

**TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-29**

**SUPPORTING JOHNSTOWN-MILLIKEN SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-5J
BALLOT ISSUES 5A & 5B ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020
GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Johnstown (“Town”) and the Johnstown-Milliken School District RE-5J have a strong collaborative partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Johnstown-Milliken School District RE-5J is a vital component of the Town, that helps to foster community and inspires a tradition of excellence that drives residents to move to, and businesses to locate in, the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Johnstown-Milliken School District RE-5J serves 3,900 students in aging facilities, including, among other facilities, a high school built in 1968 and an elementary school built in 1952; and

WHEREAS, based on reasonable projections given the growth in Northern Colorado, the Johnstown-Milliken School District RE-5J expects student enrollment to increase by over fifty percent (50%) in the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Johnstown-Milliken School District RE-5J has found and determined that its facilities are no longer able to meet the needs of the current and growing student population; and

WHEREAS, the Johnstown-Milliken School District RE-5J developed a long range facilities’ plan seeking to address the safety and security needs of the school district, build sufficient capacity to ensure that there is space to grow, improve existing facilities and design space to readily add more classrooms when needed; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the foregoing and generate revenue to implement the long range facilities plan, the Johnstown-Milliken School District RE-5J placed Ballot Issue 5A & 5B on the November 3, 2020 general election ballot seeking a mill levy increase to issue bonds; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Issue 5A will ensure revenues are provided to: expand the career and technical education programs at Milliken Middle School and Roosevelt High School; attract and retain quality teachers and staff; and provide additional safety, security, and mental health personnel across the district; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Issue 5B will ensure revenues from a general obligation bond are provided to: construct a new high school; provide matching money for an \$9.3 million grant received to construct a new elementary school in the Town of Johnstown; among other critical needs throughout the RE-5J District; and

WHEREAS, Town Council of the Town of Johnstown desires to express public support for Ballot Issue 5A & 5B as the services provided by the Johnstown-Milliken School District RE-5J are instrumental and crucial to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Johnstown and the public; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. §1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(A) authorizes the Town Board to pass a resolution in support of ballot issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO, THAT:

1. The Town Council of the Town of Johnstown hereby supports Ballot Issue 5A and Ballot Issue 5B, which will appear on the November 3, 2020 general election ballot in Weld County.

2. The Town Council of the Town of Johnstown urges the electors of the Johnstown-Milliken School District RE-5J to vote YES on Ballot Issue 5A and Ballot Issue 5B for the betterment of our children, our families, and our community.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Johnstown on this 5th day of October, 2020.

TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By: _____
Diana Seele, Town Clerk

By: _____
Gary Lebsack, Mayor