

Thompson School District Post-Election Survey

"Are there any final thoughts or opinions that you would like to share with Thompson School District at this time?"

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| F | 18-34 | D | N | Berthoud | No, again I'm in the education field myself so I'm very aware of what schools provide and want to support that. |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Berthoud | Unfortunately you just are a public program that relies on the generosity of the public, and the American people just demonstrated the majority of its voters care more about their income than they care about basic human rights. We fucked. Sorry boo. |
| M | 18-34 | D | N | Berthoud | Please get the Berthoud elementary schools up to date, and consider how fast Berthoud is expanding. |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Berthoud | I live in a newer neighborhood and most of the parents do not send their children to schools in TVSD. I think the district needs to be investigating why parents are opting out of TVSD. |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Berthoud | It is sad to me that voters rarely support TSD schools. |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Berthoud | People do not read thoroughly. They assume school funding will increase taxes. There needed to be better communication about the actual fiscal impacts on individual households and very specific items that would be addressed with bond money. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Berthoud | Ask retired teachers to write to Reporter Herald |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Berthoud | Confer with Greeley schools for advice on how they finally passed MLO and bond issues after years of failure. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Berthoud | I don't think the public understands why the ballot measures are written in such complex language. The common person equates debt with something bad. Simplification and increased education of the public would help. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Berthoud | I think it's very important to introduce bond issues when other possible tax increases are not on the ballot. While I support school funding, it becomes a bit more worrisome to consider paying more taxes, especially with the possibility of a tariff promise from the president elect, now a probable given. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Berthoud | I was extremely disappointed that these two ballot issues didn't pass. As product of public education from Kinder through College I don't understand why people don't support these basic issues and needs for the next generation |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Berthoud | Salaries for all staff need to be increased and that includes not just teachers! |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Berthoud | These are trying times, and people's fears and concerns need to be addressed, but not by putting our heads in the sand. Good luck in your endeavors. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Berthoud | Too much money goes to schools. |
| U | 45-54 | O | N | Berthoud | Run the district like a business. Just because you have a budget doesn't mean you have to spend every cent just to spend to get your increase the next year!! |

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| F | 18-34 | R | N | Berthoud | Budget better. Be transparent about where the taxes your receive are going. Asking for more money when there has been nothing done to help the students going without ac no improvements made to any of the public schools in our area while our taxes continue to increase and more people building bigger homes and moving here leads many to question where these funds are actually going. |
| F | 35-44 | R | N | Berthoud | Quit raising taxes and address your bloated budget. I've approved tax increases for a decade; I'm done. |
| U | 35-44 | R | N | Berthoud | The District is losing students to private schools and even other districts therefore you are losing votes to improve the schools. |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Berthoud | I know you're trying your best in helping our kids but sometimes throwing money at a problem does not result in a solution |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Berthoud | If you want an educational environment to be proud of you need to work harder to achieve it. Students playing video games, watching Netflix and constantly surfing the internet does not inspire me in this district. As a former teacher and a sub I know this is the current climate in all high schools. Heartbreaking |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Berthoud | Please get back to educating the children with real education real history not the woke history. Let the children be children stop pushing trans pro noun crap and brainwashing kids to think that their gender is a mistake so they will change their GOD given identity . |
| M | 55-64 | R | N | Berthoud | I would never be in favor of any increases in taxes if the current school board would have any say in the use of such monies. |
| M | 55-64 | R | N | Berthoud | Scrap current funding initiatives and make a better effort to inform the public |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Berthoud | I don't like more taxes |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Berthoud | Tell the Larimer County officials their citizens are sick and tired of being taxed into relocation! |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Berthoud | The school district has a tough job, keeping up with everything. You guys do a good Job for what you have to work with. Hope you can get the funds raise that you need for the kids |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Berthoud | When a tax sunsets, I do not like a new tax to come out and say " Without an increase in taxes ". It must stand on itself and give good reasons why a "new" tax is needed. |
| U | 65+ | R | N | Berthoud | Drop the wok and teacher our children to read, write, and do math!!!! |

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| F | 18-34 | U | N | Berthoud | I did not see any information about either of these ballot measures during the election season. I am in education spaces so I was able to search and find the information. For the voters not in the education field, I can see how a lack of information and very little canvassing in support of the mill and bond would lead to a no vote. Research shows that educators are very trusted in their communities and I feel like the Thompson School District could have passed both of these initiatives had they had educators canvassing and talking to community members about what this money would mean in their schools. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Berthoud | I was stunned and disheartened to find that neither measure passed, especially given the rapid growth planned for Larimer and Weld counties. I am a Berthoud resident, and it's my understanding that the local schools are already using mobile classrooms because they're out of space, and have limited HVAC capacities. The town has thousands of homes planned for construction in the next few years, bringing an influx of new students to already overwhelmed facilities....and voters still don't want to pay taxes to support the schools? I don't know if I can ever look a stranger in the eye around town again without wondering if they hate education or not. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Berthoud | Is there transparency on how the district is spending money? I understand schools are aging but it seems like upgrades/other school support should be more established. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Berthoud | The Thompson schools have been "low quality" for 20+ years. It is hard to vote to approve when I have seen it continue to downgrade. Sending my young kids to Thompson schools was never an option with much higher quality districts in the surrounding area. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Berthoud | There needed to be more messaging about this to the public. I only looked into the measures because of a few signs I saw - but there were no ads or anything |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Berthoud | I don't like using such large loans to fund. Would prefer higher taxes for shorter loan terms with lower overall cost |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Berthoud | I hate tax raises but if they go to a good cause I'm ok with it. Schools are a good cause but the funds get diverted to dumb causes in this state. I'd need an ironclad guarantee of where the money was going. |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Berthoud | I think the private schools should be included in the states free lunch programs. It's ridiculous. |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Berthoud | I think we need to reconsider funding for schools. While I think Thompson Valley should have a better funding scale. I want a very open and honest upto date audit on funding and how it is being spent across the board. |

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| M | 35-44 | U | N | Berthoud | Funding education is worth much more than 0.15% of my take. People are greedy |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Berthoud | I believe if R2J would support more trade programs, both in partnership with businesses and within the schools, I think you would get a better result. A lot of the families that attend schools are not interested in colleges for their kiddos. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Berthoud | Teach students educational foundations, not alphabet ideology. Raise standards for graduation, award students SOLELY on academic merit not their skin color, prevent biological boys from participating girls sports, stop shoving a political agenda down students throats and stand up to the teachers union. My children go to private school and I will NEVER send them, and I will advise everyone I know to do likewise, until the TSD begins to teaching education fundamentals. |
| F | 45-54 | U | N | Berthoud | I was disappointed by the election results. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Berthoud | Disappointed that 5a and 5b didn't pass. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Berthoud | I believe that the district has a responsibility to be transparent and communicative with the community at large, business partners and stakeholders and I feel that these bond issues were poorly communicated, explained and that bond leadership was terrible. I was involved in helping four other districts pass mill/bond issues in this latest cycle and was able to be in touch with people, communicate and help raise funds in each. The only one I was unable to get involved with was the one in which I live and that was terribly disappointing and frustrating. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Berthoud | A small increase is secondary to making sure schools are fully funded so we turn out educated students |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Berthoud | I don't understand bond measures. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Berthoud | In a year that there was so many issues, the district needed more communication to voters about how important these ballots were. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Berthoud | There are so many conflicting stories about schools in the media currently. Many schools closing due to lack of enrollment. Why would we pay to fix buildings only to have a school closed. It's confusing! |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Berthoud | There were too many things in the list for both of these and I didn't think anything would get done well. Make schools a place for learning again and require parents to step up and parent. We can't do it all well. |

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| M | 55-64 | U | N | Berthoud | Past School Board member actions such as overt political rhetoric and advocacy were seen as by me as questionable. I implore the board to focus on supporting our district, students, and teachers with decorum. Walking out of board meetings and public shaming statements weakens public trust. You are representing all TSD families. |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | Berthoud | Perhaps more publicity, signage, etc might help get voter buy-in before Election Day. Maybe try again after inflation concerns are resolved. |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | Berthoud | Simplifying the ballot text and making it clear how much the taxes would increase or not increase would be helpful |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | Big numbers are hard to justify without very specific details for specific areas and knowing the money is going to student/facility needs, trusting money will be spent where it details on the vote is necessary, too wide of platform detailing way too much, maybe public doesn't feel board/district has used money conservatively/wisely in the past |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | Condense the verbiage on the ballot measure. Instead of sentences use bullet points. I bet 3/4 of the people don't read to the end. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | It would be nice if it were even easier language, but I didn't have any problem cause I studied up on the subject and asked around about the issue so I felt really like I was ready to vote yes |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | Our children are our future and they need a decent education to compete with the rest of the world. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | See 5A. I said it all there. Again I'm pro-public education. I strongly believe the American electorate as a whole is very poorly informed on all issues. They seem to vote based on what is posted on social media. Easy to understand, read and remember graphs, charts and brief statements of fact are key to successful understanding. Remember, the general public has a sixth grade reading comprehension. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | We have had tremendous growth. TSD is receiving more revenue from Berthoud already. Our property taxes increased substantially this year. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | Yes, I think it is time to separate the Loveland schools from the Berthoud schools as there is such a difference in social and economic priority. I think a lot of people view the management of Loveland needs does not reflect what Berthoud needs. I would be interested in knowing what areas of Thompson School district residents voted one way or the other. |

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| M | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | Ballot initiatives with NO sunset proviso would be a non starter for me and I suspect many others. Our current economy is brutal to a large % of the voters and I think the final rejection of these 2 ballot questions speaks to their concerns. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | I don't think the school district spends money like they earned it |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | I'm becoming more and more jaded against school district expenditures given the amount of money being spent on "woke" type issues while test scores drop. TVSD job is to TEACH not indoctrinate. TEACH AND EDUCATE them. Leave social programming out of it. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | Just disappointed in the citizens of our area. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | Tax issues will be difficult to pass in the current economic climate. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | The school district should pursue other revenue streams that the affected cities wastes money on; as an example: Art projects for traffic roundabouts, city parks and facilities etc.. Lobby for those funds and use them. I'm sure there are several other budget items that could be trimmed, just audit the current budget; review and redirect the current funds where needed instead tax increases. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | These measures were written with intent to mislead and deceive. I think funding of our schools should clear with individual pet projects kept out. Unfortunately our leaders don't agree with me and the corruption is alive and well . Shame on us all of us for allowing poor District leadership and State Government to do this. Vote vote vote ... it is all we have to make change. Intentional deception should be criminal charges . Respectfully |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Berthoud | You asked for a property tax increase near a year with a huge property tax increase already built in. I think the elimination of the Gallagher Amendment was a big factor in the defeat of these bond measures. |
| F | 18-34 | D | Y | Berthoud | I think messaging could have been clearer that other mill levies were sunseting and the tax increase would not have been significant. |
| F | 18-34 | D | Y | Berthoud | There needs to be other improvements besides technology that are more important such as building improvements, more funding to small programs, teacher funding etc. |
| M | 18-34 | D | Y | Berthoud | I am sad that these measures did not pass. I wish other voters were more considerate and took into account that the education of our children is paramount to the future of social structure and society |

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| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Berthoud | Again, I will reiterate that our buildings here in Berthoud are old and outdated, and rapidly becoming overcrowded, with the increased population in Berthoud. Other local school districts, such as weld and saint brain, have been able to build multiple schools right with beautiful facilities and grounds and we can't even get air conditioning in our buildings, let alone a new school to help accommodate the ever growing population here in berthoud |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Berthoud | Berthoud schools need upgrades and they are getting overcrowded |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Berthoud | I'm so sad these issues did not pass. It's disheartening on many levels. I will always fight for our kids and our schools. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Berthoud | Please help Berthoud with more funding. We are growing rapidly! |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Berthoud | Stop cheating the system. Use the money you have property and you won't need more. People don't have anything extra right now. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Berthoud | We feel incredibly let down by our community for not passing this incredibly important and needed support for our schools. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Berthoud | While considering other tax increases on the ballot would not affect my decision to vote yes for schools, I do think including the amount of household financial impact would help some others decide. I also think the ballot measure should state how much developer impact fee revenue is already accounted for and how this ballot measure is still needed to fill the gap (assuming it is) |
| M | 35-44 | D | Y | Berthoud | We should invest in a new school. The growing population in Berthoud will support this over the next few years. |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Berthoud | I really hope there can be a solution to this matter. |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Berthoud | I was so incredibly disappointed to see the lack of support in the school district for 5A and 5B. |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Berthoud | I'm voting yes because I support school funding. It's clear from the election results that other people are in our community do not. I'm an attorney and I found the ballot measure confusing - there's no way the general population understood. It was also unfortunate that 5B was on the back of the ballot. We know people across the Front Range are feeling financially strained that the fact that measures passed in Poudre and St. Vrain show that it's more than the expense that was rejected. We've got work to do! |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Berthoud | Way too many tax increases going on right now and people are struggling to pay bills. The district needs to invest in the full schools. Get creative |

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| M | 45-54 | D | Y | Berthoud | I agree with the need for new schools and the need to raise revenue to pay for them, the district needs to take a fair approach for paying for the new schools, by getting the increased population to pay for the new schools, rather than making the existing residents pay for new schools that are for the benefit of people that account for a population increase |
| F | 55-64 | D | Y | Berthoud | The education in your schools is very poor. The whole lottery system does not work and I don't feel the superintendent nor the principals deserve the salary that they get. The education is very low and the students suffer. |
| F | 35-44 | O | Y | Berthoud | Provide plans with the ballot measure to define specific projects that will be completed with any approved funds. |
| M | 35-44 | O | Y | Berthoud | Use the money you have better. Fire useless teachers. |
| F | 18-34 | R | Y | Berthoud | Schools need updates badly. |
| F | 35-44 | R | Y | Berthoud | Easier to read wording would help on these ballots, but I had done some research to help me to better understand. |
| F | 35-44 | R | Y | Berthoud | I was worried the bond wouldn't pass because of the amount requested and the amount we calculated that it would increase property taxes. Potentially a smaller ask would be easier for some to approve. |
| F | 35-44 | R | Y | Berthoud | If the money that was being taken, regardless, if it was from taxes was going to go to the actual schools for actual construction or actual teachers pay or actually hiring teachers aids or increasing occupational therapist or anything that had to do with the actual school, then I would vote yes but because there has been to much money wasted many people have lost faith in the school system |
| F | 35-44 | R | Y | Berthoud | Keep trying, make the wording less complicated. Every other school district passed these so I was shocked when ours didn't pass. |
| F | 35-44 | R | Y | Berthoud | Selected Undecided on 13 because I questioned- would would this money come from and I would need to research it more. |
| F | 35-44 | R | Y | Berthoud | The words technology were mentored several times in the ballot and blue book. This made it feel like the goal was ipads and screens instead of teacher salaries and building materials. |
| M | 35-44 | R | Y | Berthoud | Please help Berthoud elementary with their site mechanical infrastructure. Kids are boiling in the summer and freezing in the winter. |
| M | 35-44 | R | Y | Berthoud | Stop asking for money!!! |
| M | 35-44 | R | Y | Berthoud | The people that voted no didn't want a tax increase. It was also unclear where the last funding measures have been spent. |

