

# **Weld County School District RE-5J**

**Johnstown-Milliken**

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# OUR VISION FOR WELD RE-5J STUDENTS

We want our students to be ...

**Able to  
achieve high  
expectations**



**Life-long  
learners**





# ASPIRATIONS

We aspire to be a district that...

- Is guided by **shared goals** and a **shared vision** for educating our children
- Demonstrates **excellence** at every level
- Is fiscal and **resource-responsible**
- Seeks and invests in the most **capable and talented staff**



What we need to do now to prepare Weld RE-5J students for this future we envision.



- Share stories of success that align with our vision and **shine a positive light on our students and schools**
- **Cultivate a collaborative culture** among board, leadership, buildings, staff, students, and parents
- Align **curriculum, instruction, and professional development** P-21
- **Conduct continuous improvement conversations** based on assessments and evaluations that allow us to take stock of what is effective / ineffective
- **Energize and engage our entire community** in becoming an active part of the education process; communicate with stakeholders about how they can support us



# WELD RE-5J STUDENTS

What our students need to be doing in their classrooms and at home.

## Classroom

- Gaining 21st century skills
- Owning their learning and educational experience; knowing what success is and how to achieve it
- Embracing challenges
- Being encouraged to set ambitious goals



## Home

- Understanding the value of education
- Feeling their parents/family are engaged in their education
- Being encouraged and supported to reach their goals
- Taking pride in their community

# OUR VISION **IN ACTION**

What our schools need to do to get ready.

