 2009 level. 5.4 mills
Harrison School District 2	MLO	\$2,500,000	STEM Education (teachers & equipment), career and vocational education, arts program	No property tax increase for homeowners; moves proceeds from retiring bonds to operations
Holyoke	MLO	2.5 MLO beginning January 2016	New 2.5 MLO beginning January 2016, extending 5 years until 2021.	
Liberty District J-4	MLO	\$265,000	Operating funds to attract and retain quality teachers and programs.	Last year we eliminated the 2 & 3rd grade position and the secondary Language Arts position and gave some our existing teachers a much heavier workload.
Mapleton	MLO	\$2,500,000	Educational purposes, expand learning opportunities for students to receive additional instruction, including summer programs; Help students continue to succeed and maintain the School District's high college acceptance rate; Provide students with technology necessary to develop and enhance the skills needed for success in college and the workplace; Attract and retain quality teachers.	
Meeker School District Re-1	MLO	\$949,921	Restore class offerings and class size; attract and retain quality staff and preserve safe learning environment for kids.	
Montrose RE-1J	MLO	\$2,900,000	Hire teachers, learning and curriculum materials, Professional Development, technology and classroom environment	We do not currently have a Mill Levy Override

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Peyton 23 JT	MLO	n/a	Opt out of revenue and spending limits imposed by the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) for 7 years. District would use the revenues to pursue grants to enhance learning.	
Platte Valley RE-7	MLO		Renew of existing MLO for 5 more years; recruit, train and retain quality teachers and staff; maintain class sizes; Instructional technology; Replace outdated textbook and materials; maintain music, gifted/talented and related programs. Requires no increase in the current tax rate.	
South Routt	MLO	\$354,357	Reauthorize MLO passed in 2010	
Weld Re-3J Keenesburg	MLO	\$3,300,000	1) Improving school security; 2) Maintaining and enhancing instructional programs and instructional technology; 3) recruiting, training, and retaining high quality teachers and support staff by maintaining competitive salaries and benefits; 4) funding capital needs and improvements and maintenance of facilities	Including language in the ballot question to increase annually to an amount not to exceed 25% of the district's total program funding.
22 - Mill Levy Override Elections				
MLO Subtotal (exclude specific Mill amount dollars)		\$38,770,280		
LOCAL SALES TAX				
Denver	Sales Tax	In 2013 generated \$11,800,000.	Extend and raise sales tax to fund preschool program, provides need-based tuition scholarships for Denver 4 yr. olds. Extends to 2026. Increases Denver sales tax from \$0.12 to \$0.15 per \$100. Current preschool tax sunsets in 2016.	Denver City Council placed on ballot.
1 - Local Sales Tax Elections				