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| M | 35-44 | R | Y | Berthoud | Work with the massive over in funding you're already getting. The rest of us aren't so lucky. |
| M | 45-54 | R | Y | Berthoud | Good luck |
| M | 45-54 | R | Y | Berthoud | Good work following up. |
| M | 45-54 | R | Y | Berthoud | The language sounded like it was an inflation percentage tax and that worried me. Also, if you tell me money will go to teachers, not admin, you will get a lot more people voting yes. If you are trying to raise money for facilities you need to raise awareness of the horrible heating and air problems in the district. I had to go to your website to realize my tax increase if this passed. I was scared that the tax would be insane until I read this. You have to word things better. |
| M | 65+ | R | Y | Berthoud | Current school board is way too liberal and is out of touch with the will of the majority of the voters. The issue is political and requires a political solution. CHANGE IS COMING. |
| M | 18-34 | U | Y | Berthoud | The ballot measure wants a LOT of money and debt allocated and does absolutely nothing to address where the money will come from, how it will affect the average person or how it will be used. There's not even a frame of reference to tell folks how much this will change compared to current status. I also believe people think the district will not use these funds in what they believe to be a valid and legitimate way and there's no oversight mentioned. While I voted for the measures, they were very poorly presented and it doesn't surprise me in the slightest that they failed. Do better. |
| M | 18-34 | U | Y | Berthoud | You people need to quit trying to squeeze blood out of a turnip and learn how to work with what you already have in your budget. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | Bad timing. No one wants property taxes to increase any more then they already have for 2023/2024 tax year. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | Get rid of credit recovery. Get kids in school, drugs out of school. Put more support in early education reading and get rid of your stupid elt curriculum that fails kids. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | I believe bonds are a safer investment policy for consumers and governments. I feel like there is more oversight to those and the money is less likely to disappear with no results. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | i think most people want to help out the schools but Colorado has seen intense property tax increases over the last 4 years. Any ballot measures that helps direct money to schools without increasing property taxes and/or offer more transparency on exactly what the funds will go to and how much it would cost taxpayers for an average sized home in the area would help get these things passed. |

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| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | I think that voters may not have understood what the funds were for, also I feel most voters see tax increases and vote no. Changing the measures to be more transparent may have helped. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | I think the school district could do a better job of looking its budget over and strip it down to the necessities (like the rest of us have had to live these last few years). I do believe these increase are needed for many reasons, and I voted yes to them - but I personally feel there are things the district can do to fix its budget issues as a way to get started. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | I think there are way that kids can get AC that does not require us to pay more property taxes. You can apply for federal and state grants. There are other ways and I think the district can be crafty in coming up with this money. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | Keep trying, Loveland voters really screwed up on this one and most don't understand how school funding works. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | Maybe hire someone to come in and restructure how the funding now is being spent and allowing the public who is paying the money to have more say in how the money is being spent. These kids have no ac when they go back to school and the superintendent is making over 6 figures a year and there are so many unnecessary positions that are taking away valuable resources for the students. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | Need more education on WHY we have to ask for money in the first place and why/how we got here. And that the district can't magically redo the budget and find \$300M to fix our schools, pay our teachers more and get AC. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | No, I was surprised these items did not pass. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | Quit wasting money on new schools and land when you aren't even filling and keeping current schools full. |

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| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | The district continues to ask parents to pay more for instruction fees and activity fees in addition to ask the community for more in taxes while cutting funding and programs. It is not working. I know my child's music program was cut in funding by \$1000 this year. I also know the budget for the program exceeds the district budget by almost \$20,000 this year. I paid over \$2500 to this program alone this year and next year it will be more. This will include having to pay out of pocket for any travel due to new hotel and travel policies. With inflation I cannot continue to pay more to the district. Community oversight committees do not assure that the money will be used in the best manner for everyone. It will only ensure it will be spent on the things the members of the committee feel are important. I would vote yes to change how revenue from marijuana sales are used to help the schools eliminating the funding match requirement if it were a ballot issue. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Berthoud | Thompson needs to take care of Berthoud. It is overlooked and we need to better the school here. Frankly, we need more room to serve the influx of kids moving here. |
| F | 45-54 | U | Y | Berthoud | I think increasing taxes scared people. Cost of living is increasing for everything. |
| F | 45-54 | U | Y | Berthoud | Loveland voters will have a hard time paying for something for Berthoud kids. More education will need to be had for voters to understand the struggle of space. |
| F | 45-54 | U | Y | Berthoud | Out of all the things to vote on this last election, I'm most disappointed in Larimer county voters for turning both bonds down. It's been the one election outcome I'm struggling to not be angry over. I'd be curious to see the breakdown of Berthoud Voters and their vote with Loveland Voters. |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Berthoud | Charter schools are about the only good thing happening in Thompson. The district needs to operate closer to them. Money is not the answer as charters operate far more successfully than Thompson's regular schools on less money. Get the leftist woke people out of Thompson leadership and then money can be reassessed. |
| M | 55-64 | U | Y | Berthoud | Educating the tax payers on average cost to them on these measures shows transparency and builds trust and should be done prior to the elections to make people aware |
| F | 65+ | U | Y | Berthoud | I think residents in Loveland vote any tax down when they hear Berthoud schools. Which is very sad. All Loveland high schools have pools but not Berthoud. |
| F | 65+ | U | Y | Berthoud | Make it easier for a fifth grader to understand, then show the benefits. |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | FC | Create advocates in the community/ hire someone with PR experience so they can help manage reputation and understand opposition. |

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| F | 18-34 | D | N | FC | I would like to know what percent of this money was planned to be given to teachers and unspecified faculty. |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | FC | No more thoughts. Sorry it didn't pass that's a bummer |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | FC | No, sorry it didn't get approved |
| M | 18-34 | D | N | FC | Our schools and teachers need more money. I am willing and happy to invest in our future |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | FC | Get out of politics and get back to teaching kiddos what they need to know, academically speaking, to succeed in life |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | FC | Please encourage/help your students to graduate no matter what! I will always vote to approve funds for you. I have no children and have long since graduated, but education is important and effects us as a society when students don't complete school or develop critical thinking skills. I also believe teaching students about funding would greatly help in the future as my values were developed from what I learned from teachers about funding. Thank you for doing all that you do and don't give up! |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | FC | We are tired of bureaucrats asking for money, and then the money is never fully used for what it was intended |
| M | 45-54 | D | N | FC | I was disappointed at how poorly both 5A and 5B were advertised. I had already turned in my ballot before I received any information about either initiative, and had to take it upon myself to find information. The lack of mailers, yard signs, or community engagement prior to ballots being distributed was troubling. I received several targeted ads on social media, but all occurred after I had submitted my ballot, which means that was all wasted ad purchase. I sincerely hope Thompson School District has a more organized, more visible, and earlier campaign in the future! |
| F | 65+ | D | N | FC | Name the specific schools. Your language always makes it sound as if the money is going to a slush fund with no accountability or auditing. It might be better to have different initiatives for single items such as this one is for increase in teachers pay. This one is for school supplies and classroom technology equipment. This one is for heating and cooling at middle schools X,Y & Z. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | FC | If it is possible, in the future do not ask voters to fund 2 different items at the same time. Spread them out. Feels like a bigger tax hit when there are two proposals at once. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | FC | Messaging was not an issue for me, but probably was for some considering other tax increases. Funding education should be a top priority for everyone as it benefits all. |

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| M | 35-44 | R | N | FC | Keep striving to get the proper funding to compensate teachers fairly and give students the right facilities to learn in. |
| M | 45-54 | R | N | FC | The average Coloradan does not have enough money as of last year. Inflation is killing low and middle class Americans. You need to manage your school budgets like you manage your personal banking. We can't go to our bank and ask for millions when we run out. I think the people have spoken here in Larimer county. |
| U | 45-54 | R | N | FC | Instead of being a politically correct entity, that forces the current dogma on students, before asking for a DIME it should focus on actual education and skills. Maybe if a high school education actually meant something these days, then you might merit some kind of additional funding. But it doesn't so you don't. |
| M | 55-64 | R | N | FC | It is not the role of government to be in the business of education. It is a conflict of interest. We need you liberal scum out of education and almost everything else. |
| M | 65+ | R | N | FC | No new taxes or bond money |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | FC | Continue to connect upper administration to the people affected by their decisions. Not only open hearings, but connecting with student leaders of all ages openly on what they need and want for their schools. Principal and Superintendent advisory boards are beneficial parts of this process- in fact, I participated on these boards in my time as a student in TSD. However, there needs to be even MORE actively heeded connection with the people- and young people- who are and will be impacted the most. |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | FC | Thanks for your support of public education! |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | FC | We must compete with Poudre School district for excellence. We have stagnated too many year |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | FC | We need to retain good teachers, period. I will always vote to give more money to education. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | FC | I don't feel I have enough information to asses weather the school already has sufficient funding or not and needs a ballot measure. Providing details on your budget in an absolute sense and relative to other schools would help the voter feel more informed. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | FC | I don't have kids and still feel it is my duty as a citizen to adequately fund the education of our community's children. We obviously need to do this in a responsible and reasonable fashion even when the cost of living has been increasing. This may be the reason these issues failed at the ballot box. We need to listen and respond to the people that know the finances and needs of our public institutions and make the sacrifices to ensure our community remains secure, competitive, and prosperous. |

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| M | 35-44 | U | N | FC | There needs to be a higher priority in education |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | FC | Keep fighting the good fight. America has lost it's way. This election cycle has shown that. |
| U | 45-54 | U | N | FC | Taxpayer funds should benefit students over district employees. The district should focus on educating students in real life skills rather than politics and/or current social issues. In my opinion, the district is, and has been, failing on these fronts for decades. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | FC | Done |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | FC | Being transparent and truthful about past, present and future use of funding provided by the community and the state ensures that the community knows and will support future requests for increasing funding. |
| U | 65+ | U | N | FC | There is a reason trump is going to get rid of the dept. of Education...IT DOESNT WORK! |
| F | 18-34 | D | Y | FC | The verbiage was really not clear. I believe I voted no because it did not outline how the money would be distributed. I would have loved to know how much a teachers salary would have increased with that funding. |
| M | 18-34 | D | Y | FC | Pay our teachers more. If you want the best outcomes for our children, which I do, then you pay your teachers as much as possible. Countless studies show the improves education outcomes when teachers are paid higher wages. Pay our teachers what they are worth. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | FC | People need to understand the impact their schools have on their community. Even if they do not have children in the schools, the better schools we have, the better future workforce we have, the safer and stronger our community is. We need to appeal to people without children in the schools. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | FC | Sorry people in Loveland suck |
| U | 35-44 | D | Y | FC | STOP RAISING MY TAXES! Dismantle the bureaucracy. Keep my taxes local, don't filter them through Washington DC |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | FC | Stop mishandling the money you receive, start putting effort into our children's learning and education. Sick people f the excuses and my child being left behind. |
| F | 35-44 | R | Y | FC | I definitely wish voters approved these. Our staff and students deserve what was asked for. |
| F | 35-44 | R | Y | FC | I voted no on all other tax increases strictly for the increase. I'm sure many others did the same regardless of these two being education related. |
| M | 35-44 | R | Y | FC | 5B made since for the first two sections but the third section was way outthere |

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| M | 35-44 | R | Y | FC | Once again, the school district in the City Of Loveland going hand-in-hand, how about the city gets a reality check on what they're charging for water and trash and taxes and then people might be more likely to fund the schools, but we're being bled dry by overinflated Government in my opinion.. lower the cost-of-living rather than padding bank accounts and people might fund the school district |
| M | 45-54 | R | Y | FC | Put common sense people on the school board. Hire good teachers who actually care about teaching the pillars of education. Get rid of dei BS and gender ideology in our classrooms. Protect our girls both in their bathrooms and in their sports from transgender males. Teach our children how to get a job, how to open a checking account, write a check, write and mail a letter, create a budget, speak and write in proper grammar. Start putting our students and their education first and then we'll have something to support. |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | FC | Schools are underfunded and need tax payers help to give students and staff the best opportunities to succeed |
| F | 45-54 | U | Y | FC | We're trying to choice our kids into PSD b/c we feel like the quality of education at TSD is low and not likely to change given repeated voter-rejected mill levy funds. |
| M | 65+ | U | Y | FC | State and federal funding has done so little towards the ultimate goal of higher quality education. I do not know where all this mass of funding has gone in the past, but I do know the product coming out of schools these days is far below what we had 10, 20 or more years ago. |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Johnstown | People are dumb and just hear higher taxes, it doesn't matter how little it affects them. Which unfortunately is precisely why education matters, but here we are. |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Johnstown | Sending you all my best wishes! We will continue to support TSD. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Johnstown | I have no children or grandchildren that live in the district, but I would still vote. Yes for education. |
| F | 18-34 | R | N | Johnstown | Not at this time. If you were not going to increase taxes I would still want to see the breakdown of what the districts plan is for the money they need. |
| F | 35-44 | R | N | Johnstown | We need to stop raising taxes in Colorado. Housing prices and taxes are already to high. Look at spending. Cut spending in areas that are unnecessary and move money to areas of education that are more important. |
| F | 45-54 | R | N | Johnstown | No new bonds or taxes |

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| M | 45-54 | R | N | Johnstown | No increase in taxes? Where would the money come from then? Perhaps, find a way to get the developers and builders to pay into the fund since they are directly responsible for the expansion of the area and creating the need for additional school buildings and resources. |
| M | 55-64 | R | N | Johnstown | I pay \$6000 taxes on property ai already own. I pay these taxes with money that has already been taxed. Everything I buy for my property is taxed. I am paying taxes compounded on top of more taxes. We are being taxed to death. Stop raping the taxpayers |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Johnstown | I'm sorry our city is letting our schools fall apart. It's so sad to see. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Johnstown | NO TO BONDS. ever!! And you need to stop treating "New Johnstown" as the bad Johnstown - we have no parks, no amenities - give me one reason why I should go further into debt for a place that resents my home. Yes, I am all for giving schools more money- but not when it can't be repaid. |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Johnstown | I don't want any tax increases. |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Johnstown | I needed to look up specifics of how funds would be used and what to expect for tax increases in my property. If that information were more easily available (Ballotpedia, ballot booklet, etc.) it would have made my vote even more immediate. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Johnstown | Again, this is a larger communications issue. Until this year (I don't know if there was a change in who supports communication for them) I received regular communications from Weld RE-5J about learning, teaching, and how the district was leveraging its resources responsibly (without any asks from citizens). They were building goodwill and transparency even with residents in neighboring districts. Perhaps ask them. |
| U | 45-54 | U | N | Johnstown | I think people are so tired of these systems set up to work for their communities, but they are in fact, failing. It will get worse with the new federal administration; so my best guess is to find ways to work outside the system to get your objectives met. |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | Johnstown | The TVSD needs to be in the public eye with its request for funding more than at election time. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Johnstown | Education taxes should be some type of a universal tax, not only property owners llability |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Johnstown | I support public education not vouchers and more pay for teachers, more and improved school facilities |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Johnstown | Make it clear to the voters why the funds are urgently needed and why other sources can't be used. I think the fairest way to raise funds would be user fees assessed to student's parents, but I suppose that isn't feasible. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Johnstown | Teacher salaries and upgrading to schools are extremely important |

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| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Johnstown | I believe this measures were supposed to be on my ballot but were not. |
| M | 18-34 | U | Y | Johnstown | I would absolutely love to give teachers a raise if that were a solitary issue. |
| M | 18-34 | U | Y | Johnstown | It was impossible to find a quick and simple fact sheet on what the taxes would go to. Unless I watched videos or went to meetings, which I don't have time for. Provide a one pager that shows where the money goes and what impact it'll have, and I'll be more educated on what I'm voting on |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Johnstown | It's unfortunate that voters rejected those issues. It's clear that there is a significant lack of proper education across the country, Larimer county is no exception. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Johnstown | TSD needs to work on being more transparent with how they spend funds and more specific on what the exact needs are and how it affects the individual voters. As a parent in TSD they need to work on bringing parents back in to education as many parents have felt shut out since 2020. It's hard to support a district when you don't know what is going on. |
| F | 45-54 | U | Y | Johnstown | Taxes and taxes it straining on our pockets. I will not be voting on anything that would increase taxes. Enough is enough |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Johnstown | I think residents got blind sided with property tax increases last year, and I don't blame them. Next time this hits the ballot I would recommend not increasing property taxes |
| M | 55-64 | U | Y | Johnstown | NO MORE TAXES. We are literally getting taxed out of our home. Stop with the taxes |
| U | 55-64 | | N | Loveland | School districts should be cutting back just like the rest of us. Maybe the abolishing of the national DoE will free up some funding. |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | Almost every tax issue was voted down this season. People are already struggling to pay for things and voted against anything that they saw as taking more money from them. It was just bad timing, in my opinion. |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | Although the immediate impact on my own taxes would not have been a deciding factor on my vote, I imagine other voters might have been better swayed by a better understanding of how minimally this would have impacted their pocketbooks on a monthly basis if their home was valued under \$500k. |

