

**Thompson School District Post-Election Survey**  
**"Please describe the reasons why you voted no and rejected Ballot Issue 5B."**

Sex	Range	Party	TSD Parent	Muni	Response
F	55-64	D	N	Berthoud	See previous reply
M	65+	D	N	Berthoud	Tired of seeing school costs continuing to increase.
U	45-54	O	N	Berthoud	Once again you have too much fat in it. \$220 million or \$395 million?? That's too much of a difference!! Figure out what's exactly needed and go from there. School districts along with other government agencies think with an open checkbook mentality. Run the district like a for profit business and you'll have a whole different outlook. We, the taxpayers, only so much to give because we only can make a certain amount. If you think we can get additional jobs to pay for increased taxes, you as a school district can figure out how to get the additional money without putting the burden on us!!
F	18-34	R	N	Berthoud	Same as the reason I rejected 5A. No improvements have been made in the last 25 years aside from a new gymnasium for the high school in our area. Paying the teachers fairly for their time and talents should be done. So budget better. Be better stewards of the taxes you already are receiving. The housing has more than doubled in the last 25 Years and the property taxes are astronomical. Use the funds you are receiving wisely and stop asking for more. The rest of us have to prioritize our needs vs our wants. Those using our hard earned taxes should carefully consider where those funds are going and what is truly needed.
F	35-44	R	N	Berthoud	Quit raising my taxes to address your bloated budget. Cut admin and other unnecessary expenses like everyone else. Keep raising taxes and no one will live here; it'll be like DPS having to close schools in Denver.
M	35-44	R	N	Berthoud	Increasing debt doesn't solve the problem of already mismanaged monies.
U	35-44	R	N	Berthoud	See previous answer
M	45-54	R	N	Berthoud	Levy may be imposed in any year without limitation – Nope.
F	55-64	R	N	Berthoud	I voted no due to schools indoctrinating our children instead of educating. CRT and transgender that garbage has no place in our schools . Children need to learn math English math science not that white people are racist and grooming children to question if they are actually the are the gender they were born .until education gets back to educating I will continue to vote no on any increase.
F	55-64	R	N	Berthoud	Learn to balance the budget
F	55-64	R	N	Berthoud	Same reasons
M	55-64	R	N	Berthoud	Broad future expenditures without strong public controls. I will not approve this.
M	55-64	R	N	Berthoud	No sunset on this measure.
M	55-64	R	N	Berthoud	Tired of being taxed.

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M	65+	R	N	Berthoud	Going more into debt.
M	65+	R	N	Berthoud	I do not trust who the citizens' oversight committee is. I was not aware or asked for my opinion in the beginning of the question so why would trust the process of a citizen's oversight committee? Who exactly would make up this committee?
M	65+	R	N	Berthoud	I thought they should pay as they go rather than two get a big long loan
M	65+	R	N	Berthoud	See my answer to the similar question regarding my vote on 5A.
U	65+	R	N	Berthoud	I will vote no on all school issues involving an increase in revenue as long as the Wok agenda is enforced.
F	18-34	U	N	Berthoud	Fuck taxes
F	18-34	U	N	Berthoud	When precious ballot measures were passed, nothing was done to support the growth in the area by creating more space, only existing buildings were renovated.
M	18-34	U	N	Berthoud	Taxes are already too high
U	18-34	U	N	Berthoud	Increased debt and tax was way too high
F	35-44	U	N	Berthoud	Again, Colorado state and municipalities say they'll give money to schools then don't.
F	35-44	U	N	Berthoud	Increased taxes
M	35-44	U	N	Berthoud	TSD continues to ask for more money while test scores go down, standards are lowered and the TSD pushes a political agenda rather than educate students in basic education. Students were kept out of school and forced to wear masks for months on end at the behest of the teachers unions which control the TSD BOE
M	45-54	U	N	Berthoud	There was poor communication, advertisement and build up of the measure. As a professional with 22 years of teaching experience in public schools I wanted to vote for the measure, and in fact this is the first mill levy, bond initiative for public education that I have not voted for. I requested more information from those involved, specifically Tammy Knaub and was stonewalled at every turn. I felt that if the district wasn't willing to be transparent with community members then I wasn't willing to support the measure.
M	45-54	U	N	Berthoud	Too much debt
F	55-64	U	N	Berthoud	Even though I know schools need repaired and updated we get asked every year for money for schools to be updated. I have tax increase fatigue as a senior and I can't afford it. Not sure how bonds work. It was confusing language. I compromised by voting yes to 5A and no to 5B
F	55-64	U	N	Berthoud	Same as for 5A - I don't trust the school district to spend those funds well