**Collaboration**

**Growth  
Mindset**

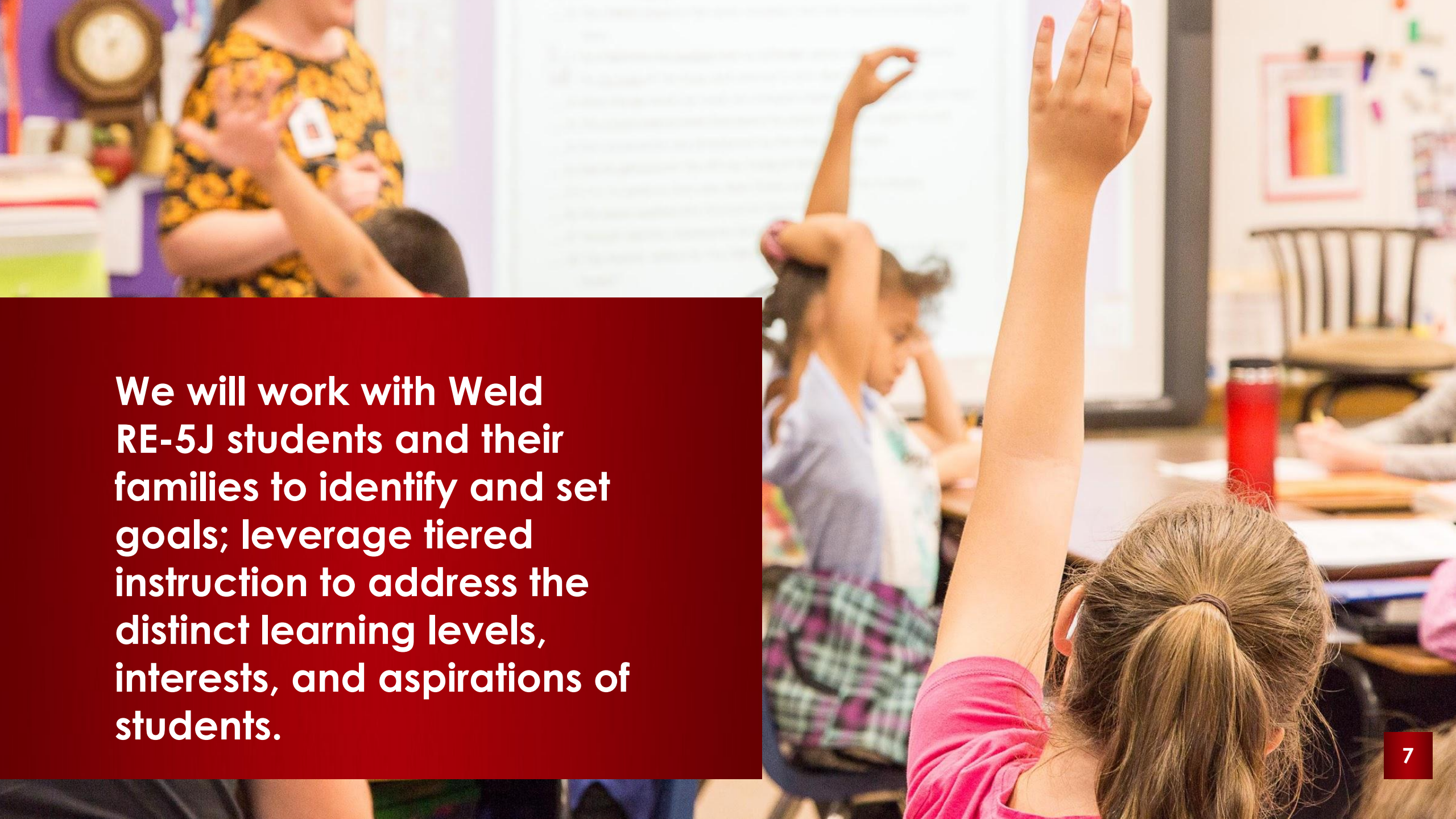
**Student  
Goals**

**Differentiate  
Instruction**



**Accountability for Student Success**





**We will work with Weld RE-5J students and their families to identify and set goals; leverage tiered instruction to address the distinct learning levels, interests, and aspirations of students.**