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| F | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | I definitely think that providing an explanation on the ballot as to how much a property tax increase would cost annually would be beneficial. I, personally, know that it wouldn't be much annually. However, I imagine that most Loveland residents may not be aware of this and that may have influenced their vote. I would also highly recommend that, for future ballot measures, TSD canvas and campaign more to get the word out about what these ballot measures would mean to TSD children and what they'd provide (i.e. their impact). There wasn't really any information provided to TSD residents and I think that hurt the ballot measures in the end. |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | I think the amount of tax increases on the ballot probably felt overwhelming to voters |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | I think this may have a better chance of passing when there are not other tax increase measures on the ballot. I'd also like to see more campaigning, even as far as a year out from the election to begin educating the public and recruiting community advocates. |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | I will vote for whatever influences public schools for the better. Yay TSD |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | I wish these measures had passed. |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | I worry for the upcoming administration and the harm the loss of the department of education will do to our schools. I also worry about how much money charter schools are receiving while our public neighborhood schools remain underfunded. Neighborhood schools are a great way to create community so that children who live near each other can interact. Children deserve a top tier FREE education regardless of their zip code and their parents financial situation |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | None, even with the tax increase this should have passed |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | Schools treat money like a bottomless pit where it all goes to the top and none towards resources for students or teachers. If schools need more money then they should cut costs at the top first. This school district has a history of budget shortfalls and this is something they need to resolve internally instead of crying broke to taxpayers. |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | Thank you for the efforts to get 5A and 5B on the ballot. Hopefully we can try again for our students and teachers. |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | The ballot was full of tax increases that didnt help. It also doesnt help with housing unaffordability to have to make it even worse by increasing property taxes to fund schools. I know that is the system but wish there was another way. |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | TSD needs to re-evaluate what's important |
| M | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | Figure out a way to get this community to vote for more funding our schools are falling apart |

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| M | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | I hope we can pass a ballot measure or a bond soon, I'm sorry we couldn't get it across the line this year. |
| M | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | I will always support educational measures endlessly, but I am aware of the political climate and understand that more must be done to achieve the aspired goals, whether that be more information or a change in word usage. |
| M | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | I'm not a parent so I don't have a feel for how the budget is currently used or how needed the additional money is. It would be good to have material for non-parents to help us understand these things. |
| M | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | People are generally scared of money-talk, the smaller you can make an amount of money seem to an individual the better. For example, the survey presented the idea of showing how much the property tax would change on a \$500,000 home and I think this is a good idea. I think seeing a monthly or daily cost is the sort of thing that would make people most comfortable, of course that also has to be balanced with creating an actual informative and professional proposal. |
| M | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | Teachers and schools need more funding |
| M | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | These improvements need to be made. Not all of us are homeowners and doing our best paying rent each month. New administration is going to royally screw this up with their tariffs |
| M | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | We need better schools which requires better funding |
| M | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | We shouldn't raise taxes even higher |
| U | 18-34 | D | N | Loveland | You'd need to explain how you can raise \$120M without raising taxes. |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | As a society we have an obligation to take care of our children/individuals, education, and their needs in this discussion. I support any measure to increase the access or quality of education within our community. Moreover, I support measures to compensate, recruit, and keep good staff. |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | Fingers crossed our community begins investing in our children's futures |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | I just am sorry that the issues didn't pass. Keep on keeping on, TSD. |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | I support the school district. I would like to see more education to the public about these issues. |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | I think these measures would have been more successful if it had been clear how much of an increase in property taxes they might cause. I found this info online, but had to search quite a bit to find it. The average voter isn't going to do as much work to look into it. |

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| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | I wish I understood how the current funding for the school district is set up. I would like to see the city of Loveland invest more in their schools from the money they already have. I am also frustrated though that the citizens won't approve a tax increase for the school district. I fully support it. |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | I'm just disappointed that the majority of our residents don't support education |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | I'm sorry these didn't pass, and I wish our community valued education more than they apparently do. |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | I'm sorry these measures didn't pass. It reflects poorly on our community. We are not thinking about our future (or the future of students). I will always vote in favor of supporting public education. |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | It's a shame they were rejected. |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | My thoughts are as before. School districts in CO have made it a habit to bring bonds up often asking for more money for a million things. They want new this, new that, new buildings. It's ridiculous. I would be all for supplementing teacher salaries, as they do not get paid nearly enough. I'm not interested in paying for fancy new schools with water fountains in the lobby and such. On the whole, the school district needs to learn to live within its budget. |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | Overall, the language for both measures we're overly complicated, vague for the amounts, and I was really surprised they made it onto the ballot as written. The Larimer county booklet about ballot measures did not have any details either... it was like it was rushed at the last minute. It was hard for me to vote no because my son will be entering the school district in the next two years, so funding for his upcoming education is important. As for the 120 million in question 13 - I'd want to know where you're getting that kind of money without raising taxes. |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | Perhaps changing the funding model for TSD, which will be a long and expensive process but there is so little success with these bond measures. My other consideration is how to bundle an incentive for property owners to pay the higher taxes. Can we give them a tax break elsewhere if the school bonds pass? |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | Tax me all you want we need to pay teachers better and keep our kids SAFE |
| F | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | Thank you for trying to improve our Thompson schools! |

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| M | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | Framing the questions in terms of need and specific cost to an individual would be helpful to some others in my network. Nebulous giant numbers are easily taken advantage of by political forces who oppose raising taxes for any purpose. More information on how it will impact the lives of people and the taxpayers themselves Would be likely helpful to others to support such an endeavor. |
| M | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | I don't feel like we did a good enough job marketing this. We should have been running tours of the buildings, hosting different community groups, inviting alumni back to see the changes that needed to be made. There was also very little visibility in the form of signage around town. I know people who voted no because the language was confusing or because we weren't addressing enough issues. My opinion is to go for a bigger bond package that touches all schools. We may also need to look at consolidating schools or threatening to consolidate in order to get folks to care. Then we need a much more aggressive marketing campaign to really push it and show the value of the project. Communities that are just as conservative as us have passed bigger bonds by leveraging the correct people and groups to support. |
| M | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | I think we need to figure our education out.. and how we spend funds and speak to how this is impactful cause people make assumptions about where funds go and what it's used for |
| U | 35-44 | D | N | Loveland | The ask about the 120 million if it doesn't increase taxes illustrates the situation really well. You could have already asked for the 120, but you decided to go for the 220. You need to get your priorities straight first, then ask for what you actually need. People already can't afford to live here. |
| F | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | I am not sure the general populations knows or cares how many schools are old And need a lot of work |
| F | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | I do not have school aged children yet but I am extremely disappointed that this community does not care about ALL of our children, whether they are part of our household or not. It makes me want to consider other options when it is time for my child to attend school. |
| F | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | I voted yes for some tax increases (transportation, Loveland sales tax) and no for others (schools). Again, the district is asking for too much too soon after their last increase especially in light of the current inflation. We can barely afford to live here as it is. We have to be careful which taxes we agree to. The city asking for an increase after 40+ years and recent cuts versus the school asking for another increase in less than 10 years is your issue. |
| F | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | Keep up the good work. I appreciate you working with what you've got for now. |

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| F | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | Read response to first ballot. |
| F | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | We have a special needs son who has not received the same services here as he did in Douglas County. This school district is BEHIND and needs to catch up before you get sued. |
| M | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | Funding education is funding our future. It's a shame that not enough voters see it that way. |
| M | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | I hope more voters are receiving this questionnaire. My opinion can easily be judged as biased because I stood to directly benefit from passage of the measures. At the same time, if we had made a better effort to appeal to the fiscally conservative voter base, I'm convinced the measures would have passed with ease. When voters read these measures, the words that made the strongest impact were, "increase, debt, taxes" and such. I also believe that the specialized language can be construed as deceiving or "trying to hide something" by the average voter. I'm happy to help with future efforts in trying to improve our schools. Feel free to contact me. Again, I'm the automotive teacher in the district. |
| M | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | I think these measures failed because there was not enough information in the lead up to the election. Also, tying funding to property tax after the prior year's massive property tax increases was a bad idea and likely didn't help sell this to the public. I support public education, but I think TSD needs to look at other tax and income sources than always coming to property owners. The bond measure may have passed, but the language was not the best for general public and likely caused confusion. |
| M | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | Language regarding the proposed rate of the increase needs to be specified, especially in this environment of already-high prices. |
| M | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | No, I have no children. But I will always vote to help our community and students. |
| M | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | Simple focused measures would be better. |
| M | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | The district slit their own throats in ever getting me to vote for schools again. I've always voted yes until the fearmongering hit hard. I would vote to eliminate all public schools and make it privatized. |
| M | 45-54 | D | N | Loveland | We were concerned about that money would have gone to more administration and programs that teachers aren't on board with as stakeholders. There has been some obvious waste of monies in school buildings. |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | Everyone keeps asking for tax increases, even though most jobs are not increasing salaries. I also, always see improvements in the measures but don't see improvements on the schools. I hear from family (students who attend Thompson schools) complain about no a/c in classrooms, paint peeling in hallways, lockers that don't work, etc. |

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| F | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | For me it's not the increase in taxes. I felt like the proposals were very vague and I did my research. Do a better job at breaking it down and presenting it to the public. Hold open houses and informational meetings (nit just school board meetings) to sell your proposals to us. |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | Get it next time! |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | Glad to support the school district |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | I believe that teachers deserve at least double what they're currently making, but I don't like it grouped in with other improvements because it's an easy way to trick people into voting for teacher increases, but then they only get 5% and the rest goes to district pet projects. If you were to introduce a ballot that was only and specifically for teacher salary increases I would definitely vote yes |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | I supported all of the tax increases - it's a small price to pay for the betterment of our community. |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | I thought it was irresponsible, selfish, and shocking that this was voted down. I am retired and live off a small pension with no skin in the game - my kids are adults and I do not have grandkids. But I'm not from up here so is that it? Do these people not want better choices for their kids? Do they not want them to at least have a solid high school education? Because a revolving door of new teachers for their students isn't going to provide that. |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | I would say that simplifying the language around payment of debt would help. It really muddies things up at the end of what looks like a good idea, turning it into a "What?! I have no idea of this is financially a good idea or not" |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | Keep fighting for our youth |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | The Centerra vote did not impact my vote, but many local folks I spoke to did mention that vote, I feel like people can't think for themselves and let other people tell them how to think... Which is why education & critical thinking matters now more than ever. |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | The verbiage was very hard to understand. I know a lot of people were very confused and it seemed to want to confuse them. I have always voted yes in the past for the levying of the school district. I have always supported the school district. I have gone to school here since 1968 and so have my children. My mother graduated from Loveland High School. I could not support this one, and until I start to see some changes in accountability I will continue to vote no. |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | We must always support public education. |

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| M | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | The blue book us very helpful in considering ballot measures. But would it be possible to cover briefly what will be lost if a measure is defeated on the ballot itself? It might make some voters reconsider their knee-jerk reaction to vote down any tax increase. |
| M | 55-64 | D | N | Loveland | We can never provide enough support for education |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | \$120 000,000 ??? Without knowing how, where the money would come from 'Matters'... People need & deserve more clarity, details & limited scope... People are more likely to vote 'Yes' on clear, concise, & specific requests... |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Anything that is put forth in a ballot needs to be written more clearly so, like myself, the average person can understand the ballot and vote Without hesitation as to what is being presented in the ballot |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | As I said previously, having two ballot initiatives at the same time, almost guarantees one or both will fail. For the next ballot initiative, you need to find a way to tell voters what the cost to them will be based on home value, or some other measures, not just total cost. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | As more families choose private schools, and as more boomers retire, it will become increasingly harder to pass anything for education. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Colorado needs to help senior citizens, especially those of us. Who are disabled and not assume we can pay for your children. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Everyone weighing their pocketbooks right now! |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Good luck! |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | I am a former secondary teacher and educational issues and support are important to me. I am now 77 and have had little direct connection with the educational process in all the years I've lived in CO (that was in Ohio). Because I have been so removed from direct involvement in education and have had very few connections in the field in Colorado, I'm not sure how relevant my responses might be. I strongly believe in the importance of educational support on all levels but by necessity my focus on it here has been very limited. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | I am not the typical voter. I almost always support tax issues because I understand and value the benefits they provide for |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | I have nothing to add to what I have already said. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | I hope all expenses will be put on the ballot again |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | I think other voters were concerned about tax increases and would have liked more info. The Centerra situation seemed to matter to some voters |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | I think we live in a district with short-sighted and miserly people, sad to say |

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| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | I would also be more supportive of passing a bond issue if the head of the school board was replaced. I believe she was derelict in her duties supporting the centerra south urban renewal authority. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | I would revise the wording of questions 11 and 12, since the answer to both questions, presumably, has to do with what the schools need. Whether there were other tax issues on the ballot or involvement in Centerra's use of Urban Renewal funds would not be a deciding factor for a vote on the schools. Please treat your voters with respect and explain the needs of the school district clearly and ask for what you want clearly. Then, and only then, I believe, you will get the support the district needs. Also, you do not need to be asking whether people own their homes. You are welcome to the other demographic information, but the home- owning question is discriminatory on its face. You should know better. There is no need to ask for party affiliation either. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Im so disappointed the TVSD measures failed. Apparently its not just a "basket" of depolorables, but a whole lot more than we ever considered. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | In my experience, it is always important to be very specific as to the exact uses for which new monies would be used. It is also necessary to help voters understand how much it will cost them to help their schools function properly. Much more voter outreach must be done, in many ways and in as many venues as possible. Transparency is of utmost importance, and all senior administrators and board members should be expected to participate in this outreach. Publicity for the possible vote should be planned well ahead of the election; even a year out is not too early. Again, specificity is needed on all possible expenditures, as most voters are not well versed (and in many cases don't care) about school finance or the current or future needs of schools. Intense education is necessary. As to your ballot questions, they were too long, wordy and filled with legal phrasings that the average voter does not comprehend. Keep the actual questions short and to the point. In light of the current public displeasure with government at all levels, the result of this vote should not be a surprise, but it also should not be a deterrent to future election opportunities for the district. As we say in the classroom, "Do your homework". I am available for helping in any way you may need. Marsha Peterson, 507-398-6214. |

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| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Is there any way to spread school funding to residential renters as well as just property owners? I prefer "use" type taxes like sales tax, which I realize is a contentious topic in Loveland now. On 5A, if it had said something like annual increases so Loveland teachers pay is within a 10% range of state average for similar school districts, it would have been less open ended. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | It's an impossible job. Teachers should be treated with respect from both students and parents. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | It's difficult to feed a family in today's financial world Loveland's salaries do need keep up with the cost of food and housing in this areas Asking for \$ is very difficult, regardless of how much I voted yes because I taught in Thompson schools for 30 years The charter schools which are your competitors are much more updated and appealing to young families I really don't know an easy solution. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Keep trying! |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Keep working at this. Make the messaging clear. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | More detail |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Passage might have increased if there had been clarification in non-legal terms sent home to families. The ballot jargon is difficult to read for understanding. Simplify what are the impacts of more funds and how would it financially impact individual families. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Really need to simplify the language and too many other tax increases on the ballot. I think having one school district measure on the ballot is better than having two!! |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Shorten the language, explain how much taxes would increase. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Spending is out of control in the US across the board. It's heading to be a country where none of us have any quality of life. We are slaves to taxes and the waste and misuse of our tax dollars. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Tax pressure on only property owners has to change. The entire community benefits from these proposals and everyone needs to chip in. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | The kids don't learn when they are sick from heat headaches or worrying about gun violence. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | There was very little information on what the district would do with the \$ aside from what was in the ballot measure. I thought asking for more \$ with all the other tax requests was too much for Lovelanders to process. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | This state has no idea how low their property taxes are compared to other places. Perhaps they need to be more aware how much schools are getting and what their expenses are. |