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M	55-64	U	N	Berthoud	Higher debt
F	65+	U	N	Berthoud	Districts would have a difficult time paying such high taxes. Any extra money needs to go to staff.
F	65+	U	N	Berthoud	Do not believe Berthoud sees much money from the district. More local taxes equates to less state per pupil funding.
F	65+	U	N	Berthoud	I chose to prioritize, I did one but not both, way too much verbiage, maybe you need to be more specific asking smaller amounts
M	65+	U	N	Berthoud	I think the school district is to eager to cause debt.
M	65+	U	N	Berthoud	No new taxes; no new levies; and no open ended increases. Why not put all of those needed "fixes" on separate initiatives so that taxpayers have more flexibility to vote for specific causes/needs they might support instead of pushing them all into one big pork barrel ballot issue? Might get some of what you want.
M	65+	U	N	Berthoud	Too many taxes which we can't afford
F	35-44	D	Y	Berthoud	I know first hand from an employee that Thompson school district is currently misusing funds from the last bond. I will continue to vote no on everything proposed by the school district until these measures include a COMMITTEE that reviews all spending to ensure funds are not misused. Please reference what they do in Greeley. I need a committee and a quarterly report.
M	45-54	D	Y	Berthoud	Existing residents should not be expected to pay for new construction needed for children associated with increased population. New school construction for increased population should be paid for by the increased population. There are many ways to enact collection of such costs, such as new construction fees. I would vote for and advocate for revenues for new schools that use this approach.
F	55-64	D	Y	Berthoud	I do not feel that who ever is in charge of distributing the funds is not using it wisely and the students do not benefit.
M	35-44	O	Y	Berthoud	Same reason as for 5A. You don't deserve my tax dollars.
F	35-44	R	Y	Berthoud	Again the system would not need to increase there debt had they not hired and made up positions and lessons to teach children about things that had nothing to do with school. The system has wasted to much money on other things when the schools should have been hiring more IEP teachers more teacher aids ect.....

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F	35-44	R	Y	Berthoud	Too much tax right now with costs of living. Groceries, etc
M	35-44	R	Y	Berthoud	Increased debt spending is a tax on future me. I'm tired of this crap.
M	35-44	R	Y	Berthoud	Same reason as 5A the last mill levy the district did not use the funds appropriately. The district was more focused on a new score board for the high school and flooring for the gymnasium. Meanwhile does the district remember that the parents were the teachers 90% of 2000/2021 school year. We're is the proper climate control for the elementary schools?
M	35-44	R	Y	Berthoud	The district raising the debt level only burdens the taxpayers to pay more. Again, there is not sufficient details to know where these funds would go and Berthoud schools are historically disproportionately funded.
F	45-54	R	Y	Berthoud	Same answer as previous question.
M	45-54	R	Y	Berthoud	Again, the new developments should be responsible, rather than putting our district into more debt.
M	65+	R	Y	Berthoud	Same answer as in previous question.
M	18-34	U	Y	Berthoud	This country has got too much damn debt as it is already. We don't need more debt!!
F	35-44	U	Y	Berthoud	I already think the district is wasteful with the money they receive, I would never agree to them taking out a loan
F	35-44	U	Y	Berthoud	I don't believe governments should use debt to fund projects. They collect plenty of taxes, those need to be spent wisely and transparently. Carrying debt only costs the taxpayers even more down the road, in addition to increased taxes down the road. Both feel like a scam on tax payers. Taking money and doing nothing with it, empty promises.
F	35-44	U	Y	Berthoud	Same reason I voted no for 5a. Mis use of all this money the district keeps getting. No changes to existing schools in the district. Just raises for higher ups and new schools that aren't necessary being built. And land for new projected schools being bought. Again for new schools when the existing ones aren't even full bc the district is distributing and people keep pulling their kids out.
F	35-44	U	Y	Berthoud	The school district cannot fund additional programming so why expand with the purpose of funding additional programs. I feel the state had responsibility to help with more funding to all schools for safety and general conditions and construction of buildings.