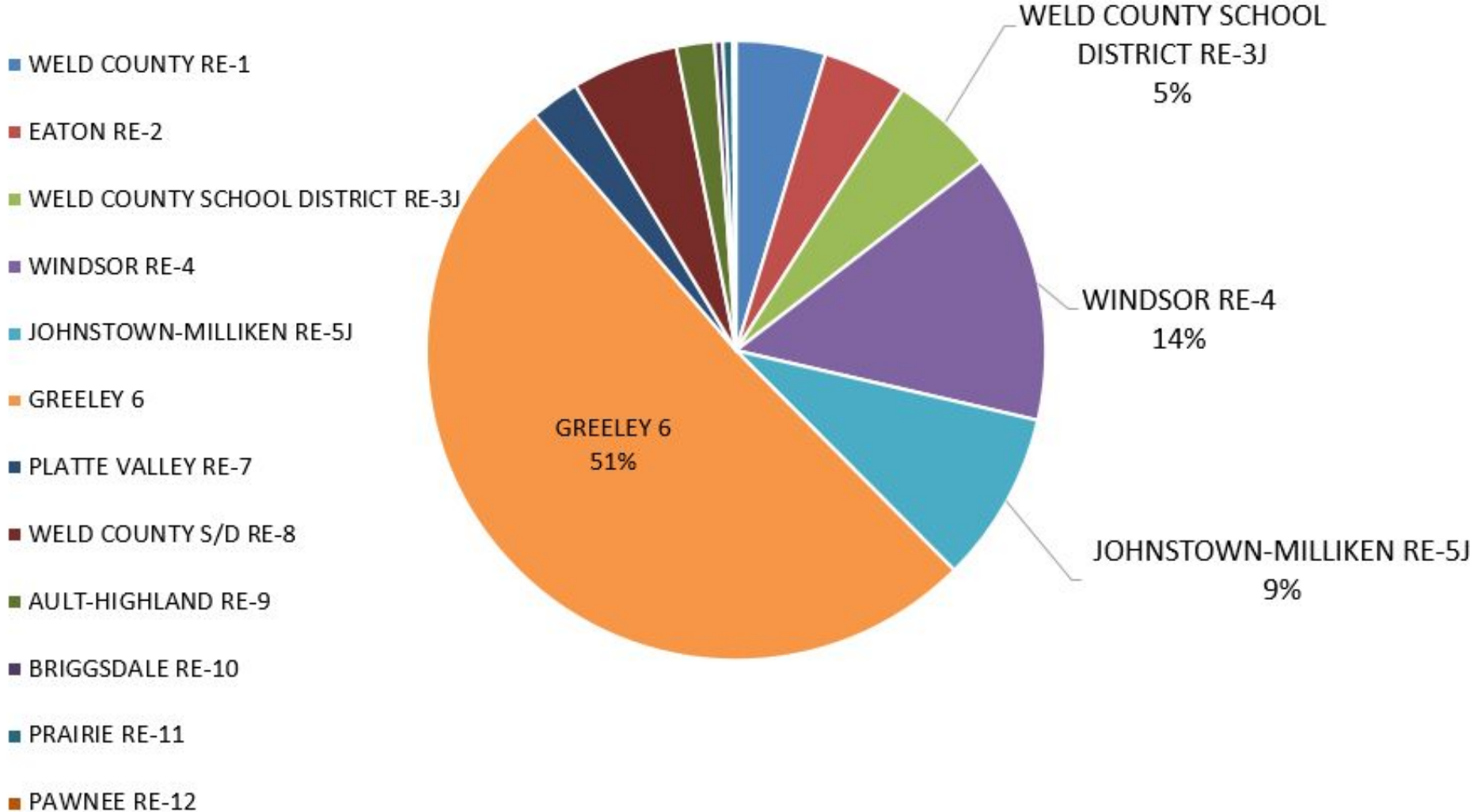


# IMPROVEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL FACILITIES



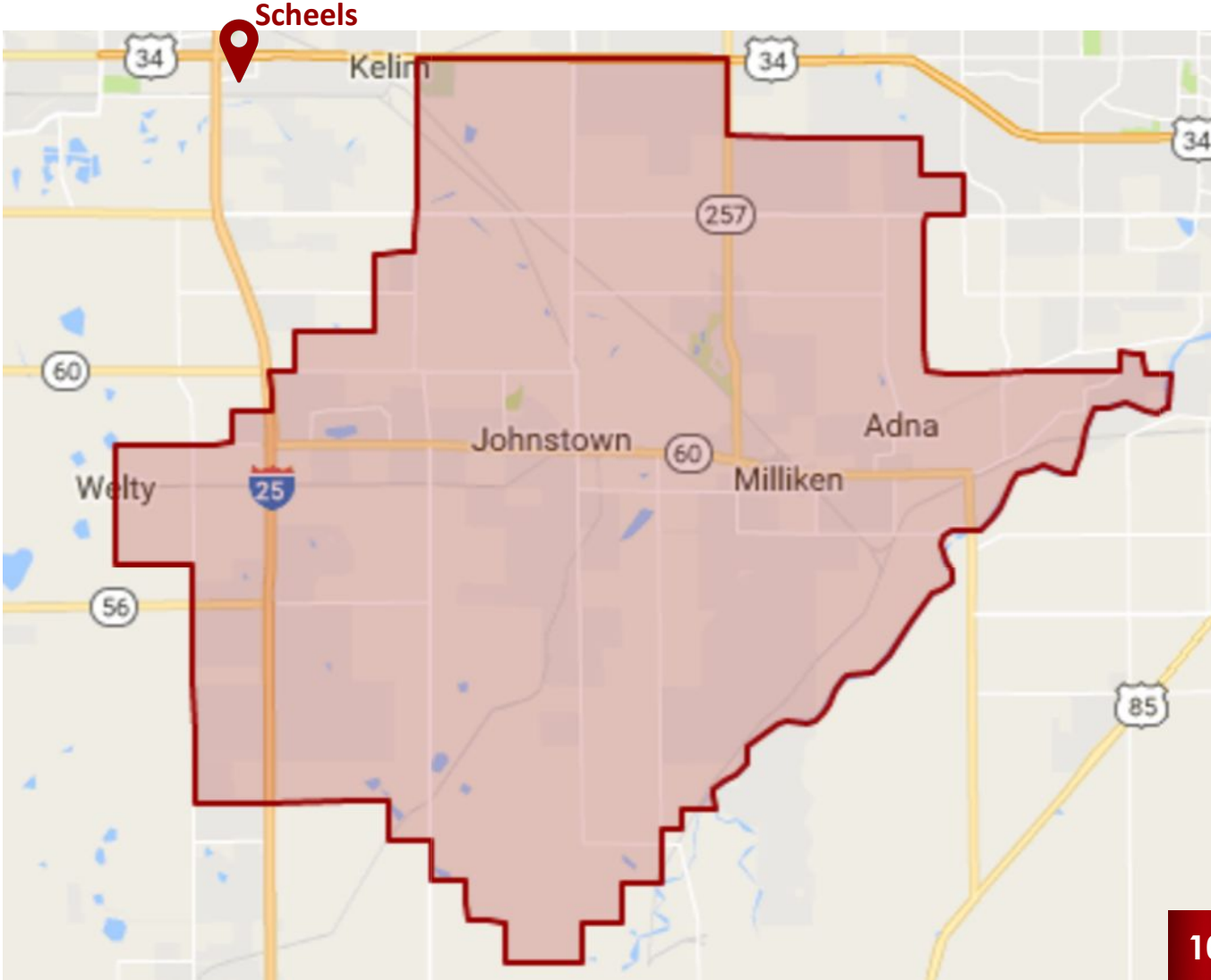
# WELD RE-5J SCHOOL DISTRICT OVERVIEW

In 2016-2017, Weld RE-5J served 9% of the 42,872 students in Weld County.



