

Niwot Elementary Parent Teacher Advisory Council (PTAC)

Resolution to Support a Mill Levy Override Ballot Initiative

Submitted to: Niwot Elementary PTAC Executive Board

Sponsor: Laura McDonald

Recommendation: That the Niwot Elementary PTAC work to build sufficient grass roots support to place a Mill Levy Override on the November ballot and further, assist in campaigning for the success of this ballot initiative.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Niwot Elementary PTAC is to undertake projects and provide assistance for the benefit of Niwot Elementary School and the community which will enhance the quality of education, image, usefulness, and public awareness of Niwot Elementary; and

WHEREAS, the ability to sustain quality education is in jeopardy at Niwot Elementary and other schools in the St. Vrain Valley District due to insufficient funding to maintain appropriate curriculum, class sizes, and competitive teacher compensation; and

WHEREAS, these deficiencies may be quantified by comparison to the other twenty-two school districts on the Front Range where St. Vrain Valley ranks last in per student override funding and second to last in teacher salaries; and

WHEREAS, class sizes are set to increase again in 2008; and

WHEREAS, older schools like Niwot Elementary are unable to make needed capital investments into updating technology and educational materials like new schools that are built with funds raised through the sale of bonds; and

WHEREAS, previous mill levy override ballot initiatives have failed to pass in St. Vrain Valley School District;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Executive Board of the Niwot Elementary PTAC has formed a committee, chaired by parent volunteers, to lead a campaign to create grass roots level support for placing a Mill Levy initiative on the November ballot; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PTAC Mill Levy Override Committee will communicate information regarding this campaign to the parent body of Niwot Elementary; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PTAC Mill Levy Override Committee will seek to identify parent groups within other schools in the district and encourage them to take similar action within their own parent base; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PTAC Mill Levy Override Committee will participate in a district wide citizen's campaign committee; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PTAC Mill Levy Override Committee will take further action as may be deemed appropriate by Niwot Elementary PTAC to build sufficient grass roots support for the success of such a Mill Levy Override initiative.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE Niwot Elementary PTAC Executive Board ON March 7, 2008

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