

# Aurora School Districts Ask Voters to Consider Schools this Election

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This election, voters are being asked by local school districts to consider schools on November 8<sup>th</sup>. It is an important one, as BOTH Aurora Public Schools and Cherry Creek School Districts have Bond Initiatives! Get to know the requests and be sure YOU are ready to cast your vote!

[Aurora Public Schools](#): The \$300 million bond measure proposes to address key projects such as:

- Decreasing classroom size
- Building repairs and improvements
- Security enhancements
- Computer and technology upgrades
- Building a new school for Mrachek Middle School
- Building a new 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school in northwest Aurora and a new preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in east Aurora
- Constructing a building that APS may lease to a state institution of higher education to provide students with more postsecondary learning opportunities

[Cherry Creek Schools](#): The \$250 million bond measure proposes to address key projects of need such as:

- Decreasing classroom size
- Building repairs and improvements
- Building a new elementary and middle school
- Security enhancements
- Building a Career and Innovation Education Center
- Customized spaces for elementary and middle school innovation and collaboration

## **Register to vote!**

While you may register to vote in-person on the day of the election, save yourself the headache and get registered to vote in advance! Visit the [Secretary of State's website here](#) to register and/or to check your registration

status. Also, you can register to vote by text now! Eligible Coloradans can simply text the word “Colorado” or “CO” to “2Vote” (28683) on their smartphones, and then open the link to the online voter registration and election information site. It’s that easy.

### **Know your rights!**

Individuals with disabilities have the right to access the polling place and cast their votes, and polling places are required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to meet certain accessibility standards. If you have a disability and need assistance with casting your vote, you have the right to get help from a person of your choice to help you at the polls, including one of the election workers present that day. Also, consider casting your vote by mail so that you have the time and help need to make informed decisions!

### **What if I have trouble at the polling place?**

Despite the protection that the ADA offers individuals with disabilities when it comes to voting, history has shown that people with disabilities still face discrimination at the polls. This could be non-ADA compliant polling locations, or misinformed election workers, but it is never acceptable. If you have trouble at any point during the registration or voting process, call your advocate at The Arc of Aurora, or The Election Protection Coalition (EPC) at 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683). The EPC offers voter protection services and can help you understand your voting rights.