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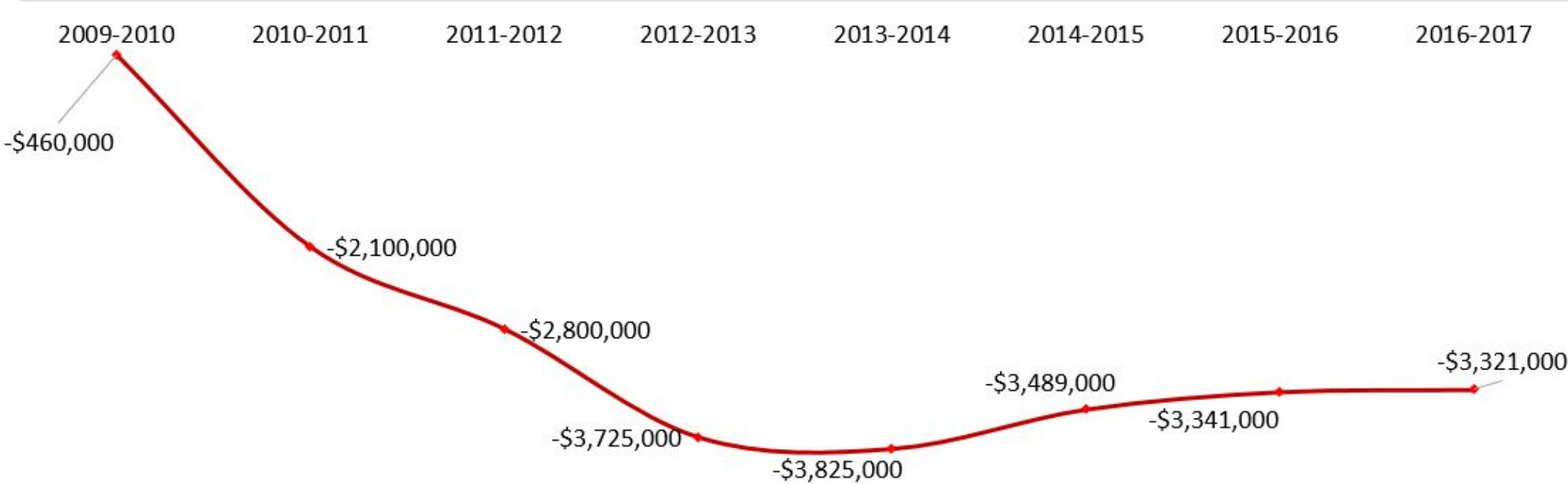
Johnstown Plaza, an 80-acre project that includes the Scheels store and 900,000 square feet of retail space is located in neighboring Thompson School District.





# WELD RE-5J SCHOOL DISTRICT OVERVIEW

- **Since 2009-2010, Weld RE-5J has lost a combined total of \$23 million to Colorado’s budget-balancing tool, the budget stabilization factor, formerly the negative factor.**
- The \$3.3 million we lost this year alone, could have paid for an additional 48 teachers.\*
- By 2017-2018 the combined estimated amount the district will have lost to the negative factor (\$26.8 million) is almost enough to construct a new elementary school.



\*Based on average salary and benefits of \$69,000.

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2016-2017 CHOICE DATA





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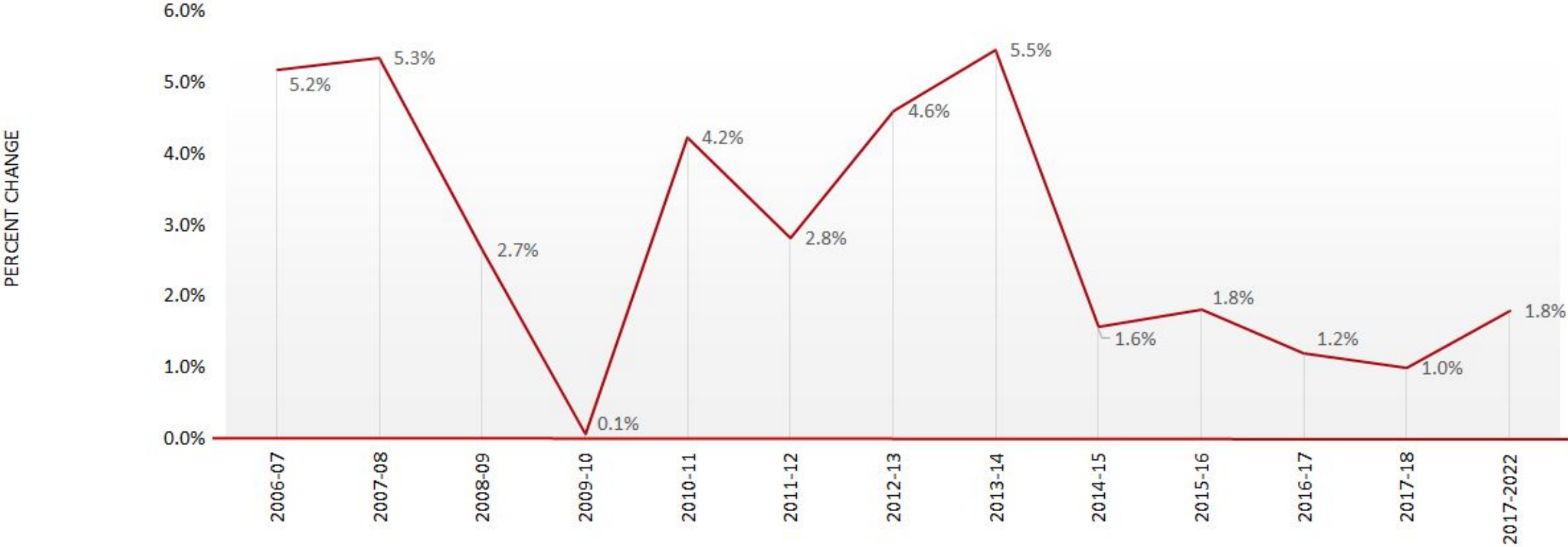
In 2017-18, Weld RE-5J is serving 3,870 students in 6 schools.