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M	45-54	U	Y	Berthoud	I will vote no money increases until Thompson shows support to Charter schools and turns conservative and not leftist and woke.
M	45-54	U	Y	Berthoud	Uncertain on use of funds and ongoing property tax increases.
F	35-44	D	N	FC	Enough is enough. You get no more money.
F	35-44	D	N	FC	Until Thompson schools gets back to focusing on learning, I'm not going to vote yes to give them any more money.
F	65+	D	N	FC	Which facilities? Again I felt the language is difficult to understand and there aren't specific areas where the money goes to. Instead it's like a big general slush fund.
M	45-54	R	N	FC	I do not trust that this would have been properly maintained and operated. I cannot in good conscience authorize \$220 million in bonds with a potential of almost 80% more in repayments. The system we have for voting works. We do not want our property taxes raised when current budgets are mismanaged. Giving more money does not correct the issue.
U	45-54	R	N	FC	Instead of constantly upgrading school infrastructure, maybe the school district should focus on education for a change and then maybe we can provide more funding for better facilities. But without anyone actually educating these kids besides propaganda, there is no point.
F	55-64	R	N	FC	Going into debt is never the right decision.
M	55-64	R	N	FC	Because we need to eliminate public schools and go to charter schools or private education. You liberal scum need to be out of the education business. It is a conflict of interest for government to be educating.
F	65+	R	N	FC	Too confusing
M	65+	R	N	FC	No new taxes
F	35-44	U	N	FC	I don't support going into debt.
U	45-54	U	N	FC	Again, the school district has proven itself unable to use taxpayer funds appropriately
M	55-64	U	N	FC	Same reason as for 5A.
M	65+	U	N	FC	See if ballot 80 passed for the state. No reason to spend money if they can go to a different school. Had no air conditioning when I went to school.
U	65+	U	N	FC	same answer I used for 5A
M	18-34	D	Y	FC	I want to know how much of that sum is going to each of the listed endeavors. The thing I care most about is teachers salaries.

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U	35-44	D	Y	FC	Learn how to live within your means. I have to do it, so does the public school system. Fire all the admins and use their very large incomes to fund the deficit
F	45-54	D	Y	FC	Again, the district is not good with allocating the money they have I won't continue to support the BS
F	35-44	R	Y	FC	Again, unfortunately I don't agree with going into more debt to create and pay ANOTHER committee.
M	35-44	R	Y	FC	Like I said in the previous answer, I'll add to it. Government and municipalities are out of control and you need a reality. Check rain in your budget. Really look at what pensions are costing you.
F	45-54	R	Y	FC	Debt should not be increased!
M	45-54	R	Y	FC	Again I don't believe in increasing taxes nor do I believe in increasing debt. Find another way. Our public school systems are failing our students by increasingly pushing dei crap and gender ideology. I have no incentive to support our public school system today.
F	45-54	U	Y	FC	I rejected ballot issue 5B for the same reason. I rejected ballot measure 5S
M	65+	U	Y	FC	5a had a focus on teacher salaries. I like that as I think "quality" teachers are severely under paid. 5b construction and HVAC upgrades ? I do not see schools today anywhere near the age of schools I went to and yet we are asked for more funds to repair upgrade etc..no
F	55-64	D	N	Johnstown	No comment
F	18-34	R	N	Johnstown	Again there is not a laid out plan for where this money is needed to be spent along with everything up 40% higher than previous years. We don't want to have to raise more in taxes for the school to have to pay back this debt at a later time. Also, my children do not attend the school district.
F	45-54	R	N	Johnstown	Cut administrative costs and find your money there
F	45-54	R	N	Johnstown	Taxes- we are in the metro district and we already pay higher taxes than most. I voted no for that reason.
M	45-54	R	N	Johnstown	Same as before, we are already being taxed to death here. While I understand the need the cost of living is just too high right now and taxes are out of control
M	55-64	R	N	Johnstown	Gut the administration building and the unnecessary administration positions. There is plenty of money to carry out your mission. You need to eliminate waste and cut the admin positions. There was a time when schools actually taught without raping the taxpayers.
M	65+	R	N	Johnstown	Taxes are already too high