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| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | We are very sad these did not pass. We need investment in education for our society to succeed. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | You really need to clean up the transportation department. There are some real bullies over there with no regards for the rules. When reported to HR it gets covered up and good guys and gals leave the department. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Do everything you can to help out our educators |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Funding schools through property taxes is not working anymore. For many people that would affect their mortgage and more importantly their rent. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Good luck |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | I don't mind paying a little bit more tax for quality education: quality teachers, quality facilities, quality student outcomes, etc. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | I think we're screwed for the time being. The majority opinion (for now anyway) is that a dynamic and high standards based educational system in our area is not needed. They are wrong of course but take a look at what happened in the last election. A huge chunk of the population bought the package of bullshit the Republicans offered. It's gonna be a grim four years at a minimum. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | I voted early because i was leaving the US for the winter. It would be nice to. have a detailed pro and con document that truthfully discussed the item on the ballot. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | I'm thankful for TV teachers and staff! |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Keep trying |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Keep trying. It's important. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Language in 5B allowing increases in mil levy "without limit" was a red flag for me. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Not sure what's ultimately the answer except that somehow people need to be educated about how valuable public education is. So that the no new taxes ever crowd is overcome. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Property values have doubled in last few years, meaning property taxes did the same, why are we being asked for tax increases? |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Provide clear language with projections of tax increases; state the benefits clearly, leave out the educational jargon in your campaign material. Cliché only bring about mistrust. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Regret that the voters did not approve these measures. Recommend sharper focus on the many ways the community would benefit as well as the value proposition. Also, word the ballot in layman's terms and move the financial jargon to the ballot information supplement. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Tax payers are tapped out. |

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| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Taxes continue to rise and I feel that we are not sure the tax money is being spent properly. The extra people moving here should provide enough revenue. |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | Thank you for what you do !! |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Loveland | You have my support! |
| F | 18-34 | O | N | Loveland | SCHOOLS ARE FOR THE FUTURE. They need better everything to succeed, the future generation coming through those halls. |
| M | 35-44 | O | N | Loveland | Y'all need to get your act together and use logic and math to run a district, not feelings, opinions, or agendas. |
| M | 45-54 | O | N | Loveland | Get rid of the bloated high paying Administrative rolls. Stop affective teaching methods and get back to academics. Our society is getting dumber at a fast rate, although TSD does do better than most, I will admit. |
| M | 45-54 | O | N | Loveland | School districts need to be better stewards of the public citizen money they already receive. |
| M | 55-64 | O | N | Loveland | Too much spending increase. And tax base increase should be enough with all the new taxpayers |
| M | 65+ | O | N | Loveland | Focus on helping students and quit empire building and playing liberal politics |
| F | 18-34 | R | N | Loveland | I do feel like overall the financial pressures the local community is facing is a large reason why any increase in funding this year was hard to approve. The conversations this year around school of choice, vouchers for private schools, and the needs of public schools do need to be addressed for people to understand the impacts those programs would have and why we should invest in our children, schools, and how good education improves all markers in a community as a whole. My husband and I strongly support public education and we recognize the need for funding increases to meet the needs of the schools. |
| M | 18-34 | R | N | Loveland | Disappointed 5A and 5B were not approved |
| M | 18-34 | R | N | Loveland | If you mention efforts to make cuts elsewhere that go alongside the tax increase, these can be much more digestible. Taxes almost never go down, so there needs to be compromise from both parties |
| M | 18-34 | R | N | Loveland | In regards to question 13, I would also recommend including information on how the district would pay back the bonds without having to bring in more taxes. Saying that a bond of that size could be repaid without an explanation of how implies that there is already excess funds in the district or that cuts would have to be made in other areas to make the payments. |

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| M | 18-34 | R | N | Loveland | Restructure your budget and quit relying on property tax to fund the bloated budget. Why should a significant portion of the population without children have more property taxes forced on them for schools. |
| M | 18-34 | R | N | Loveland | School choice should be implemented, if it isn't already. That's how schools should be funded |
| M | 18-34 | R | N | Loveland | Schools need better teachers not more toys |
| M | 18-34 | R | N | Loveland | Start spending money more wisely and stop allowing lgbtq teachers to teach our children! |
| M | 18-34 | R | N | Loveland | You don't need more money |
| F | 35-44 | R | N | Loveland | Allow public access to all recreation (track, fields, swimming pool). We pay for it and do not benefit from it in our town. |
| F | 35-44 | R | N | Loveland | Continuing to build debt is not a principle I can vote for |
| F | 35-44 | R | N | Loveland | I am so disappointed in my community. The fact that this did not pass just blows my mind. |
| F | 35-44 | R | N | Loveland | My property taxes went up 40%. Inflation is through the roof! Schools have higher budgets than ever yet continue to have lower test scores. |
| F | 35-44 | R | N | Loveland | No more taxes need increased we are taxed enough and most people I know are barely staying afloat, the people are struggling enough already as it is! |
| F | 35-44 | R | N | Loveland | Teach students core subjects and stop the leftist indoctrination. Stop letting boys compete with girls. Stop teaching that people are born in the wrong body. |
| F | 35-44 | R | N | Loveland | Thompson School District hasn't been a good steward of the money already given to them. |
| F | 35-44 | R | N | Loveland | Voting is private. I get that you want more information to help your choices in the future, but I don't think it's appropriate to ask people how they voted. |
| F | 35-44 | R | N | Loveland | With the last bond measure, it appeared that it was much more heavily advertised and explained exactly what the funds were to be used for and how it will affect tax payers (while I'm aware all this was available and I researched it, I didn't feel like the information was as heavily advertised as in previous bonds) |
| M | 35-44 | R | N | Loveland | As far as I'm considered, you need to quit treating our teachers like peasants or slaves. They deserve a lot of respect for what they have to put up with for measly amount of money from you. |
| M | 35-44 | R | N | Loveland | I think the school district has damaged its relationship with parents. If it spent some time regaining the trust of parents by providing transparency and accountability, they would have more success in the future. I have found many people have teachers that they love but don't trust the school board. |

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| M | 35-44 | R | N | Loveland | I would support the school district if I could send my kids there. |
| M | 35-44 | R | N | Loveland | Taxation is theft |
| F | 45-54 | R | N | Loveland | A city tax on the sale of goods is paid by everyone. That made it easier for me to vote yes. Homeowners are carrying the weight of all the renters and this liberal state needs to quit acting like California. That's why we have renters, it's become unaffordable to own. So only 60 something percent of the pop are homeowners paying for schools. It's too much on us. Get renters into homes and your problem is solved! |
| F | 45-54 | R | N | Loveland | I don't think that funds are used appropriately as is. Fix the schools with the money that is already in the budget before I feel okay about my taxes being increased. Also, my kids go to private school because of the state of the public school right now. I already have to pay tuition. I don't want to pay more. |
| F | 45-54 | R | N | Loveland | I would only vote for an increase once the woke agenda has ended and common core teaching has been removed. Get back to real teaching |
| F | 45-54 | R | N | Loveland | The board needs to take a long look at the liberal ideals that are running the school system. People do not want to put their child in a school where boys can decide today they want to be a girl and the start using the girls restroom. Where is the rights of each of the girls that have to endure this. My son was bullied at two different elementary schools and nothing happened to either child. But my son sustained a broken arm and years of therapy. But they don't care about the victims they care about the fact that the first child father was a Vet and things were tough for them. The second they were concerned because the bully was black and were afraid of racism because there were only a few black kids in school. Not only was my son traumatize in this school district but my nephew was sued by a teacher who tried to kill her husband and blamed my autistic nephew who was bulled and severely traumatized by this teacher and what support did he get from this school district not a damn thing. Get if this damn WOKE bandwagon and liberal BS and go back to protecting all the children not changing everything to make things work for this one child or that. I substituted d for this school district for many many years and couldn't believe the poor education these kids got. It is so shameful. My tax dollars for my sons school deserve to go to whichever school he is enrolled in. Not to support bad schools/districts. Get it together and remember these kids need to be functional members of society for a long time not just until they graduate from school. |

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| M | 45-54 | R | N | Loveland | I have found in my discussions with many taxpayers that a large number of them agree, to one degree or another. with my own thoughts on this. |
| M | 45-54 | R | N | Loveland | Less likely to have any opinion on this if so many tax resolutions and debates |
| U | 45-54 | R | N | Loveland | There is a way that seems wise to a man, but the end is a crashed economy, chaos and division everywhere, i.e socialism, communism and the mass executions and great suffering and starvation that always accompany these ideals. Paraphrased and updated language and content added for expression. This has everything to do with the policies of continuing to ask for more money, rather than increasing fiscal responsibility, reducing costs, promoting cost saving technologies, sharing them in grassroot efforts, etc. There is an ancient format for a nation to follow that has been highly successful in past civilizations. Out should be considered and discussed by our brightest and yet uncorrupted minds. People who are truly focused on being the change they want to see. |
| U | 45-54 | R | N | Loveland | No. I hope that your next ballot measures go well for you. |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | Become accountable and cut administration |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | Bonds are predicted to tank next year. I don't think that Loveland should be thinking about bonds. Find another way to fund improvements. Start by taxing corporations. |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | District needs to make it easy for people to know exactly how money is spent. Maybe stop spending on trying to make schools mental health centers. |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | I have no children within TSD, nor own property in Larimer County, but I DO feel we are already being taxed too much. I also understand the need for funds for public schools, transportation, etc - but we residents can only fund so much. Thank u for asking my opinion(s). |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | I think the district is top heavy in admin and has positions that are unnecessary. It needs to consider some hard budget cuts. |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | I will never support a liberal agenda. Stop pushing things on kids involving sex changes and teach fundamentals. Allow freedom (including religious) then maybe my thoughts would change on supporting extra funding. |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | My biggest issue is building NEW schools instead of try to maintain old ones and build on to existing! But do understand growth! |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | No. I am sorry the ballots didn't pass. |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | See my previous comments |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | Stick to teaching and make children accountable with grading their efforts. |

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| F | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | We support TSD and don't have children in school anymore. Just sad to see our community expect so much, but they aren't willing to give. Love the Career Campus idea! Wish it was there when my kids were in school. |
| M | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | Find ways to be more efficient |
| M | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | I am for getting you all the money you need for safe quality education and paying teachers abundantly well. I am not for throwing good money after bad. Show me clearly that this is not happening and you will have my attention. |
| M | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | I do not feel that taxpayer money is being managed efficiently. |
| M | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | I really wish that all election language were simplified. I have a Masters degree and still struggle to understand the real asks. I can see how many people struggle |
| M | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | Question the appropriation of funds with the district. Have noticed things being done that I do not agree with. |
| M | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | Stop the waist!! |
| M | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | Voucher systems would create competition for students of every type. A tax base to support education is necessary but it has a limit. Parents are willing to support their child's education so tap that resource. Also, Many others living in the community would also voluntarily participate with donations for educational programs which are performing at a level that makes the community a better place to live and work. |
| M | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | Who ever wrote this survey is unqualified |
| U | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | Discontinue the "woke" mentality and instilling that in our children. Our kids are strong, capable, resilient and smart boys and girls. Let's teach to that and not coddle them in disappointment. Let's encourage family interaction and not leave them out of their child's education. If the election itself was any indication of how America feels about why they voted the way they did, that should be a clear message. We the people are tired of all the mostly "woke" school board. It's time to take fiscal responsibility and keep teachers who want to teach education and get rid of those who want to teach current culture ideologies! |
| U | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | It is insignificant how you ask The answer is the same, who is going to pay for the good and the WASTE Show us you can get rid of the waste and stay in budget then the results may be different |
| U | 55-64 | R | N | Loveland | Use what you have and just teach what needs to be taught and grade properly. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Any time the ballot is increasingly asking you to consider raising taxes your inclination is to vote no. Especially now with everything so expensive. B |

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| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | As a nation, as a state and as a school district we have to learn some fiscal responsibility. We are out of control in our spending! I have to do it with my personal budget. Government forgets that they are spending MY money. It is time to hold them accountable. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Can T have two property tax increases on same ballot |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Cut higher administrative wages and get the money from there. Stop overburdening tax payers when the money never goes where it should. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | I am so sad that they didn't pass. Our kids deserve the ver best and this didn't happen. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | I don't even have grandkids in this school district yet but I know it's a good idea. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | I don't think Loveland schools provide a good education. If the School Board believes that to be false, then effort should be made to show the results. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | I feel the teacher's unions have to much say and control and make it difficult for teachers who don't agree with union decisions to have a say and work in the district. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Keep up the great work! |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Keep up with all that you do for our students! They deserve the BEST!! |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Little Thompson School district is to be applauded for its long term efforts to be careful of use of taxpayer dollars. Just be more specific in need in future elections. The game playing in this past election on explaining actual need and use of proposed addition funding needs to be more specific throughout the state districts as a whole. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Make language shorter and more clear. There were also too many other tax increases, or others asking for money.on the ballot. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Make people of Loveland understand how important it is for all our children to have places that make where they spend a big share of their life be comfortable to learn and be proud of the school. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Need to teach the students what the constitution says and means and why it is so important. Hold students responsible for their actions/behaviors. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | No new taxes or fees. Use what you have more effectively. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Our children and grandchildren need an education that is absolutely stellar.....We need these kids to be ready to face war, over crowding, poverty, climate change and many other things and they need to be prepared to enter college so that they can become leaders in our great country! |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Please declare the unions illegal and get rid of them. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | School choice because you are not doing your job. |

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| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | School districts just continue to add programs and seem reluctant to cut programs or staff. Taxpayers are tired of the constant money requests |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | School Union needs to GO ! |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | What funds are you using to keep our kids safe? More cops in school?? Metal detection, mental health, cameras?? |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | With all the new housing, it's hard to believe that no additional funds are being allocated to this district. |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Concentrate on core education and not all The feel good nonsense |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | CRT needs to not be taught. True history ,respect for law and order, and our countries constitution needs to be the norm not woke idealism. |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Do not build in inflation in the measure!!!!!!!!!!!! |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Enough is enough |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | I think tax increases in difficult time will always be challenging. |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | In context of the last election given the overall inflation and cost of living people are sensitive to any additional costs/taxes. So such increased costs need to be justified and explained more fully |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Keep the kids safe. Teach American history at mid grades. Teach Colorado history. Have bigger better funded life skill classes teach kids how to live betttr lives. |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Loveland needs to get with the program |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Please slow down. We really need to focus on catching up to the cost of living in this area. Look at the people leaving California! We are 5 years behind them in Colorado. |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Public schools are bad |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Question 14 1 and20 million \$ in bonds how would this be paid for? |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | The tax base is increasing here at a higher rate than the district needs are. |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | Too many tax issues on this ballot |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | We need to fund our schools. My children had a great education in TSD and I'm paying it forward |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | You automatically get budget increases because of higher property values. |
| U | 65+ | R | N | Loveland | In this present economic condition it is NOT wise to ask for ANY increase in ANY taxes or fees for ANY reason! I can barely afford to feed my family. The district should do as I am, CUT EVERY EXPENSE POSSIBLE! also, I CANNOT SUPPORT THE WOKE IDEOLOGY (DEI) being promoted in public school systems. |

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| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | Fix your school system, stop spending money you don't have |
| | | | | | Given the increase in property taxes recently, I am very reluctant to increase further without great need. If an increase is absolutely necessary, having budgetary deficit info easily available (after taking increased taxes into account) would be helpful. Increasing mill levies, and eliminating TABOR returns (without an end date) are my least favorite options for giving revenue to the city (mill levies because it does not distribute the costs to all residents in the city, and eliminating TABOR refunds indefinitely because I think it does not encourage governments to be economical in their decisions and make the most of the dollars available). |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | I am in favor of our school districts getting more public funding no matter the tax increases. Thank you for the work that you all do. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | I do not understand the last two questions. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | I hope it'll be on the ballot again, and will be passed the next time around. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | I hope the school district can get the funds it needs for teachers, staff and building maintenance. It is discouraging these measures did not pass. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | I really wish the ballots had been approved, and I'm really sorry that the school district didn't get extra funding. I hope you guys will get it next time, and you have my vote. Good luck with the survey. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | I think there were better ways to spend the money in the last bond. Had certain things been handled differently and more important things made priority my decision may have had a different result. I think there was too much focus on spending money on building Riverview PreK-8 and curb appeal at sites throughout the district. Where other arguably more important things such as roof integrity and overall building maintenance was not paid enough attention to. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | I voted yes because I believe in supporting teachers and our local schools. However, I struggled with the decision simply because our property taxes are already so high. I would like to see the state enact systemic changes to better fund education from the state level rather than our local communities being solely responsible for solving a systemic, state-wide issue. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | Language was difficult to understand for the average person. I work in the education sector and have postgraduate degrees and I still had to reread it a couple times |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | No, I will continue to support the district |