		Building Capacity	2017-18 Enrollment*	Construction to Increase Capacity
	High School	976	961**	1996, 2004, 2007
	Middle School	928	753	1992, 1996, 2004
	Letford Elementary	624	515	1954 (plus several additions)
	Milliken Elementary	676	585	1976 (plus several additions)
	Pioneer Ridge Elem.	728	629	2005, (plus 2014 addition)
	Charter School (K-8)	410	405	

\*10/9/17 enrollment count/\*\*RHS student enrollment does not include RHS Online students

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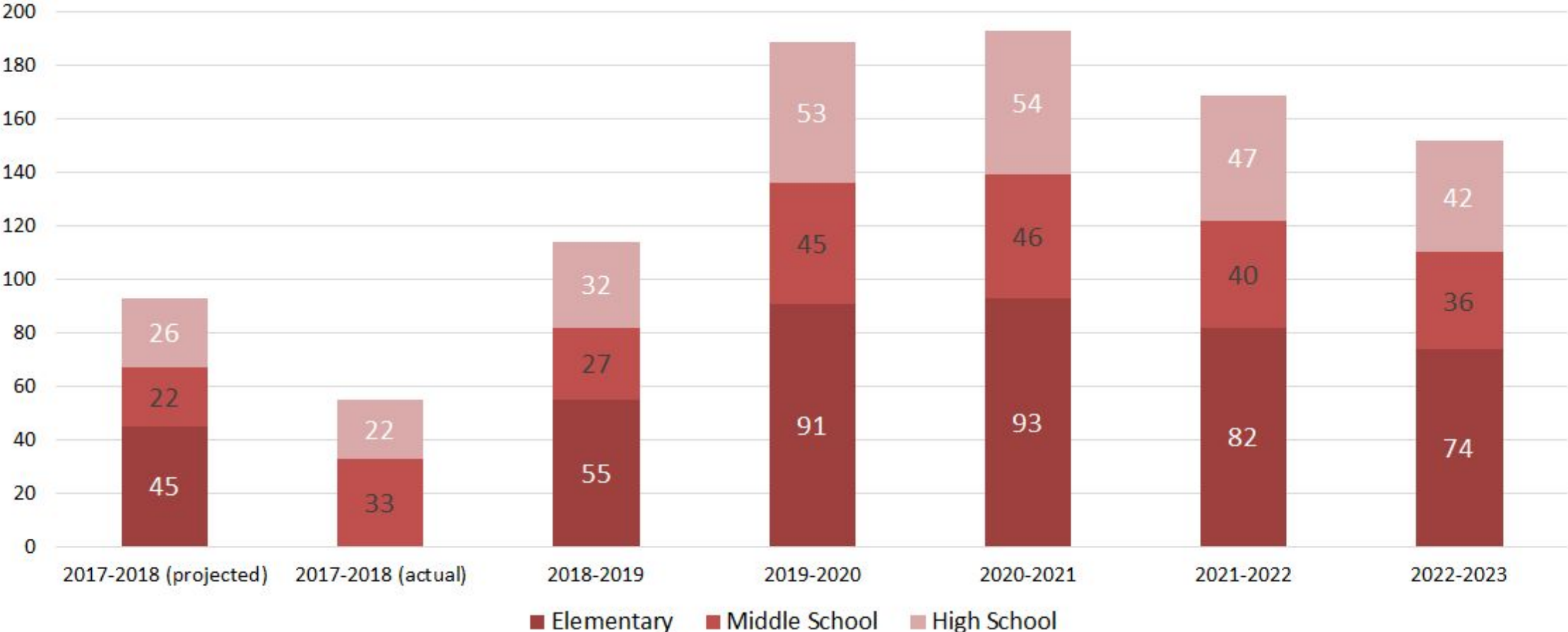
## ANNUAL ENROLLMENT CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR





