**About Ballot Measure 4B**

A Trinidad School District 1 bond measure will be on the November 5, 2019 ballot, listed as Ballot Measure 4B, for the purpose of securing required matching funds for the awarded $11,040,260 B.E.S.T. Grant to renovate Trinidad Middle School, and address critical facility needs at Trinidad High School. Currently, a 20-year voter-approved bond issue passed in 1999 to fund the construction of Fisher’s Peak Elementary School is set to expire in 2020, and this measure would essentially ask voters to continue the bond levy, which is currently 4.569 mills.

The B.E.S.T. Grant, awarded to Colorado School Districts through a competitive application and interview process, requires recipients to provide a local match, or Matching Funds, if awarded. For TSD1, this equated to $4,509,402, or 29% of the estimated project cost. In addition to securing the local match, the bond issue funds would provide an additional ~$2.9 million that would be used to address the highest priority facility infrastructure needs that are critical to the operations and maintenance of Trinidad High School.

**What if Ballot Measure 4B is not passed?**

If 4B does not pass, Trinidad 1’s student and teachers would lose over $11 million of available funding. TSD1 will immediately forfeit the awarded B.E.S.T. Grant funds, and without the opportunity to find other sources of matching funds.

**What does this Bond Issue support?**

In total, the B.E.S.T. Grant and Bond Issue equate to a total of ~$18.4 million in funding, specifically used for capital improvement projects, with NO TAX INCREASE to you. These critical district facility infrastructure and student safety improvements, include:

1. The comprehensive renovation of Trinidad Middle School to address infrastructure, safety, security and technology needs
   - New heating, cooling, and fresh air ventilation systems, plumbing and electrical upgrades, bathroom renovations and interior finishes
   - Exterior façade and site improvements including new parking lot and roadways, sidewalk and curb improvements, improved site drainage, window and door replacement and masonry repointing
   - Educational technology upgrades, including a new districtwide data center and implementation of 30+ SMART Classrooms

2. Critical facility infrastructure upgrades for Trinidad High School including roof repair, heating and cooling system, and secured entry deficiencies

**Why does TSD1 Need a Bond Issue?**

Colorado K-12 School Districts rely on federal, state and local funds to operate and maintain our schools; but because the State of Colorado ranks nationally near the bottom in nearly all public school funding statistics, and the restrictions resulting from TABOR and the Negative Factor, only a limited amount of budget funds are available to properly address deferred maintenance needs or fund major capital improvement projects. Colorado’s school districts, like Trinidad 1, must often rely on voter-approved measures to bridge the gap for larger capital renewal/improvement projects.

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Colorado School Finance, visit: coloradoschoolfinanceproject.com
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