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| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | Nope you all know what you need to do to reach your voters and obviously you all suck at your jobs and maintaining the district as a whole. If I were you I would do us all a favor and step down and let someone more qualified to handle the board. I hope all of you lose your jobs and get replaced. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | Please look at D6 when Dierdre Pilch became the superintendent as a model to reach out to gain community support. Greeley had many years of not passing bonds and mill levys, until she inserted herself into the community and figured out what Greeley voters wanted and need to understand. Things aren't passing in Loveland and TSD needs to put themselves out there and educate the community what all of the bonds mean and how each household would be impacted a month. Loveland voters deny any tax increase because they just don't understand it fully. In this past election, I didn't receive ANY information on 5a or 5b. I just saw it on the ballot. Things need to be mailed out, emailed, texted, all the things. Make it easy to understand how each household would be financially impacted and sell it. It's too confusing and broad how it was set up on the ballot for \$500,000. Like okay, that's a lot of money, but how does that impact how much I'm paying a month. TSD needs to do better and market themselves more and make it EASY to understand on the financial standpoints. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | The wording needs to be way more specific with numbers, and tsd needs to focus on getting more money to pay for the things tsd needs without increasing tsd debt. Tsd needs to also get more ways to get money aside from increasing property taxes because property taxes in Larimer county are already so high that 20-30 year old are unable to buy a home and keep it long term. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | Use more simple language and bullet points next time. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | We have to have these things approved. Prioritize teachers and students. The way stuff works in buildings is not fair to us. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | Would prefer initiatives with no increase in debt |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | You get government funding per pupil utilize that correctly. Sell buildings/land to get money. Business poorly ran go bankrupt. We shouldn't have to keep bailing you out for a service we will not use due to mismanagement and insane ideologies. That's why private school enrollment is up. |
| F | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | You have enough money. Quit buying "technology" and actually teach. |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | God bless us all |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | Hope it works out next time |

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| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | I come from MCVSD 51, and was even involved heavily in their bond issues there. From that experience, I think you need to run a better campaign. It's unfortunate that you have to convince people to support education, but you do. To be fair I moved here over the summer, and live in the relatively isolated Centerra area, but regardless I didn't see any adverts about the bond. Start working now on regrouping, refining, and begin the campaign process before the board even votes to approve the next measure. Good luck! |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | I just want the teachers to have the salaries they deserve. TSD should reallocate their monies towards the staff instead of throwing it away at revised infrastructure. I feel TSD should have some more funds just for salaries of lower level staff members. The funds should not be used to build new school buildings and destroy or repurpose others (Monroe). This seems like a major misallocation of funds and may negatively impact the trust of the people that live in Loveland. Please do the right thing and support the staff that needs this money the most instead of catering to wasteful projects and developments. |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | I voted yes but I understand why some might not like increases in taxes. I believe if the messaging was better on how the money would help future students/generation I think it would have passed. 1/5th of Loveland's population is over 65 and may no longer have student aged kids and may not want to pay more if they don't see the value in the tax increase. |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | I'm sorry these measures were rejected. People here want beautiful communities filled with successful and happy people but seemingly don't understand that these things cost money. |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | It seemed like there were a lot of tax increase on the ballot this year. I think that makes it tough to pass all of them |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | It's hard to know how much the district actually needs and hard to visualize the needs from mere text on a piece of paper. Also, why not ask for smaller increases to make some progress instead of none? |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | Not especially at this time |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | Prioritize on improving the quality of staff and teachers to compete with other districts!! |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | Taxes are extortion and therefore illegal. This school district doesn't need any more money than they already have. |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | There are a lot of older people here with no kids in Thompson valley schools so you have a tough job getting these measures passed. Try smaller more targeted measures. A measure that would increase pay for teachers only would pass by a large margin I think. |

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| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | This failing makes me not want to teach in Loveland |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Loveland | We need to find a way to explain exactly what the consequences of a yes or no vote would be. All people see is "blah blah blah INCREASE TAXES blah blah". I do not know how this could be done at all, regardless of how it could be done free of bias. If bills like this are to ever pass, it needs to be figured out. |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | A lot of people are struggling financially right now. So it's hard to want to approve raising property taxes for the foreseeable future, when they are already very high. |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | Demand to see where all the mmj money went. |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | Funding for public schools has got to come from something other than city taxes. Conservatives do not support public schools, or taxes to sales, income, property, etc., which is I'm assuming why these didn't pass. Introducing marijuana dispensaries to Loveland, is a great first step and will contribute to the school systems overhead. Pot heads are happy to pay whatever they need to, raise the sales taxes up on it, it'll work. |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | I am saddened that voters did not prioritize the needs of our schools, students, teachers, and district. I hope they will rise to their responsibility next time around. |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | I definitely do not want to pay from my taxes for the district at this time. And would like to see better spending choices to help me change my mind. This was the first time I've ever voted against the schools |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | I love Loveland, but good luck getting a bunch of conservatives to vote to increase taxes |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | I'm sorry they didn't pass, but I am VERY upset that the District voted to allow the change in the URA, which is diverting money that should be going to the schools into McWhinney's pocket instead! BIG mistake, and I don't think taxpayers will allow the District to get more money out of our pockets to correct that....for decades!! Shame on you!! |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | Need more communication and clear communication |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | Tax increases should only apply to the wealthy... anyone making over 150,000 a year. No one else can afford it. |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | The best thing is to not raise taxes and find funding by other means. |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | The taxes here are already so high it's hard to want to add more |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | With the sharp increase of population there should already be a large increase in taxes paid. Citizens are tired of footing the bill for poor city and district management. |
| F | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | You should itemize the needs. Schools waste a lot of money on unnecessary things while necessary things suffer. We want to see where the money will go |

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| M | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | Be hyper transparent with finances and what improvements have been made |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | Give me the option to use my kid's education dollars on the school I choose to be best for them, not on government run school. Government is ineffective and inefficient. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | I feel that our current community has a political mindset of "less taxes, more money for individuals." And I think it was bad timing - with all of the other tax increases on the ballot. I hope in the future our community will see the value of investing in our education systems. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | I wish you good luck in convincing the voters of this community to value education |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | I'll almost always vote for anything that increases funding. The public school system is one of the most important social programs in the country, while also being one of the most neglected. It honestly makes me sick how many people think they shouldn't pay purely based on the fact they don't have kids or no longer have kids. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | I'm very sorry this did not pass for you and I hope the folks pull their heads out of the sand. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | I'm unlikely to vote for bigger budgets until TSD stops spending money on SEL and DEI. These programs have been going on for long enough, and I've seen no research indicating all this money has increased graduation rates as a direct result. Instead, I see kids less able to handle their emotions. It's been a failure, and based on what I've observed nationally, SEL is a likely contributor to the political gender divide. Start using our tax dollars wisely if TSD wants more of our money. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | If the district needs more money, it would be wise to communicate to voters why its current budget is insufficient and what measures it's already taking to optimize its resource allocation. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | Not really, just disappointed that neither passed, along with the funding for the city. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | The district receives enough money already and isn't incentivized to produce positive results with the money it already receives. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Loveland | We would love to have great neighborhood school options and do not believe the improvement of facilities is going to make this happen. We see problems that go much deeper, that need addressing on a philosophical, political and leadership level and tossing money at a building is not going to deliver a better education. |
| F | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | Amounts need to be stated, not open-ended. Specific budgets also need to be stated, not open-ended where Administration could give themselves raises and leave out teachers completely |
| F | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | Focus on education, not social work |

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| F | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | Fund schools |
| F | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | I hope you find a way to convince voters our district needs more \$\$ |
| F | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | I think showing people how underfunded our schools are and showing what other districts are getting and what other residents are paying might help highlight the need for more funding and how unfair residents are being with not helping the schools more. I had to look all of this up myself. |
| F | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | I think this is a Wonderful school district! Both my kiddos went to schools here and received a Great Education. I especially liked the FRCC opportunities for students in High School. I am very happy to be working for the district now :) |
| F | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | I want to see the schools funded well. But you can't spend money you don't have. So I can't vote for a bond measure if it's not defined how it's going to be paid off. |
| F | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | I'm sorry it didn't pass and don't understand the short-sightedness of many in this community. |
| F | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | Stop putting multiple issues in the same election. One at a time, please! |
| F | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | When I am told that a government agency can increase their money with no additional taxes, I ask WHERE that money is coming from. If that answer isn't clear, I will vote no. All of the government's money comes from taxes. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | I love the school district and think they do a great job of educating the youth of Loveland/Berthoud. I graduated from LHS, and both of my children did as well. I think the district needs to find better ways of using the money given to them before I would vote for a tax/mill/bond increase. If there were possibly more facts on how much it would cost on a home of \$500,000 in the wording, it could have swayed my decision some. But I also believe closing schools and selling them off is not the answer either. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | I was beyond upset to see how little my fellow Lovelanders seem to care about the education of our youth. We should be appalled and ashamed with ourselves. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | Many don't like taxes, but use the services that taxes provide. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | Mediocracy is the standard at Thompson school district. No more money. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | Please consider selling property and tightening your belt to pay off the bonds that Thompson School District promised to pay in good faith rather than continuing to accumulate debt. Eventually property taxes will increase beyond what home and business owners and renters can afford. |

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| M | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | Raise the expectations of all students and stop settling for results that show only minimal growth. I don't care how we compare to the rest of the state we need to do better for these kids. There needs to be substantial changes in leadership and staff. Don't give raises to those who don't earn it, and don't keep teachers who don't show substantial growth with their students. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | Stop teaching opinion and go back to math science and History |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | We just approved a fairly large mill levy for the schools. It's seems pretty soon to be coming back asking for more. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | We need to get back to basics with our education system. Stop the feel good topics and concentrate on basic instruction such as math, reading, and our constitution, aka social studies. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | You are a vital part of the community. Keep communication going! |
| U | 45-54 | U | N | Loveland | Itsiyjkglydlurlui g jk sesjx |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | At this point in time we all have a budget and have to live within our means. I strongly believe all the office and committees need to find ways to manage their budget better. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | Get rid of the whole DEI staff. This will improve morale and save money. Stop creating new administrative positions like the current superintendent has done, put your money directly towards the kids, not overhead. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | I am just really disappointed in my fellow citizens that very are so selfish and only focused on their immediate needs versus big picture/long term. It is just disheartening |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | I think it's important to fund our future generations, but we want good stewardship of that money. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | I would like to thank educators for their dedication. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | I'm dismayed that neither ballot issue passed. |

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| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | It's the people who rent who vote yes on raising property taxes! Just like the city Slickers, who voted to bring back the wolves in Colorado. It doesn't concern them! They don't have to deal with it. They are not directly impacted. Those decisions shouldn't be left up to those people! Again, make the most of what you have because you could always be worse as my mother would say! You should not kick a horse in the mouth! Be thankful you At least have some funding. It's just not a convincing story when you ask every single time we vote! Why don't you give us a surprise and don't ask for once and then maybe the next time we might be apt to vote yes in favor of you. The way it stands now, though, I will always vote NOOOOOOOO! BECAUSE YOU'RE WASTEFUL!! |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | Keep telling community about class sizes and student struggles. Keep telling community about volunteers and hours. Keep comparing to local districts the dollar amount per students. And that Loveland spends a lot on Transportation because it has a large area to cover. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | Owning both residential and commercial property in Larimer county informs much of my opinions on any entity that derives part or all of their budget from levying those properties via taxes. Public education is in many ways consumer driven. People will pay for what they perceive is a superior service. People will not pay for services they feel are mediocre. Funding then relies on perception. The district and public education in general has a perception problem with more voters than it does not. Therein lies the answer to the rejection of the ballot measures. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | Pare down extracurriculars and focus on the need to haves over the nice to haves. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | People cannot afford to live in this area anymore and if you cannot afford to live here you are not going to vote for anything that takes more of their money. I voted no on the transportation because all of those included with all this building that most people can't afford can pay for it. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | The superintendent needs to exercise more oversight on his leadership team. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | There were too many requests from too many groups for tax increases. The average resident can't afford it. I know the schools need money but why can't there be a system requiring developers to help fund schools |

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| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | With the population increase in the whole North state area Loveland, included. You need to find ways to use the money that you're already getting from the increased property taxes, and stop hounding taxpayers to death. residence are getting tired of your same old Tired repetitive requests for money. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | You should put 5A & 5B on the next possible ballot. |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | Ballot language is often difficult to understand. Also need to know the why you're asking to increase taxes and how it relates to previous ballots (seems there's a requested tax increase on every ballot). |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | Clarity and definition on how exactly those funds will be spent and who will be making those decisions. |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | Everybody just wants more, every single time an election comes up tax go up, we're already taxed to death. Teachers get summers off time off for Thanksgiving, Christmas, spring break, vacation time, and they still want to get paid like someone who gets two weeks off a year. ENOUGH. |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | Government. And school district are used efficiently Time to manage what they are given and tighten. Budgets |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | I am very upset about the Property Tax increase, and until that issue is addressed I do not plan to vote for ANY tax increases. |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | I'm afraid that with the recent inflation issues, people aren't in the mood to have additional taxes affect their finances. |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | Make the language less confusing and possibly use examples of what the money will fund. Focus on the kids and teacher pay. Need to begin positioning teachers in same mentality as first responders. Teachers are saving children everyday certainly qualifies and people want teachers pay increased to retain the best & brightest!!! |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | People are afraid of being priced out of the area they live and may not understand why it's important to support and value our school systems. I think bottom line they are not educated on why it matters. You need to sell your needs before a vote occurs. People I know were not aware of these measures until seeing it on the ballot. I would do more with social media and interacting better with the community more... you can't afford it? You can't afford not too! |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | People are taxed out in colorado. The money is not being used to benefit tax payers. This is why the elections went the way they went. |

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| M | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | Perhaps City of Loveland and TDS would like to explain to the over-taxed citizens of Loveland why City of Loveland and TDS need more of our money. Publish your budget, I am certain many of the over-taxed City of Loveland and TDS residents could show City of Loveland and TDS what could be eliminated from the budget so that you wouldn't need so much of our money. That's what the over-taxed citizens of Loveland have to do every time you reach into our pockets, we have to figure out what we can live without, what we can eliminate from our budget because we have to satisfy your insatiable need for our money. Learn to live within your means. Money doesn't grow on trees nor are the residents of Loveland able to supply a inexhaustible supply of money. |
| U | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | Do the job they were hired to do, get grades up, stop brainwashing our kids, and then we the people may think of giving them more monies. Period. |
| U | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | For 13, how do we know what gets cut for the proposed bond? Property taxes are already way too high. I used to vote yes for school taxes but cant justify an increase year after year. |
| U | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | How would a \$120,000,000 bond not result in a tax increase. I don't believe this possible and would probably result in a hidden tax somewhere else |
| U | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | If taxes must be raised. Consider more of a 'flat tax' style system. Focus a on taxes from folks @ times of purchases or higher taxes for folks who have to utilize the school systems. |
| U | 55-64 | U | N | Loveland | We have to live on what we earn. We can't just go take it from someone. Grow up. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Agreeing to give up tax revenue to Centerra was a high mistake not just for the school district but for the community. We taxpayers have to live within our means so should you. First priority is teacher salaries!! Then overhead and infrastructure. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Although I voted yes for the measures, I hesitated because we had recently voted for others with similar working. Additional clear info on how these fit in with the past ballot measures would have been helpful. I cant remember which measures were approved and which rejected, in any case summary of how the new ones fit in, progress on spending the others would be helpful for a feeling of transparency. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Apparently the citizens of Loveland do not appreciate the value of education of the values those who teach. This is very shortsighted. When these folks complain about the shortage of qualified tradespeople, law enforcement, professional medical staff, service workers and teachers, they can only have themselves to blame. All these careers begin with primary and secondary education. If you cannot support your schools you cannot have a dependable workforce. |

