

2026 TABOR NOTICE

This notice is being sent because active registered voter(s) in this household are eligible voter(s) residing in the Garfield County portion of the Eagle County School District RE50J. You will also be sent an additional TABOR notice containing the other Garfield County ballot measures.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

COORDINATED ELECTION OFFICIAL: Jacklyn K Harmon, Garfield County Clerk & Recorder

ELECTION DATE: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

ELECTION DAY HOURS: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION BY MAIL BALLOT: Mail ballots for the General Election must be received by the Garfield County Clerk & Recorder's Office or be dropped in any Colorado county ballot box by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

ELECTION OFFICE: Garfield County Clerk & Recorder, 109 8th St, Suite 200, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

TELEPHONE: 970-384-3700 #2

WEBSITE: www.garfieldcountyco.gov

E-MAIL ADDRESS: elections@garfieldcountyco.gov

This Ballot Issue Notice was prepared in accordance with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and the Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended. The information contained in this Notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of the comments and the fiscal information. The Garfield County Clerk & Recorder's Office does not warrant, verify or confirm the accuracy or truth of the ballot issue language, fiscal information or comment summaries as presented below, nor is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation of the materials presented below. For further information or clarification concerning any of the following ballot issues, please contact the respective Designated Election Official/Local Election Office as indicated.

The Coordinated Election Official is not responsible for failure to meet the Article X, Section 20 constraints if the political subdivision fails to submit the notice and summaries within the deadline and in the form required by the Coordinated Election Official.

General Information

This is not a ballot. This notice is required pursuant to Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution. This notice is sent to households in Garfield County with registered voters who live within the boundaries of a Participating Entity with a tax question on the November 3, 2026, ballot. Receipt of this notice does not mean you will be eligible to vote on all the issues presented within the notice. Your voter registration address will determine which issues will be on your ballot.

For more information about the upcoming election, visit the Garfield County website at www.GarfieldCountyCo.gov or call the Elections Department at 970-384-3700 ext. 2.

Verify or update your current voter information at www.GoVoteColorado.gov.

Notice of 2026 General Election – November 3, 2026

All active voters will be mailed their ballots beginning October 6, 2026. All ballots must be returned to a drop box, voter service center, or the County Clerk's office in Glenwood by 7:00 PM on Election Day. If returning your ballot by mail, please allow adequate time for the USPS to deliver the ballot to the Clerk's Office. Postmarks do not count.

If you will be away from your home when ballots are mailed, please make sure that the Garfield County Clerk's office has your correct mailing address. **Ballots by law cannot be forwarded to another address.** Changes to a mailing address may be made online at www.GoVoteColorado.gov. For questions, call 970-384-3700 ext. 2 to reach the Garfield County Elections Department.

Important 2026 Election Dates:

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| Oct 6 | Garfield County begins mailing ballots to all active voters. | | |
| Oct 7 - Nov 3 | Ballot drop boxes are available beginning Wednesday, October 7, to receive voted ballots. Ballots are accepted until 7 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. All 24/7 ballot drop boxes are clearly marked as official Garfield County ballot drop boxes. All drop boxes are under 24-hour camera surveillance. | | |
| Oct 19 - Nov 2 | Voter Service and Polling Centers open for early voting
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| Oct 26 | Last day to register to vote or update your voter information and still be mailed a ballot. | | |
| Oct 31 | Voter Service and Polling Centers at the Glenwood Springs Community Center and the Garfield County Fairgrounds - South Hall in Rifle open from 8 AM to 5 PM. | | |
| Nov 3 | ELECTION DAY - Voter Service and Polling Centers are open from 7 AM to 7 PM at the following locations: Carbondale Town Hall (511 Colorado Ave), Glenwood Springs Community Center (100 Wulfsohn Rd), Garfield County Fairgrounds - South Hall (1001 Railroad Ave) and Parachute Town Hall (222 Grand Valley Way). | | |

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES
ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

Eagle County School District RE50J
Eagle, Garfield and Routt Counties, Colorado

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Natalia Olle
Designated Election Official
Eagle County School District RE50J
948 Chambers Avenue
Eagle, Colorado 81631
Telephone: (970) 328-4805

EAGLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE50J BALLOT ISSUE 5B:

