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Dear Columbia Community,

This fall, the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education is putting an initiative on the ballot seeking voter approval of a mill levy override to increase funding for our schools. We are sharing this letter to address common questions about what this might mean for your family and your community.

What is included in the 2017 mill levy proposal for my school?

The mill levy proposal includes the following investments for YOUR school:

- New full-time School Counselor position
- Increased time and access to a School Nurse
- \$372,000 for upgrades to the Heating and Air Conditioning Systems
- \$38,000 for building safety, electrical, gas and water upgrades

The mill levy proposal includes these annual investments that will benefit ALL District 11 schools:

- **Great Teachers** – A \$15.25 million per year investment to attract and retain great teachers and to reduce classroom sizes.
- **Classroom Technology** – A \$1.32 million per year investment to ensure students have the tools to prepare them for the 21st Century workplace.
- **School Safety** – A \$4.87 million per year investment in enhancing school safety, providing more school counselors, mental health professionals and resource officers.
- **School Maintenance** – A \$17.55 million per year investment to provide critical repairs to dated buildings, stay current on maintenance, and responsibly modernize aging classrooms.

What are the costs associated with these proposals?

The mill levy proposal, if approved, is expected to cost about \$14 per month or \$168 annually for owners of a District 11 home, valued at \$200,000.

THANK YOU for your attention to these important issues. If you have additional questions, please visit dll.org/mlo or reach out to me directly at nicholas.gledich@d11.org.

Best,
Dr. Nicholas Gledich
District 11 Superintendent