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| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Budget, budget, budget. Something that the district doesn't understand. Teachers and staff are not under paid based on benefits and actual days of in classroom time. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Coming to CO from another state I was surprised that the school district was involved with the Centurra development. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Continue to work on upgrading Thompson School District our children need the best education. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Don't put issues on a ballot. When people in town are angry at the city council for their wasteful spending. A no tax state of mind exists when that happens. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Each school needs to provide annual evaluation reports on how well they are doing in these areas: student improvement academically; removal of outdated material and equipment; teacher and principal retention; cost savings implementation with parent and student input; percent of cost for special needs student population; percent of cost for family attrition; annual evaluation on what is working well and what is redundant. Loveland's physical growth has caused a greater separation between all taxpayers and the education community. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Figure out another way to earn income - like taxing home & commercial builders in what is becoming overbuilt LL & surrounding communities. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Having multiple proposals that increase taxes on the same ballot is disheartening |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I appreciate what you are doing and I certainly understand the importance of good school districts. Poudre approved there's and it was similar with a blank check. I think there should have been an easier way to read this. The loss of food tax sucks and I did vote for the increase for that. Which may be why school didn't pass. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I honestly don't know how you are going to convince the citizens of Loveland to vote for any tax increase. Too many are just anti tax regardless of what it is for. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I just can't afford any higher taxes and looking to go back to work in my retirement years |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I regret that the results of the ballots did not please voters. Many of us felt overwhelmed with the contents. Too much information in both ballot issues. |

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| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I was really upset when you supported the Centerra project & did not intend to vote for \$ for you but changed my mind & voted yes on all or almost all the tax increase ballot measures. Taxes are so negligible in CO compared to other states yet people don't want to see costs go up or have to pay more. Our children will be the ones paying into our SS so they need a quality education in order to secure well paying jobs. I also was furious when CC gave \$ to the McWhinneys for Centerra & did vote to remove the food tax. Was not planning to vote for the city 1% tax measure but in the end I did realizing it was a former Council that gave \$ away not current Council. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I was very unhappy with the school district supporting the centerra project. The statement the state would backfill shortfalls in the district further angered me. That kind of logic is costing us in state taxes! |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I wish so many people would understand how imperative it is to fund our schools, especially with Tabor causing so many problems for funding |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I would like to see more oversight on spending. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I would suggest a lot more information be made public before any ballot issue. This could involve having volunteers produce literature and distribute it. Keep in mind that there are many retirees in this district and they tend to vote against tax increases. It's difficult to convince someone who is eighty or ninety to invest in the future of schools. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I would support any measure that would help our schools do the best possible job of educating our youth. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I'm retired and on a fixed income. Life is hard enough financially for me. I would not vote for any increase in any tax |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | If tsd employees esp. Para professionals were paid appropriately, perhaps i could afford to vote for such issues. Until then I'll continue to vote against. Wheres the respect for the paras that work so hard to care for our ilc students? Risking our lives everyday and giving so much energy to this program only to have the district thrive and get recognition! WE cant even go to a wc apt. without getting docked AL!!! |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | It is high time for voters to help support teacher salary increases and building improvements!!! |

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| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | It seems that these bond issues are never felt in the classroom-it seems that you just pay for another human to come in and waste teacher's time with another district meeting. Let teacher's teach, give them the tools they need to do the job, take away the BS that admin. likes to pile on, come up with a feasible solution to cool the blogs without AC. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Just to reiterate, I want to see cost cutting and belt tightening at the administration level and clear communication as to need and impact, and how value will be measured before I vote for a tax increase. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Look for citizen input to review the budget; perhaps someone not so entwined may see opportunities for moving funding. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | More publicity might help. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Need this! |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Parents, my children and I all graduated from Thompson schools. We need to do all we can to support our community to continue providing a quality education to Pre-K through graduation. We need public schools. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Please understand how much the economy has affected the population in the last 5 years. Retirees are especially impacted. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Please use public money as it is put forth for internet use. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Sadly, I am becoming aware of why families are enrolling in charter schools. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Sales tax increases are undemocratic. Easy to pass & undemocratic. With SSN in jeopardy I don't need tax increases. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | STOP the teachers & counselors from telling kids they are NON-BINARY & NO CRT. Bring back helpful classes auto mechanics, cosmetology, wood shop, "Home making" life skills ,money handling (needed badly) drafting, ECT... Not ALL will be able to go to college. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | The ballot questions were very long and convoluted. I am an attorney, so reading the legalize wasn't a problem for me, but I do think that's a bar to understanding and approving for many/most people. I am sorry the measures didn't pass. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | The information that I had on these two ballot measures did not make clear the involvement with the Centerra South Urban Renewal Authority. I am still unclear as to the effect of this authority on the Centerra South area and therefore would have been hesitant to vote for ballot measures for the Thompson School District with the districts participation in the authority. |

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| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | There were too many tax increase questions on this ballot. People, me, are still adjusting to the large increase in property taxes from last year. School districts have to be very aware of when they ask for increases. When other increases are on the ballot at the same time sadly schools nearly always fall short. Education is not valued in our society. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Thompson's Superintendent and Board of Education failed us by not putting the time and energy into these campaigns. They did not meaningfully engage educators in the campaign and refused the needed support to sell the tax increase to the voters. Shame on you! |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Too many asks of the people |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | You need to listen more to your constituents. Having late start mornings and then many teacher workdays doesn't set a good feeling to support your need for more money. Test scores will not be increased because of more money. No homework policies and lack of traditional grade reports aren't a good way to gain confidence from the community. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | 15 to 20 years ago we were told that the development that had just begun would not increase the property taxes of those currently living in Loveland. That has been shown to be false. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | A "bond measure" is a tax. You are only fooling the ill informed and should cause you to feel shame. Be upfront and stop with the semantical gymnastics. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | American exceptionalism begins with exceptional Americans. Appropriate school funding is essential if today's students are to become tomorrow's exceptional adults. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Appreciate superintendents letters in the paper. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | District needs to offer more information about budget and needs to the public. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Go for it again!! The needs will never go away without additional funding |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Home owners were faced with a huge tax increase from Larimer County recently. What ever happened to the money from a substantial school tax increase of a few years ago? |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Hope more people vote in favor |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I fully support the school district but they need a better numerical demonstration for claimed need for funding. Too vague. Unsupported. Keep working! |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I have grandchildren in the district's high school and they all say that the system is "dumbing " curriculum and expectations down! Not a very positive message. Get rid of DEI and replace it with higher standards and expectations. You should be very concerned because the School Choice initiative lost by about 2%. Parents will walk away from your schools and take their tax dollars with them. |

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| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I think traditional subjects need to return, music, wood or metal shop, and especially fair and balanced. American History. Relations have hit a low point based on current divisiveness out in society. Cooperation not condemnation is needed. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | I would encourage TSD to set aggressive goals for student performance. Don't aim to be average...being average sucks. No one cares about "average". Set a district wide goal to achieve outstanding results and get the community to buy in - as a shared Loveland objective. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | In my opinion school districts in general squander a lot of their money on unnecessary projects and administration. And then, poor kids have to go and beg for money just to participate in school activities. Pretty shameful. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | It is our responsibility to fund the education of our children in every generation. Period. You will always have my support. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Keep trying. The voters support schools |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Less woke. Less social issues. More basic Ed. More math. More history |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Let's save some money and increase the quality of education. Give the kids a chance. Let's use vouchers. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Poor timing coupled with a lack of sufficient detail. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Public schools are important and need to be supported. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | The district almost certainly does need more funding for operational costs, but it needs to be much clearer about how recent property tax increases have been used and how new funds are to be spent. Maybe separate issues for 1 topic only; teachers salaries, technology, deferred maintenance , etc. And possibly broken up over multiple elections (I imagine that's a budgeting problem, but some wins are better than no wins) |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | The schools in TBVSD need more funding and support from the community. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Too many tax increases items on the ballot |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Too much is spent on administrative tasks because of federal involvement in funding Colorado schools. We need to abolish Department of Education and get the federal regulators off our back and let the people of Colorado fund schools in Colorado. Focus needs to be on the basics and away from all the other crap regulators are cramming in there. I personally find it very hard to pay more taxes when our graduates can't even read a book. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Try to be transparent... |

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| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | When local governments give away many millions in 'incentives' (bribes) to successful multi-million dollar corporations, then turn around and ask me for tax money...that request is dead in the water for me before the ballots are even printed. Giving viable and successful sometimes billionaire businesses money to relocate here is the most ignorant fail that is now a habit. STOP! |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | When you live on a fixed income any additional tax would hurt my way of life. People pay enough taxes when city and school governing bodies rely on taxes to fund them selves. Especially city councils. Bond issues are not the answers either |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | You are correct, easier to understand English written to a 12 grade level could help. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Your budget is still going up even without the ballot issues. |
| U | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Accountability and trust of the specifics of how money is spent is paramount to me. The best example I have seen is the recent Douglas County bond issue. |
| U | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Better management less top administration. |
| U | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | Yes. If you are creating a survey and asking if a person has any final thoughts, don't make it a mandatory question. Allow individuals to move on. |
| U | 65+ | U | N | Loveland | You gave away money to centera/mcwhinney and now you ask us for money? You gave money to a wealthy corporation who needed nothing and in fact should have been giving you funds but instead, you threw away all that money. Shame on you... When you squander the funds, we provide you then we are not sure we want to trust you again. |
| F | 18-34 | D | Y | Loveland | I wish y'all luck and support you with all my heart. I'm very glad to be part of this district and want to support it, and wish my fellow voters felt the same. |
| F | 18-34 | D | Y | Loveland | I'm disappointed in the community for not approving these measures |
| F | 18-34 | D | Y | Loveland | I'm a new first time home owner with limited knowledge and a tight budget due to a huge mortgage. I work for TSD and while I enjoy the perks of the job, the tiny salary is hard to survive on. I needed a very clear explanation for how much this will actually cost my family. On the other hand I have a 4 year old TSD student. I am all about investing in our community / schools and understand when A LOT of people pay a bit extra amazing things can be accomplished. I felt the bill was written to be a bit predatory and was praying on citizens ignorance and willingness to look past the lack of clarity. That, or the assumption was normal citizens could determine the actual cost this would have if put into effect. Far too high of an expectation for your average person. |

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| F | 18-34 | D | Y | Loveland | People don't like reading - we know that information presented to the public must be written at a 5th grade level. There's needs to be more public education and understanding of these issues so that they can vote intelligently and in an informed way. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | Definitely make verbiage easier to understand. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | From the questions you asked it seems like you have a good understanding of why people said no 5A and 5B. I said yes, on the vote, but my spouse said no And I wasn't upset because of all of the above questions asked, and the reason I provided earlier earlier. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | I am saddened that our community does not rally around education. I always vote to fund education and I will continue long after my own children are out of the school system. Keep trying! |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | I honestly think a lot of people voted "no" because of all of the other potential tax increases being voted upon. It's a shame, but I believe it had an impact on the outcome. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | I think the overall economic situation in our country was a strong factor in this measure not passing-not necessarily wording or other measures. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | I'm very frustrated it didn't pass. It seems in recent years that any potential tax increases to fund children's/family/community programming that improves quality of life (maybe seen as just extras to those who voted against) have been voted down. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | In the ballot description maybe include info on how much is needed for repair, how many students sit in affected structures. I would suggest making it more personal. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | It's very hard to keep your student in a district where the community doesn't support education. I am actively seeking other educations options for my daughter outside of TVSD. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | Just that I feel like people who voted against these measures are extremely short sighted. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | Keep trying! Put kids and educators are worth it! |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | Let's do anything and everything we can to get our schools SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | No, other than I'm sorry these were results. I'm sorry education is not put first. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | Our community doesn't get how bad the schools are. People don't want to give undefined periods of time of taxes/money. They want limits. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | Tax everyone. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | Thank you to all who worked so hard in this. You are so appreciated. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. Hopefully next time we get something to pass. |

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| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | The schools and teachers need more funding, but along with all the other increase in tax ballot issues, it did seem like a lot. Our kids are worth the increase, but for all the older people in this town, they don't seem to care. It feels like all they want is to fund the police, without any thought about if we contribute more to the schools and educate the kids, that could potentially keep the crime down. I don't think changing the wording would matter. I'm really disappointed in Loveland residents who voted against those ballot issues. |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | What is the plan moving forward? |
| M | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | Good luck with future efforts, you have my vote. I am surprised this didn't pass, but then again the political climate at large seems to be waging a direct war against equitability, which includes public education. |
| M | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | I would blindly vote yes for anything TSD asks for if the district would quit the McWhinneys. Until that happens, I will actively campaign against any and all funding requests. I've worked with the McWhinneys. They are slick cheaters, liars, and fraudsters. TSD is intimidated by them. I know. It is hard not to be with the extreme pressure, smooth tactics, and slimy high-powered attorneys they use. Unless and until TSD hops out of bed with the McWhinneys, no funding proposal put to taxpayers will ever pass. I will make sure of it! |
| M | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | Those paying attention to TSD know it is a poor school district. Lowest paid teachers of any district in area which means hard to attract good teachers. Schaffer and school board have proven to be politically motivated and looking to build influence rather than always prioritizing what is best for students. TSD will have a hard time getting measures like this passed before they demonstrate improvement and gain the confidence of the community. |
| M | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | Voters are hesitant about permanent decisions. Offering a temporary increase is motivating by highlighting exact amounts and the length of time the cost to the tax payer will increase. Bonds are scary because the investment should be recognized at the end of the Bond term. Lastly, voters are always hesitant about creating governance committees. Automatically think the amount of money requested is too much if you need a governance process. Use an existing governance committee to show efficiently |
| M | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | Keep adding them to the ballot, we're bound to get one!!! |
| M | 35-44 | D | Y | Loveland | We need fewer old people who don't care about education |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | Hope to see these ballots again |

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| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | I think it's possible that a single ballot measure would've had a better chance of passing. Of course, some people also would be more swayed If there was no increase in taxes, I would vote for the measure either way. |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | I'm sorry it did not pass. The ballot was extremely long and 5a 5b were the very last |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | In reference to #12- absolutely should not have given Centerra more \$ even if the state was expected to backfill. That was a very poor choice. In reference to #13 it would depend on what the \$ was outlined to do. I will not vote for anything that builds new schools until current schools are taken care of (ie a/c) Stop neglecting the current schools. |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | It's great that you are doing this poll. |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | Keep fighting!! Thank you! |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | Sorry it didn't pass. Loveland and surrounding areas tend to be stingy with tax increases. |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | The mill and bond were also resented to the board and approved way too late. Not enough time to run an adequate campaign. If there's a surplus, it looks terrible to the many voters in this town that already think the district doesn't manage its finances well. |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | We need to keep putting these out there- and maybe trying during the campaign to communicate that better schools = higher home values that will more than offset and increase in taxes thru equity. |
| M | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | A really bad time to be asking voters for more money. Perception is that there should be an increase in revenues with the huge increase in property value recently. The City of Loveland is in a very similar position. |
| M | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | Fix Peakview Academy |
| M | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | Garfield ele. needs air conditioning now! It's been proven to affect our student's ability to learn. Put it in anyway. |
| M | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | I feel like there wasn't much "visibility" for this measure. Not enough public education. Show the need. |
| M | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | I'm sorry the voters failed the district this election. Almost nothing good came out of this election cycle results. People suck. |
| M | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | Loveland is too full of older, conservative people who love sending their grandkids to school but don't want to pay for it. I don't know how to change their thinking. |
| M | 45-54 | D | Y | Loveland | Sure wish it would have passed |

