



## **Formal Declaration of Opposition to PSD 2016 Bond and Mill Levy Override Liberty Common School Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of Liberty Common School opposes the Poudre School District 2016 Bond and Mill-Levy Override, appearing as issues 3B and 3C on ballots in the Poudre School District. The reasons for opposing the bond and mill levy override are:

- Charter school students make up 7.5% of Poudre School District's student population, yet will only receive 0.1% of money raised by the bond.
- Out of a \$375,000,000 bond, Liberty Common School will receive only \$150,000.
- While other schools in the Poudre School District will use bond money to maintain infrastructure such as roofing, flooring, and HVAC units, Poudre School District will not permit charter schools to spend their minimal bond allocations on these items. Only items that PSD can place an asset tag on (like desks and bookshelves) will be permitted.
- Other districts such as Cherry Creek, Brighton, Boulder Valley, Adams, Jefferson, and Thompson have given or are giving fair inclusion of charter schools in their bond issues.
- The cost of constructing new schools in PSD funded by this bond will be \$76,000 per student. This amount is excessive in comparison to elsewhere in the state, such as the Denver Conservatory Green Campus at \$24,000 per student, and the proposed combined Loveland high school, swimming pool, and sports complex at \$58,000 per student.
- Poudre School District has \$500,000,000 dollars in deferred maintenance, yet only \$40,000,000 of the bond (out of \$375,000,000) will be used to support existing facilities, with most of the money being used for new construction that will also have to be maintained.

The Liberty Common Board of Directors judges that the minimal restricted money that Liberty Common School will receive does not justify the amount of taxes Liberty families will be paying to fund this bond. Therefore, the Liberty Common Board of Directors formally and unanimously opposes the Poudre School District 2016 Bond and Mill Levy Override, and encourages its parent community to vote "NO" on PSD ballot issues 3B and 3C and to spread the word to their family members, neighbors, and friends who live in the district to also vote "NO" on these measures.

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