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Dear West 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

*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](http://dll.org/mlo) or reach out to me directly at [nicholas.gledich@d11.org](mailto:nicholas.gledich@d11.org).

Best,  
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