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| F | 55-64 | D | Y | Loveland | I feel people might be more inclined to vote yes if the language in the ballots weren't so wordy and confusing on where exactly the money was going and how much it was going to cost them |
| F | 55-64 | D | Y | Loveland | I have no faith that the money would actually go to our schools. I think our schools are not run well to begin with. Covid showed me that |
| F | 55-64 | D | Y | Loveland | Keep trying !!!! |
| F | 65+ | D | Y | Loveland | No final thoughts except that more funding for schools and our teachers is imperative! |
| F | 35-44 | O | Y | Loveland | Find a way to do this by applying the tax to everyone, not just property owners OR by no tax increase and I will vote yes. |
| M | 35-44 | O | Y | Loveland | We we're strongly in favor of Amendment 80. |
| M | 45-54 | O | Y | Loveland | If you want to impress me, cut your administration by 75%, and use the money to make TSD teachers the best-paid in the state. But ask them for measurable academic results in return. Oh, and bring back macroeconomics as a requirement to graduate. You are sending uneducated fools out into the world holding your diploma. |
| F | 18-34 | R | Y | Loveland | I didn't feel like the campaign was well advertised before the election. I did not even know it would be on the ballot. |
| F | 18-34 | R | Y | Loveland | I'm sorry the issues did not pass. Hopefully something else will for the next ballot to help provide the needs for our school districts where everyone's kids spend most of their time throughout the day. |
| M | 18-34 | R | Y | Loveland | Don't raise my taxes |
| M | 18-34 | R | Y | Loveland | I think the district needs to do a better job explaining how it would collect the revenues and what that looks like for an individual, not the district at large. |
| F | 35-44 | R | Y | Loveland | A brochure mailed out which explains needs of the district would be helpful. Since the majority of people probably don't step foot in schools, they need pictures, and a clear outline of needs |

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| F | 35-44 | R | Y | Loveland | I believe there is an imbalance in salary scales. Teachers this day in age are raising our children and dedicating their lives to this measure, and yet they are one of the lowest paid members in the school system. Fix the system and reward the teachers that go above and beyond for the students. Also, there needs to be some serious teacher support for discipline. Without any way to enforce the rules, teachers might as well just be glorified daycare providers. It's time to start protecting teachers and their rights, and making students toe the line of proper societal expectations of manners and proper behavior. Throwing tables and chairs mat people so you can walk down the hall and get a snack is not going to fix bad behavior. |
| F | 35-44 | R | Y | Loveland | If you didn't ask for money at every single election cycle, voters might be more willing to approve increases on the few times you did propose them. |
| F | 35-44 | R | Y | Loveland | Not really, but asking for more money during a time with insane inflation seems like poor timing. People, including my family have had a hard time financially just staying afloat. So, it seems a bit tone deaf in my opinion. |
| F | 35-44 | R | Y | Loveland | Prioritize the current schools. Pay the staff a living wage. Prioritize student and staff safety. Start school after Labor Day. |
| F | 35-44 | R | Y | Loveland | Thank you for all your hard work for the district and for our schools. |
| M | 35-44 | R | Y | Loveland | All I want is less taxes and less property taxes. So if any of these would increase either or both I'll be against it. It's already to expensive to live here. |
| M | 35-44 | R | Y | Loveland | Don't raise taxes |
| M | 35-44 | R | Y | Loveland | STOP PUSHING DEI AND WOKE ISSUE ON KIDS AND START TEACHING THE RIGHT WAY. |
| M | 35-44 | R | Y | Loveland | We need to have a well though out communication that is friendly but stern to call out the issues that are present in our schools and show the benefits of increasing the funding. I'd even include references to moral standards when we can pass all this nonsense and go against educational services. |
| U | 35-44 | R | Y | Loveland | It is not the tax issue that is stopping me from voting for the ballot issues. It is how TSD is in charge of it. If TSD administration cannot change how they are financially responsible I will never vote for it. |
| F | 45-54 | R | Y | Loveland | Education funding needs to be seriously revamped |
| F | 45-54 | R | Y | Loveland | Fire Theo Robison |

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| F | 45-54 | R | Y | Loveland | Fund staff better so that you can fully staff with excellent teachers, staff hall monitors so not so much drugs and bullying, negative atmosphere in every school. Start enforcing dress codes. It's proven that clothes for influence behaviors some and we have a complete downward slide. I don't want to drop my kids off and see girls actual buttocks hanging out of their clothes. This isn't the beach. Gross disregard for others. And PE every day for middle schoolers and at least twice a week for high school... |
| F | 45-54 | R | Y | Loveland | It's disappointing that the surrounding districts were approved in their ballot issues and thompson was denied. Somehow the needs are not being communicated properly. |
| M | 45-54 | R | Y | Loveland | Loans place us all in debt |
| M | 45-54 | R | Y | Loveland | Stop wasting money on dumb stuff like TSD logos on Scoreboards and the blue dot on the 50 yard line. You're a school district. You should care about branding and marketing. |
| F | 55-64 | R | Y | Loveland | I've been a teacher and have had a child in the Thompson school district schools. Money needs to go back into improving the old schools. My son went to all older schools and the technology was out dated, there was no air conditioning, supplies were limited, teachers were discouraged and worn out. Any money the school district gets should go into education reform. This school district is in a lot of trouble as far as I've seen. Teachers need to be paid well enough that men want to come back into the schools. Teachers should be allowed to teach English speaking and healthy children and immigrants and children with violent behavior issues and difficult disabilities should have their own schools. I could go on for hours. I won't ever walk back into a Thompson School!!!! |
| M | 55-64 | R | Y | Loveland | Give us school vouchers! |
| M | 65+ | R | Y | Loveland | 2 of my grandsons go to that School |
| M | 65+ | R | Y | Loveland | Education at all levels needs a serious update and performance accountability. I've been academe for nearly 60 years. In CO, the administration is top heavy while the students, in general, are ill prepared. On a positive note, the credit and preparation for students seeking careers in the trades is excellent. This "learn by doing" could be implemented earlier in educational environments. |
| F | 18-34 | U | Y | Loveland | I have no issue with school funding. |
| F | 18-34 | U | Y | Loveland | I will stand to make our schools better for what ever we need to do! |
| F | 18-34 | U | Y | Loveland | I would love to help increase funding for TSD, but increasing the cost of living for residents made it hard for me to vote yes |

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| F | 18-34 | U | Y | Loveland | Keep trying. Public schools specifically in this area are good. It's a big reason why I chose to settle, grow roots and start having children here. It's why I confidently chose public school over private or charter. I went to school in PSD, my grandmother taught in TSD decades ago. Let's keep things good! The learned mental health, education, respect and morale of our kids needs to be nurtured and supported for humanity's future. Our educators are a top source of this and they deserve so much more. |
| M | 18-34 | U | Y | Loveland | I strongly believe in supporting measures that benefit our children and ensure the success of our schools. I would like to know how I can help in the future to raise awareness and educate the community about the importance of initiatives like Ballot Issues 5A and 5B. Whether it's through volunteering, spreading accurate information, or participating in events, I want to contribute to ensuring our community is informed and able to make decisions that positively impact our children's education and future. |
| M | 18-34 | U | Y | Loveland | I wanted to support my kids future and education That is why I voted yes |
| M | 18-34 | U | Y | Loveland | The Loveland tax increase for libraries easily overshadowed 5a and 5b this year and even it failed. |
| M | 18-34 | U | Y | Loveland | Want to know what the problem is? More money won't solve the problem with public schools... let there be "choice" and like any business, competition will bring prices down. Spending other people's money is always easy for the bureaucrats! |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Anyone who spends times in the public schools can see that they need more funding. I think the real issue is that it does not affect the general public and that is why it does not pass. All terminology on ballast is always confusing and it never makes fully is understandable without reading the blue book, which most people will not do. Although I supported these ballots, I do always feel like the use of the money there is could be better used / distributed. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Do what is presented and in a timely manner then maybe you would gain the support of the community. |

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| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | I do think that the wording of the bills was extremely hard for some to understand. I think at the beginning of the paragraph there's big numbers such as 220 million and then there's some wording about raising taxes and that is all the people saw. They didn't truly understand how it would be enforced or what would happen or how it would personally affect them. I know there was information on a website about all of this, but in Loveland, I think a lot of people need paper copies sent to them in the mail. Especially older people will not get online to read those types of things and so when they read this bill, they only see the big numbers and raising taxes. I believe that is why both of these issues got voted down, if we can find a way to send information to voters to let them know how small of an impact this would actually have on them personally and that they are paying it forward for children's education maybe that would help. I also think people need to feel a personal impact of what is going to happen if these do not pass in the future, I don't know how we do that. It seems like things do not get voted through unless it personally affects them. I also think there's a big misconception about how the money from these would be used. I know I had heard multiple people say things like well if they get a raise it's just going to go to the administrators, none of the staff or teachers would see it. I know that is probably not true, but that is a rumor that floats around during this and we need to find a way to combat that. Again, finding a way to educate an older and/or more conservative population on how this money will be used and how it will personally affect them if we do not get it I think is going to be the solution to getting this passed. It seems like people do not care if it is happening to other people's kids, but if it is going to happen to them or their children or grandchildren, then they may be willing to help. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | I think including what the schools need to use the funding for would increase voter participation and more importantly a yes vote. Many people are completely unaware of how funds would fix things and improve the overall impact on education. Applying an emotional need for funding from voters could help |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | I think the biggest hurdle is where the money comes from, not that these ballot measures ask to fund TSD. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | I think the biggest issue was simply that nobody I talked knew knew about this ballot measure beforehand. There was very little information or "hype" about it and it takes a lot of pushing and advocacy to get people to approve tax increases here. |

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| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | I think voters definitely need to know how this would affect them personally (how much more on property taxes, etc) in order to vote yes. Look to PSD to see how they keep passing all their ballot measures. Sadly, I feel Loveland has more 60+ population, who have already had children go through school. It's THOSE voters you need to work on. Preaching to the choir in my house! :) |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | I think you need to evaluate what is really needed, especially after the one approved a couple of years ago that supposedly addressed the same issues. Then take the time to educate voters on what was done and what is still needed. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | It is difficult to engage voters in local issues, but it is essential to have just the facts and tone down the rhetoric that is misleading. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | More funds need to go to impact the students as a whole and in improving their learning and growth. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Next time you have a room filled with people begging you not to sell out our children, please listen to them. Sadly, asking voters to make up the loss was likely always the plan. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | No final thoughts I voted for both, I honestly don't know why people are so short sighted and rejected both |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Please don't be woke. Treat our children kindly and respectfully. Give them what they need not what everyone wants necessarily. There's something to be said for working hard to get rewarded versus getting handouts. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Schools in Larimer County have gone downhill in ratings. Teacher wage increases are long long long long overdue and that should come before technology improvements. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Someone mentioned in the "Arguments Against" that Longmont had just done something different, and passed it, in order to get their funding. I'm not knowledgeable enough about it to know of what they speak, but surely y'all would have people sufficient? They mentioned ways to get money without the tax increases. However, the districts needs outweigh my needs to keep my taxes slightly lower. I want the kids and teachers to get what they need. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Sorely disappointed that it didn't pass. Our students and teachers deserve better. As a Loveland native, I've often wondered if it's because of the high retiree population that lives here? We need to target people who don't have kids in the district |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Teachers salary increases are what I was looking for and neither of these ballot issues directly spoke to what that would look like in tax increases for the average person. |

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| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | The last bond and mill was not used as well as hoped. You have a school that is for sale and common rumor has it that the asbestos mitigation that was supposed to have happened never did and that is why the sales have fallen through. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | There is a lot of distrust in the community because old schools are being closed to open new ones east of town. It makes the district look wasteful or like an accomplice to greedy developers. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Working in TSD, I see the madness and need for reform in what we are already doing in schools. Expansion to meet increasing student numbers, I understand, but current faculty and staff (mostly administrators) are not operating efficiently anyway. Reform first, fund next. Also, people like to know what they are paying for. Earmarked funds may feel frustrating, tying your hands in ways, but parental trust in the school administration is at a low. We don't trust you to use the money well, so submitting a clear and specific budget for the ballot issue would help it pass. People are hurting financially and not in a place to spend without transparency. A community oversight committee to manage what people see as huge tax increases, after the fact, is not the transparency we are looking for. |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Do not increase my taxes |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | education is 1 priority in my book, so therefor you should have the funding to do the best job possible |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | I believe that the measures were turned down by voters because the taxpayers inside the Thompson School district are already being taxed for so many other things. It seems like the average taxpayer is having to do more with less right now, so how is that only fair to also have to make the district be more creative with their funding in order to staff schools appropriately. I do understand that all of the money wasn't going to berthoud schools but I do realize that that area is growing and will continue to grow exponentially over some of our other schools in the district. I think the problem with voters is that they see schools being closed and consolidated in other places and maybe we need to figure out how to rezone differently or possibly figure out a way to change how choice enrollment works. |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | I feel should always vote yes to support education and our children/teachers, even if this means increasing taxes |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | I think finding a way to estimate the tax burden a family would actually face would go a long way. If it came out to 47 dollars more in tax a year for example, folks would be more apt to vote for it vs just stating a blanket tax increase |

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| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | I think it's just hard to get people to raise taxes right now when everything in the last few years has sky rocketed. And people are very shortsighted |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | I think we're struggling with the red nature of our county when it comes to taxes. |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | If TSD curtailed administrative costs, refocused on academic performance instead of social activism, and still demonstrated funding needs, then I would be open to tax or bond measures. |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | It is extremely disheartening that residents of Loveland continuously vote down measures to bring more tax more support to extremely important entities like the school district and municipal services |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | K |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Learn to use funding in a more effective way and not ask hard working people for more |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | My wife and I found the calculator online at tsd.org. I think if others knew it was there and how much it would impact them it'd be helpful. |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Please give the public easy access to how the district is spending it's tax dollars and hold the board accountable for bad, costly decisions. Send an email to everyone in the district with how we can track the money spent by the district. We know that it costs money to run a school district. If we can see how the money is spent then we can actually develop trust with the district or vote out members that are doing a poor job. |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Proposing a \$120M investment without a tax increase seems disingenuous |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Spend what you have like normal citizens have to |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Thank you for all you do to encourage and support the youth of our communities. The education and skills they gain are paramount. I hope our district's voters see that next time and approve more funding for TSD. |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Unfortunately people were not in the mood to help education this time...and it looks like it will be a real battle for all of you at the district level the next 4 years...good luck! |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Use the funding provided correctly. Stop waste such as lgbtq+ delta rewards members. |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | Voters in Loveland are stingy and short sighted when it comes to education. You are doing a great job. |
| U | 35-44 | U | Y | Loveland | The DEI hire mess has to stop. The identity politics with children has to stop. Merit based hiring is the only way forward. You can't lift people up while tearing others down. Girls can't be boys and boys can't be girls. Full stop. |
| F | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | Ballot language is always difficult to decipher; if it could be made simpler it would help. |

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| F | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | I'm disappointed in Colorado schools, a 43% proficiency rating is a failing grade. Kids are not learning and I want that to change. Yes infrastructure is a problem, but teachers miss a lot of class time and kids who need help don't get it. What is Thompson doing about this? Be honest, because it's not enough and annual yearly progress is a red herring. |
| F | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | Please trim. We firing out here. I will never vote for there to be more money given |
| F | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | Simplify ballot descriptions and offset tax implications for middle class and maybe you'd get the votes needed |
| F | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | So glad my last child is almost done with school and I will no longer deal with the schools them selfs or the people that run them and I gladly keep voting no on anything that wants to raise my taxes even more |
| F | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | The district is irresponsible with the funds they recieve. It's time to act fiscally responsible. Tax payers are tired of the district asking for more almost every election. |
| F | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | TSD will not get a bond approved until voters can see the district treating ALL schools fairly. The teachers should be paid a livable salary in this state and TSD does not. Take some notes from Saint Vrain! |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | A great first step would be to fix our schools air conditioning! We would at least know that you are listening and trying to spend money on what you've already promised! |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | I own and pay taxes on multiple properties in the district. Show me that you're not spending my tax dollars on social engineering programs and I'll be more likely to vote yes on future proposals. |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | I'm curious the reasons, other than being against increased taxes, why people voted against this. |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | I'm really disappointed it didn't pass. I hope you continue to put these on the ballot. |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | It is insanely frustrating that any time the district feels a pinch in budget, they grow administration and cut sports, activities, buses and teachers instead of cutting the ridiculous fat in administration. If you'd get your priorities in line with the community's priorities, you'd get by on less money and have an easier time getting more when it's actually needed. |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | Larimer county population has many retirees who don't want any tax increases. You have to sell them on why it is important to THEM to fund the schools. |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | Learn to budget the money better. Remove the politics |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | Nope i just hope we can get more \$ flowing in that direction |