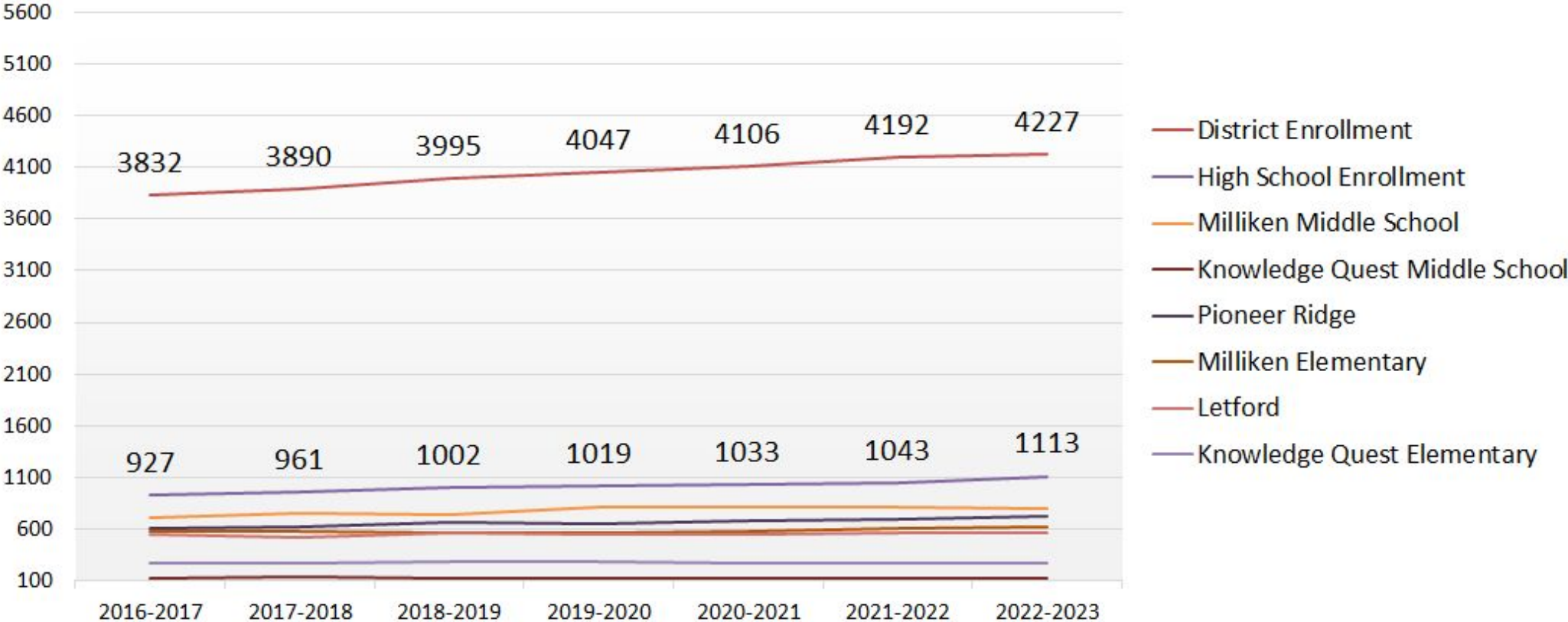
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Potential Additional Enrollment Each Year by School Level 2017-2022\*



# WELD RE-5J SCHOOL DISTRICT OVERVIEW

Enrollment in our district is virtually flat – expected to grow only 1.8% Every school year 2017-2022.



\*Based on development expectations



# WELD RE-5J SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES

- Visual studies of each school and site, by the architect and engineering team
- Documentation of existing facility conditions
- Cost analysis (repair or replace), by a general contractor (Adolfson & Peterson)
- Initial prioritization of assessment items



**\$116.6 MILLION**

Recommended maintenance and repairs to all district facilities\* (does not include new facilities)

**\$38 MILLION**

High priority maintenance and repairs

*Depending on the project, maintenance and repairs may take 1-2 school years to complete.*

## YEAR BUILT

Roosevelt	Milliken MS	Letford	Milliken ES	Pioneer Ridge	KQA *
1967	1967	1954	1976	2005	2006

\*KQA facility needs were not assessed as part of this process

# WELD RE-5J SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES

	# of students	Cost
Hayden High School	886	\$76.2M
Severance High School	989	\$80.4M
Wellington High School	1,143	\$101.9M
Estimates for a new, 1,200-student high school in Weld RE-5J, are \$103.5M*		
Natrona County High School	1,669	\$140M
Thompson High School	1,600	\$140.3M
Prospect High School	1,686	\$151.M

According to the Colorado School Finance Project, last November, **voters in 21 school districts in our state approved over \$3.2 billion in bond issues** to build new schools and expand and improve others.

