

TOWN OF NEDERLAND
Boulder County, Colorado

RESOLUTION 2013 - 11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN
OF NEDERLAND IN SUPPORT OF A BALLOT INITIATIVE
TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has faced multiple years of budget shortfalls resulting in more than \$1 billion in cuts and lost funding to K-12 over the past four years; and

WHEREAS, despite slight increases in K-12 spending for 2013-2014, Colorado school districts continue to experience financial difficulties due to persistent economic constraints, declines in revenues and increases in fixed costs such as insurance, fuel and utilities; and

WHEREAS, these cuts and lost funding have been implemented despite the Legislature's passage of multiple significant reform efforts, including but not limited to the Preschool to Postsecondary Education Alignment Act (CAP4K) (Senate Bill 08-212), the Education Accountability Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 09-163), the Educator Effectiveness Law (Senate Bill 10-191), and the Colorado READ Act (House Bill 12-1238); and

WHEREAS, reduced funding is directly impacting a district's ability to provide meaningful educational opportunities for all students and to implement existing and proposed education reforms; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ballot initiative to amend the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Revised Statutes will appear as Amendment 66 in the November 5, 2013 election and, if passed by the voters of the State of Colorado, will result in an income tax rate increase for Colorado citizens from 4.63% to 5% for those with a federal taxable income of \$75,000 or less and to 5.9% for federal taxable income over \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, the ballot initiative would require 43% of state revenues in any given year be specifically allocated to provide increased funding for Colorado's public education system; and

WHEREAS, the increase in state tax revenues will liberate state funds for spending in other significant areas of need in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, this increase in public education funding will significantly benefit the children of Colorado.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND, COLORADO:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees hereby officially declares its support of Amendment 66 to increase state income tax rates for the purpose of increasing funding of public education in the State of Colorado.

RESOLVED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 15th day of October, 2013.

TOWN OF NEDERLAND

By: 
Joe Gierlach, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michele Martin, Town Clerk

