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Next Tuesday, October 31, we will have our annual Halloween celebration. If you are new to Sedalia, our tradition is to come to school dressed in costumes, parade is at 9:30, then students will participate in trunk or treat brought to us by our amazing community members. Students are allowed to bring their own treat bag or one will be provided. Students will then return to their classrooms for their class parties. By 11:00 am, costumes/makeup off, regular clothing on. Make sure your student has regular



clothing for the rest of the day; you may receive a phone call if your student does not have proper attire.

If you do not want your student to participate, we ask that you bring your student at 11:00am to resume the rest of the school day.

Please review the following map if you would like to view the parade.



If you have any questions, call the office at 303-387-5500.





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Dear Sedalia Elementary Community,

On August 8, the Douglas County School District Board of Education unanimously voted 7-0 to place a \$66 million Mill Levy Override (MLO) and \$484 million Bond on the November 2023 ballot.

If passed by voters, these new funds would be used at our school to:

- Increase teacher and staff pay
- Enhance safety and security
 - o Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Make much needed repairs and upgrades to our building
 - Replace heaters
 - Replace flooring
 - Install new intercom system

Teachers in the Douglas County School District earn, on average, \$19,000 less compared to a neighboring school district. Additional MLO funding, if passed by voters, would enable DCSD to pay teachers and staff more competitively and to increase security staffing support for our schools.

- DCSD teachers, on average, would receive a 9% pay increase, as reflected <u>in</u> these salary schedules
- Support staff, such as bus drivers, educational assistants, custodians, etc., would receive a 9% pay increase
- Other staff would receive a 7% pay increase

A \$484 million Bond, if passed by voters, would be used to expand trade, career and technical education opportunities; perform safety and security upgrades; and ensure safe and adequate learning environments for students and staff. The Bond would provide for three new elementary schools in growing areas of our county, as well as the expansion of two middle schools.

If the MLO and Bond are approved by voters, Douglas County homeowners can expect to pay approximately \$200 per year for a home valued at \$1,000,000.





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You can read more about DCSD's funding challenges and arguments for and against the ballot initiatives <u>on our website</u>. Thank you for being an engaged and informed member of our school community!

Sincerely,

Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow

Jeff Johnson Principal Sedalia Elementary School

> Have you ever thought of working at Sedalia Elementary? Have you ever though how great it would be to have the same schedule as your student?

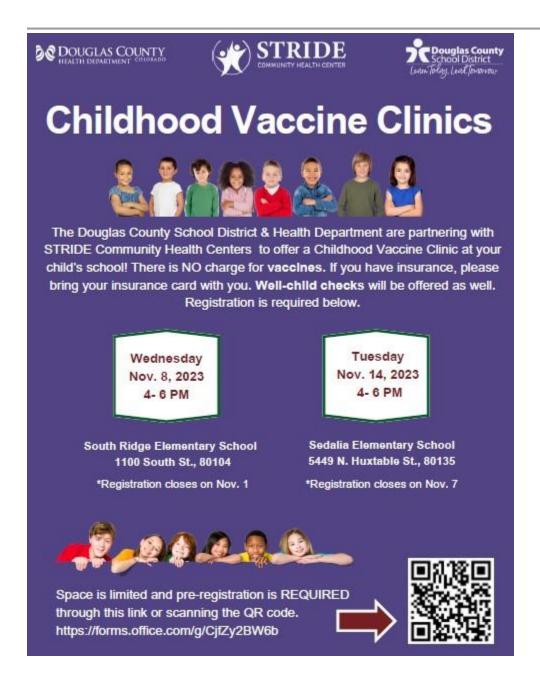
We currently have openings for EA V, EA I Kindergarten, 6th grade and two IA positions here at Sedalia Elementary. If you would like more information or are interested in applying, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.





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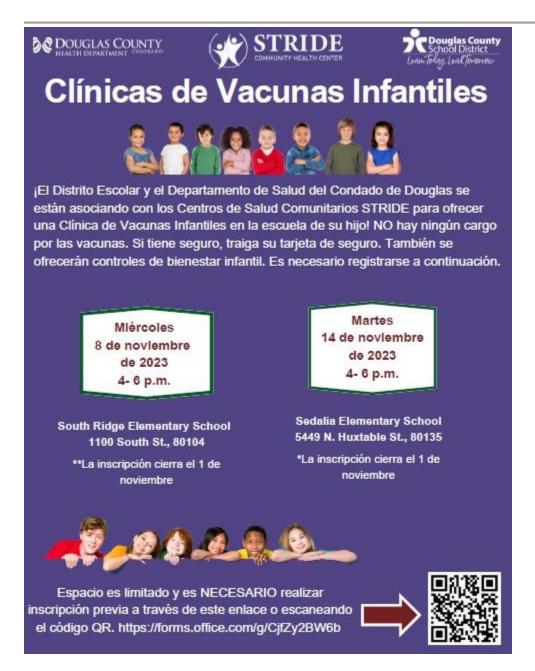
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2023 Mill Levy Override and Bond Proposal

The Douglas County School District's Board of Education recently voted to place a **\$66 million Mill Levy Override** (MLO) and **\$484 million Bond** on the November ballot. If passed by voters, this is how the additional funds would be invested in our school.

Mill Levy Override and Bond dollars

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Arguments Against the Ballot Issues

- •The MLO/Bond would increase property taxes by \$200 per year for a one-million-dollar home.
- Assessed property values are on the rise in Douglas County resulting in upcoming property tax increases.
- The Mill Levy Override does not have a sunset.
- •The Bond would create additional debt service for the school district.





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A huge thank you to all of our AMAZING families that have purchased items from our list! It's greatly appreciated!

Sedalia Elementary Amazon Wish List – Sedalia Elementary PTO has set up a wish list of needs at Sedalia. If you would like to contribute, click below:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AQ36MT31N626?ref_=wl_share

Send this link to friends and family!