*\*Colorado School Finance Project*





# WELD RE-5J SCHOOL DISTRICT **MILL LEVY OVERRIDE (MLO)**

**Monies from a MLO are used for operating expenses not for major repairs and renovations to existing school buildings, additions to schools or new school buildings.**

## **Examples of possible uses for MLO funding in Weld RE-5J:**

- Operations/staffing for new high school\*
- Safety and security enhancements
- Class size relief districtwide
- Technology and curricular resource that enhance learning (e.g., Stem Smart Labs)
- Enhanced counseling services (elementary, college and career, etc)
- Full-day kindergarten\*
- Enhanced intervention programs (e.g., reading teachers, ESL, special needs teachers)
- Increased secondary elective options
- Increased concurrent enrollment and advanced placement options
- Enhanced districtwide gifted programming
- Enhanced 21st Century Learning skills

*\* Currently applies to package 1 only*



## POTENTIAL PROJECT “PACKAGES”

1

- New High School
- Transportation Center
- Critical Maintenance Projects
- Charter School Participation
- \$5M Mill Levy Override

2

- High School Addition (e.g., Innovation Center)
- Middle School Renovation
- Transportation Center
- Critical Maintenance Projects
- Charter School Participation
- \$3M Mill Levy Override

3

- Critical Maintenance Projects
- Charter School Participation



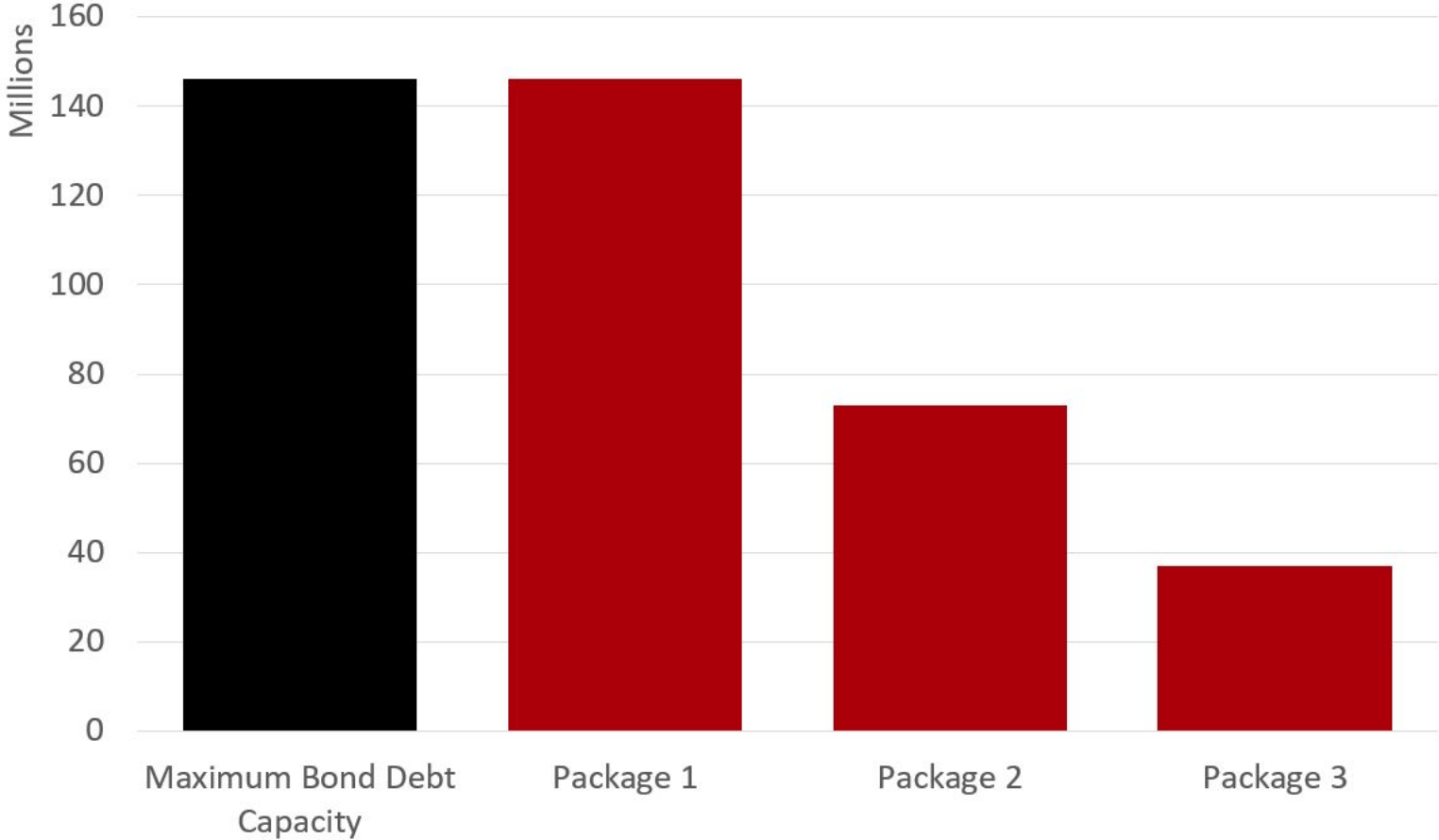
# WELD RE-5J SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDING CAPACITY