SHALL EAGLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE50J TAXES BE INCREASED \$10.1 MILLION IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2027 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AN AMOUNT THAT, WHEN COMBINED WITH PRIOR VOTER APPROVED LEVIES FOR THE GENERAL FUND, EQUALS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 22-54-108(3)(B)(VI), WHICH WOULD COST A HOMEOWNER AN ESTIMATED \$11 PER MONTH PER \$1,000,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE BASED ON ASSESSMENT RATES AS OF DECEMBER 2025 AND DOES NOT REFLECT FUTURE CHANGES IN ASSESSED VALUE, ASSESSMENT RATE, OR LAW, TO FUND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING:

- RETAINING AND ATTRACTING HIGH-QUALITY TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF BY OFFERING SALARIES COMPETITIVE WITH NEIGHBORING MOUNTAIN DISTRICTS;
- STRENGTHENING READING, WRITING, AND MATH INSTRUCTION TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT;
- RESTORING ART, MUSIC, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION;
- ENSURING CONTINUED STUDENT ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS;

PROVIDED THAT NO REVENUES SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR SENIOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, AND SUCH REVENUES SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND, TO BE USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, AND SUCH TAXES SHALL BE LEVIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-108 AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE ABOVE AMOUNTS, WHICH LEVY SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE PROPERTY TAXES THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE LEVIED FOR THE GENERAL FUND; AND SHALL THE REVENUE FROM SUCH TAXES AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND EXEMPT FROM THE LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2026-2027 (estimated)	\$158,218,055
2025-2026 (unaudited)	\$150,172,876
2024-2025 (actual)	\$145,405,533
2023-2024 (actual)	\$140,271,264
2022-2023 (actual)	\$124,692,003

Overall percentage change from 2022-2023 to 2026-2027: 26.9%
Overall dollar change from 2022-2023 to 2026-2027: \$33,526,052

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount
of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE 5B: \$10,100,000

District Estimate of 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Spending
Without the Proposed Tax Increase: \$158,218,055

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 5B:

Public education in Colorado has always been underfunded when compared to the rest of the country, and this is not changing anytime soon. To compensate for insufficient funding from the state level, school districts rely on their local communities to provide necessary funding through voter-approved property tax-generated investments in local schools. 5B is a mill levy override that will provide ongoing support for people, programs and services in the Eagle County School District.

ECSD is already feeling the impact of inadequate school funding. This past spring, the district cut more than \$4 million and eliminated approximately 60 jobs for the 2026-2027 school year - resulting in reductions in programming and electives for students, and more challenges in retaining and recruiting necessary staff. All of this impacts our students and our local quality of life.

Retaining and attracting quality teachers and staff is especially challenging for ECSD because of the cost of living and the cost of affordable housing in Eagle County. Our current teacher and staff salaries are significantly less than the salaries offered by neighboring mountain school districts. Teachers and staff have left our schools for jobs in neighboring districts. 5B will help ECSD compete more effectively for quality teachers and staff, enabling the district to retain and recruit the best and brightest teachers and staff that our students deserve. Funds from 5B will not be used to increase compensation for senior district administrators.

Academic programming is a key priority, as is providing much needed student mental health services and counseling supports to ensure the success of every child. 5B will strengthen reading, writing, and math instruction by investing in teacher development and intervention programs to improve student achievement and growth. 5B will also restore art, music and physical education instruction in all schools through dedicated staff to deliver these programs across the district.

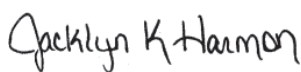
5B will provide immense value to students, helping to address ongoing challenges our community faces in accessible mental health support for our young people. ECSD has made a commitment through its School-Based Therapy Program to provide dedicated mental health professionals in schools. This program and other services are at risk due to the lack of sustainable funding. 5B will ensure ongoing critical student support services including mental health counseling, suicide prevention programs, and intervention specialists to work with students.

For the average home valued at \$1,000,000, the cost will be about \$133/year - roughly \$11/month. This investment generates funds that stay 100% local - keeping teachers in our classrooms and staff in our schools, maintaining educational programs, and ensuring mental health services to support all students.

5B is a local solution to our collective school funding challenges. We need our teachers and staff to remain in Eagle County, we need to ensure all students have access to the educational programs and individual support they need to be both successful in school and accomplish the great things we know they can do in their bright futures.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.



Certification:

Pursuant to C.R.S 1-7-905: I, Jacklyn K Harmon, Garfield County Clerk & Recorder hereby certify that the above ballot issue notices are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions. The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide ballot issue content, fiscal information, and a summary of pro and con statements submitted to the political subdivision.

Jacklyn K Harmon, Garfield County Clerk