

The Longmont Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the St. Vrain Valley School District's 2024 Ballot Question 5C, proposing a \$739.8 million investment in our schools and communities without raising property taxes. This measure offers a crucial opportunity to enhance our already outstanding school district, ultimately improving our community's quality of life.

Acting now on this ballot could save the district \$200 million compared to delaying necessary infrastructure upgrades. The St. Vrain Valley School District has consistently demonstrated financial transparency and academic excellence, boasting the highest graduation and lowest dropout rates among Denver Metro area school districts. The proposed bond will support 36 projects focused on innovation, Career and Technical Education (CTE), and advancements in STEM education.

Moreover, this bond will benefit local businesses significantly. Key improvements include replacing 100 HVAC units, implementing 88 safety upgrades, enhancing building efficiency through 113 projects, and addressing 94 electrical and plumbing needs. The bond will also fund five new schools, generating jobs and expanding educational opportunities for our growing communities.

The benefits of supporting Ballot Question 5C extend beyond immediate improvements. By investing in our schools today, we ensure a highly skilled workforce for local businesses and economic growth for our communities.

We encourage all community members to support St. Vrain Valley School District's 2024 Ballot Question 5C. This investment will strengthen our schools, prepare our future workforce, and boost our local economy — all without increasing taxes. Voting yes on 5C is a win-win!

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