**\$154M MAXIMUM BONDING CAPACITY**  
based on 6% actual value\*

Current bonded debt  
~\$9M

The most bond debt  
RE-5J can incur **\$146M**



*\*Preliminary actual value (and existing bond principal reduction) to be finalized in late November*



# WELD RE-5J SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND **TAXPAYER BURDEN**

## Cost of a potential Bond & Mill Levy Override (MLO) Per \$200K, \$300K, and \$400K of Residential Property Value



1

\$146M Bond & \$5M MLO

2

\$73M Bond & \$3M MLO

3

\$37M Bond

*Per \$200,000 residential property value*

Additional \$488 per year  
Current tax bill \$356  
Total \$844 per year for schools

Additional \$234 per year  
Current tax bill \$356  
Total \$590 per year for schools

Additional \$38 per year  
Current tax bill \$356  
Total \$394 per year for schools

*Per \$300,000 residential property value*

Additional \$732 per year  
Current tax bill \$534  
Total \$1,266 per year for schools

Additional \$351 per year  
Current tax bill \$534  
Total \$885 per year for schools

Additional \$57 per year  
Current tax bill \$534  
Total \$591 per year for schools

*Per \$400,000 residential property value*

Additional \$976 per year  
Current tax bill \$712  
Total \$1,688 per year for schools

Additional \$468 per year  
Current tax bill \$712  
Total \$1,180 per year for schools

Additional \$76 per year  
Current tax bill \$712  
Total \$788 per year for schools

*Commercial property impacts are four times the residential impact*

*Notes: Term of bond is 25 years; Bond/MLO payment calculations prepared by RBC Capital Markets*

# A Facility Improvements Task Force will form in Fall 2017 to examine the district's facility issues.



12  
parent reps,  
two from  
each school  
in the District

4  
community  
reps with no  
students in  
school

4  
admins –  
elementary  
middle sch.  
charter sch.  
high school

2  
liaisons –  
Supt., BOE  
member

*There will be an online application process. Parents reps will be chosen by BACs and community reps by the DAC.*

- The BOE will determine the scope of work that will be undertaken.
- Facility Improvements Task Force members will commit to becoming informed on the district's facility issues and hearing presentations from district committees, architects and other experts, teachers, students, leaders etc.
- They will provide input and recommendations related to potential project “packages” that the **Board of Education will consider referring to voters in November 2018.**

# Facility Improvements Task Force **Application**

- **Online application opens Friday, October 13 and closes Friday, November 3**
- Parents will receive email notification with a link to application
- Community will be notified via Johnstown Breeze and Facebook
- Online application can be completed at the Weld RE-5J district office for those without computer or internet access
- Applicants will receive notification on November 17





# DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (DAC)

The DAC...

- Makes recommendations to the Board of Education concerning student and community growth and the related impact on district facilities and budget.
- Studies the district-wide programmatic implications of potential bond and mill levy override project packages.
- Monitors school and district achievement.







## Design Leadership Teams

Staff meets with the architect to provide ideas and input on potential renovations and/or new construction at the middle school and high school.



# WELD RE-5J FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS TIMELINE



<b>September 2017</b>	Announce October Community Meeting date/time
<b>October 2017</b>	Community Meeting Application for Facility Improvements Task Force opens
<b>November 2017</b>	Facility Improvements Task Force members selected/notified Design Leadership Team Meeting #1
<b>December 2017</b>	Facility Task Force Meeting #1 - December 6, 2017
<b>January 2018</b>	Facility Task Force Meeting #2 - January 16, 2018 Design Leadership Team Meeting #2
<b>February 2018</b>	Design Leadership Team Meetings #3 and #4 Community survey launched
<b>March 2018</b>	Facility Task Force Meeting #3 - March 14, 2018
<b>April/May 2018</b>	Community Meeting Facility Task Force makes recommendation to School Board





**THANK YOU**

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