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| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | Show the numbers. I would like to see where we are at with the school district and why you believe we need to increase the taxes. With the increase with inflation the way it is we don't want to increase our cost on more taxes without good reason. |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | Start making cuts and not keeping staff or teachers that are unnecessary or underperforming. |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | Top priority is staff retention and competitive wages and benefits. Pay teachers a comparable wage or offer other benefits like 4-day week, etc. I would vote for maintenance needs |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | We need great teachers and quality public schools. |
| M | 45-54 | U | Y | Loveland | You had bad timing. You should have a ballot measure every election. It takes three times for it to pass. Don't wimp out. |
| F | 55-64 | U | Y | Loveland | I appreciate all the work you do. People have complex, busy lives and to get these things passed, the language has to be short, clear, and, honestly, market the cause of continuing growth in need for education - technical, mental health, sciences, and the quick pace of change. |
| F | 55-64 | U | Y | Loveland | I feel like Thompson should follow suit like other school districts and go to a 4 day week to save money. |
| F | 55-64 | U | Y | Loveland | To be transparent on where the money actually goes to |
| F | 55-64 | U | Y | Loveland | You didn't provide enough context on HOW those tax increases would actually hit the wallets of individuals. They saw big numbers tied to pretty taxes and freaked out and voted no. It's a shame. If you could explain exactly how a home owner would be affect dollar wise AND indicate if you are a renter you won't even be affected by this other than to have better schools, you may have had more luck. |
| M | 55-64 | U | Y | Loveland | Costs are rising everywhere, but public projects seem to cost 3x what they should. Price shop and spend the public funds like it's your money instead of someone elses. |
| M | 55-64 | U | Y | Loveland | I was disappointed in the lack of support EXPRESSED by the district. I expected to hear Stronger argumentative support from school figures (teachers and Principals) and district elected representatives. Speak up. |
| M | 55-64 | U | Y | Loveland | Schools need to be funded at a greater level than other public works or support services(police/fire). Education is the future of the United States, we need to make it count |

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| M | 55-64 | U | Y | Loveland | We've lived in this community for almost 20 years, both of our children have attended school in the district throughout that time. We are constantly amazed at how GD tight this community is in regards to funding education. Hell, not only education but general necessary services in the city. I understand not everyone is financially well off or even stable but it nevertheless amazes me at what people do with their votes. |
| F | 65+ | U | Y | Loveland | During COVID, while home schooling 4 children, I realized children are not being taught the basic 3R's. Most can't read, let alone read an analog clock. |
| F | 65+ | U | Y | Loveland | There were 3 tax increases on ballot. That a lot all at once. |
| M | 65+ | U | Y | Loveland | The ballot measures are too complex and hard to understand. Many don't understand what they say. Make it simpler, such as add AC and security systems to a list of schools. Tell us specifically what we are voting for. |
| M | 65+ | U | Y | Loveland | Try not to put this type of issue on a ballot filled with so many other funding asks. This did not affect my vote but did for many other voters. Yes on A - No on B. |
| M | 45-54 | | N | Other | Stop asking for more money that I know you will waste. Very little of the money goes to the kids. The mentions are too bloated for only working maybe 7 months out of the year. My opinion will NEVER change |
| U | 65+ | O | N | Other | Stop trying to get more money and use your funds better. |
| F | 65+ | R | N | Other | Berthoud schools need to be a priority. Loveland always gets everything. How many new schools have been built in Loveland? None in Berthoud. |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Other | There's plenty of money available and it's not going to what \$ is supposed to and that is used as an excuse to increase what has become our already exorbitant taxes. |
| U | 18-34 | U | N | Other | Improve your product so that future Americans have a chance to function as cogent adults. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Other | teach the basics and remove teachers that try to influence students, let parents raise kids, teachers and admin think they have a right to instill their values on students and they do not. teach the educators to educate and the admin to administrate. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Other | I hope that the district can get the support that it needs from the community in the future |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Other | We get enough money taken as tax payers... perhaps agencies need to learn how to budget BETTER |
| U | 55-64 | U | N | Other | Security measures were not done after the last increase. Officers, secured entry. Etc |

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| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Other | Families and workers have been hammered by inflation and tax increases. They think the district needs to live within the means already approved and stop asking for more and more and more from the tax payer. Colorado has become unaffordable for many families and these tax measures make it even worse. |
| U | 45-54 | U | Y | Other | Property taxes are to high add the school district is a major portion of that. |
| M | 65+ | U | Y | Other | Take a look at your past dealings with the public trust, you should be ashamed of yourself |
| F | 18-34 | D | N | Uninc. | Stop asking for more money when employing useless bureaucrats. |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Uninc. | 2 big reasons for the defeat in my opinion: 1) People feel less secure financially than ever, and 2) They do not think that TSD is trustworthy and fiscally responsible. |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Uninc. | Do better for students. |
| M | 55-64 | D | N | Uninc. | Keep trying, I will support you. Education is important. |
| M | 55-64 | D | N | Uninc. | Sure, I pray that the future President does not destroy the department of education or it is just going to make public education more flawed |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Uninc. | I heard that some schools don't have the needed security to keep children safe. Maybe letting people know this by putting out flyers would encourage them to vote yes. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Uninc. | language needs to be more clear on advantages to public schools, I really was afraid of funding going to charter schools |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Uninc. | Public schools need funds desperately. It's unfortunate that the voters don't understand that |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Uninc. | Sorry the issues did not pass. I am a retired educator. |
| F | 65+ | D | N | Uninc. | This year was a very bad year to ask voters to approve a property tax increase as we don't know with the new assessments what our Tax increase will be |
| M | 65+ | D | N | Uninc. | Save public education! |
| U | 45-54 | O | N | Uninc. | I don't believe our schools are focused on teaching kids to be good citizens who are proud of America, in spite of its faults. |
| M | 18-34 | R | N | Uninc. | Yes, stop raising taxes |
| F | 35-44 | R | N | Uninc. | It is essential to make school about core education not culture wars and politics |
| F | 55-64 | R | N | Uninc. | Eliminate all of the programs outside of the basic education parameters. Parents should parent. Schools should educate children for a successful future. |
| M | 55-64 | R | N | Uninc. | I do not support the school district, as they support dangerous, woke ideology and emphasize it to children. We have lost our way in public education and I won't support them until dramatic changes occur. |

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| M | 65+ | R | N | Uninc. | As a retiree and with property valuations increasing every other year, I already have seen my property taxes go up substantially without tax rate increases. Considering the schools I attended, modern schools are quite posh but I have seen a general decline in the quality of education provided. Don't expect to be rewarded for doing a worse job. |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Uninc. | Clean house, start at the top. Back to basics. Woke but not awake? |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Uninc. | Every time one turns around, someone has their hand out asking for more money. Live within your means |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Uninc. | I am not at all favorable toward increasing bonding debt as it simply kicks the financial can down the road. |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Uninc. | Just don't give us a con job. We are on fixed income and can't pay more and more. You government people just don't get it. |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Uninc. | Please present spending proposals with an explanation of how the funds would improve the education of our children rather than simply saying it is to increase district salaries or add new facilities. Show the expected improvement in students' knowledge, problem solving skills, health, employment outlook, etc. to come from the money requested. |
| M | 65+ | R | N | Uninc. | You have to justify tax increases. I did not see any mention of the number of students dramatically increasing. |
| U | 65+ | R | N | Uninc. | Find a competent fiscal manager! |
| M | 18-34 | U | N | Uninc. | I want to support our schools, but it's hard for me to vote yes on any increase in taxes when my wife and I struggle to even support ourselves (we each have full-time jobs making around 35-45k/yr). When also presented with more potential tax increases it only makes me even less likely. However I want to make clear, the absolute biggest reasons I voted no for: 5A) is because I don't trust how it will be managed or that any more money from the general fund will be allocated to salaries. I was much closer to voting yes here. If 13mil guaranteed went to salaries and the general fund was left to hopefully have more room for capital improvements I very likely would have voted yes despite my other concerns. 5B) is because I don't think this is a viable long-term solution and may only increase the strain on the district and its citizens. I am very biased against debt however, so you may never get my vote with a measure requiring 170million more dollars than is being spent to be raised (over the course of several years I understand, but regardless). |

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| F | 35-44 | U | N | Uninc. | Loveland is going through an odd time right now. We haven't invested in our schools or our city and infrastructure and it's adding up. However, everyone asking for money when people are struggling to afford things is tough. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Uninc. | Quit asking for tax increases while property taxes are already rising at insane rates. You're pricing people out of Colorado. This state is becoming a very unaffordable place to live or raise a family. |
| F | 45-54 | U | N | Uninc. | It's a shame the community did not approve these measures. There wasn't clear information provided by TSD about impact on property taxes, specific use of monies. The outreach was minimal at best. I looked online for information and felt that it was hard to find and poorly presented when compared to neighboring districts. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Uninc. | How can you float a bond with no increase in taxes. You must think the taxpayers are stupid. |
| U | 45-54 | U | N | Uninc. | I don't want to fund a school system who pushes an agenda I don't believe in. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Uninc. | Look for ways to get things done with what you already have. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Uninc. | Tax's go up expediential as property values rise, incomes rise, cost of goods rise etc. Manage the pie you get. There is too much waste in government. You don't need more money; you need to learn to manage what you have. |
| M | 55-64 | U | N | Uninc. | Thanks for doing the survey. |
| U | 55-64 | U | N | Uninc. | The district school think outside the box. How about bussing for ALL students so there is true choice available to every student in the district. This includes charter schools...the only school board member that understood the community and the impacts of these tax increases to the taxpayer was Nancy R. DO BETTER!! |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Uninc. | For whatever reason this school district does not support financial backing of the schools. I have been highly involved in previous ballots and the results were similar, I hope role answer the survey so the district can figure out how to get support from the community. Kids are my future and everyone else. |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Uninc. | Vague, open-ended ballot measures asking for money are not likely to be approved esp. since Latimer County just hit residents with large property tax hikes |
| F | 65+ | U | N | Uninc. | We want the schools to have enough/more money. But who can afford it |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Uninc. | Better use of funds schools are already receiving |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Uninc. | I find it disturbing people do not support education. Our children are more important then a new truck |

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| M | 65+ | U | N | Uninc. | It is time the TSD learned that there is not an endless stream of money. Go out and actually talk to people who have to live frugally, instead of sitting on your plush rears in your plush offices. You already get far too much revenue to waste. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Uninc. | Keep in mind the tax increases due to house inflation that we consider. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Uninc. | Our property assessments were increased ridiculously. That means the same mil rate generates more money for you. We are taxed to the breaking point...! Stop it ! |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Uninc. | We don't need more "administration", we need to pay teachers more |
| U | 65+ | U | N | Uninc. | I will always vote against increase in taxes |
| F | 35-44 | D | Y | Uninc. | You need to do more community education on the "why" behind these issues, as well as how all aspects of education in our community is funded. You need to be clear about how much money is going into the district, from where, and exactly how it is spent. People don't understand this. They also don't understand how much money it takes to operate and maintain school buildings, all the community programs that are benefitted by using school properties for gathering spaces, etc. People just don't understand how much money is going where and how we all benefit from it. If you need more funding, all of these items need to be made abundantly clear. People are not going to do their own research and the information about this is not easy to find, nor is it easy to digest. Help us to help you by educating us on the financial aspects of managing a school district. Thank you. |
| M | 35-44 | D | Y | Uninc. | I supported both ballot measures. It wasn't until I heard commentary on the news while votes were being tallied that one of the measures was intended to fund new schools to address population growth in Berthoud. My family lives in Loveland, and is not concerned with what happens in Berthoud. I definitely don't feel like we should be taxed to pay for services in another city. Most of their new neighborhoods are Metro Districts, which should be required to build schools when needed. I will be cautious with new ballot measures presented. I would absolutely support measures that would impact my city, and my kids' school, but I won't support funding Berthoud's expansion. |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Uninc. | I think more press on how hot it is in classrooms in Aug and Sept would be good. More information would help people understand why we need more money. |
| F | 45-54 | D | Y | Uninc. | Make things very simple for every voter to understand. I had a friend ask why only home owners had to pay for this and I explained they aren't the only ones. Make it ridiculously simple to understand. |

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| M | 35-44 | R | Y | Uninc. | I think messaging and getting the knowledge out to the general public needs to improve. I also believe a lot of people see a tax and vote no. Especially voters who don't have children in the district. It will always be an uphill battle that you have to solve. |
| M | 35-44 | R | Y | Uninc. | The proposed legislation is often too broad in scope and the measurable amount of positive impact to the kids seems either diluted or not as beneficial as it should. The ballot measures needed to be more concise and directly related to student impact to generate more positive outcomes for the district. As a community member who sends his kids to private school I would advocate for less bureaucracy in the school district. |
| F | 45-54 | R | Y | Uninc. | There needed to be more publicity about why the money is needed. Help people understand that a strong school district is a strong community. |
| F | 65+ | R | Y | Uninc. | break it down. There is some of this I would defiantly approve. Other parts I feel like were writing a blank check for the district to do as it pleases. When there are issues we would rather see addressed first. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Uninc. | Stop asking for \$. Cut admin. |
| F | 35-44 | U | Y | Uninc. | Teachers salary should be considered that many of them only work 8 months out of the year and get higher level benefits than the average workforce, meaning they are paid well. Consider alternate ways to retain or attract teachers and students. |
| M | 35-44 | U | Y | Uninc. | TSD needs to manage and appropriate funds more efficiently. The schools are currently overstaffed with administrators, and schools are underperforming. |
| F | 45-54 | U | Y | Uninc. | Stop loading a ballot measure and focus on a limited number of matters each year. I would prefer no tax increases and less fluff in ballot measures that when you read between the lines the money is not spent where you indicate. Be transparent. I also will never vote for increases as long as the district continues to force liberal practices on our kids! |
| U | 45-54 | U | Y | Uninc. | The private sector must improve its value for dollar year on year. Why does education get a free pass, particularly when we see educational quality declining and bar being lowered further with time? |
| M | 35-44 | D | N | Windsor | Show tax payers that you are spending their money diligently. |
| F | 55-64 | D | N | Windsor | Ask developers to fund schools. No more tax increases. |
| U | 65+ | D | N | Windsor | Maybe having 2 issues was too much for some voters to approve together. This follows a recent approval so perhaps the requests were too close to each other. |
| U | 35-44 | R | N | Windsor | Find a way to decrease taxes. That's what citizens want |

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| F | 35-44 | U | N | Windsor | We're all adjusting to a massive property tax increase with substantial effect to our monthly finances and then you ask for a property tax increase with a massive amount attached. So tone deaf. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Windsor | Amount of mills on these ballot measures would be a large increase in my taxes. Everything is too expensive right now. |
| M | 35-44 | U | N | Windsor | Yes. Stop asking for more tax money every year. |
| M | 45-54 | U | N | Windsor | I'll be brutally honest, I feel voters struggle with giving money to public schools because schools have become out of touch with Americans value, wasteful in spending and are not held accountable for their actions. The voters are holding you accountable by not giving you more money to support progressive mandates and teachings. |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Windsor | How about explaining how the money we are already giving you is being used effectively and that that money is not enough to cover the bills! Then explain why you want to stick your hand back in our pockets for more money |
| F | 55-64 | U | N | Windsor | I know that people at my stage of life - no kids at home- supported the schools when my kids were in school and I believe it's important to do the same for this generation's students. Hopefully the next time you put this measure forward the economy will be better. |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Windsor | Board needs to earn trust of voters. Find out why St Vrain can always get their bond issues passed |
| M | 65+ | U | N | Windsor | Too much, too soon after the last bond issues. |