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F	18-34	U	N	Johnstown	Never ever ever ever have a mill levy without a cap. Ever!! The repayment would only be double instead of triple+ like the bond, but the same concept applies - we would strangle future coloradans to pay back this debt. Never, ever have a mill levy without a cap. Especially when it's in charge of a public domain. I know people don't understand that but PROPERTY TAXES are affected by the mill levy! We are already under heavy burden by an ill foresight and adding to that would kill any means to continue living here. We can't keep adding to a debt we can't repay.
M	18-34	U	N	Johnstown	Taxes are too expensive and didn't want to pay more in taxes.
M	35-44	U	N	Johnstown	All layers of government are running up too much debt.
F	45-54	U	N	Johnstown	For the same reason that I rejected the first ballot issue because my property taxes went up \$1,000 last year and I can't afford for it to go up more again
M	45-54	U	N	Johnstown	Again, lack of details and a wider communication plan. You Need to help people understand how you are leveraging current resources and what these would do to enhance teaching, learning, and morale (beyond the windows of when you are asking for dollars). This language, "EQUIPPING AND/OR FURNISHING SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING VESTIBULES, RADIO AMPLIFICATION SYSTEMS AND PHYSICAL SYSTEM UPGRADES;" makes people wonder why these things aren't in place already. Are you saying buildings aren't equipped and furnished? Why not?
M	55-64	U	N	Johnstown	No time frame or sunset clause.
M	18-34	U	Y	Johnstown	I don't want taxes raised and I don't trust district officials to use it wisely.
M	18-34	U	Y	Johnstown	It was a very large debt increase, and it was unclear what exactly it would be used for.
F	35-44	U	Y	Johnstown	Most middle class families are so squeezed I don't think people were going to agree to add even more taxes. The district may also want to be more clear with how they are allocating these funds.
M	35-44	U	Y	Johnstown	Again, schools are already funded heavily. No need to raise taxes. Perhaps allocating your funding correctly and pay cuts would be a benefit.
F	45-54	U	Y	Johnstown	The monies have to come from somewhere... where was the absolute question. I wasn't convinced.
M	45-54	U	Y	Johnstown	I would never approve the tax increase
M	55-64	U	Y	Johnstown	NO MORE TAXES
U	55-64		N	Loveland	The amount is beyond reason given most kids graduate functionality illiterate.

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F	18-34	D	N	Loveland	TSD has priorities out of order and only favors buildings in upcoming areas
F	18-34	D	N	Loveland	We should never go into debt to fund things, that's just ridiculous
U	18-34	D	N	Loveland	It doesn't state how much it will cost the individual taxpayer. And the opposing view that the state could provide more funding was not addressed.
F	35-44	D	N	Loveland	Again, school districts are always wanting to build newer, fancier schools. Tax payers are not an endless supply for all of your wants.
F	35-44	D	N	Loveland	Again, the cost to me individually was too vague. I did not like the language about "shall the mill levy be imposed in any year without limitation as to rate but only in an amount sufficient to pay the principal" seemed too fluid. In case I can't comment in a general sense: 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 t 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.
F	35-44	D	N	Loveland	I don't like the idea of the school district taking on more debt. Debt is a bad thing in any situation that I understand. Money would be wasted making interest payments that could be spent on paying teachers and improving classrooms and school buildings. I don't support that. I would rather appropriate more taxes to the school district than allow more debt.
U	35-44	D	N	Loveland	First, I'm against schools taking on debt to pay for projects. Second, I'm against technology upgrades. Third, I'm against increasing property taxes on people when we just gave a property tax break to corporations.
F	45-54	D	N	Loveland	Same as last ballot.
F	45-54	D	N	Loveland	Same reason as 5a
F	45-54	D	N	Loveland	Same reasons as before. Stop asking for more money
M	45-54	D	N	Loveland	I do not support an Increase in taxes for career and technical education spaces. The expansion rather than focus on current needs seems at odds. If cute is so important that businesses, state and federal money should be used. Not on the local tax payers back.
M	45-54	D	N	Loveland	I don't like the use of acquired debt for these activities (especially 'acquiring') and would likely have voted yes if a tax rate was included instead of just a total amount,
M	45-54	D	N	Loveland	Ongoing deceptive tactics to use fear to provoke the results you want. I will NEVER again vote for any tax increases for schools. I see waste in TSD signs on buildings and those ridiculous signs saying what our taxes paid for.



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U	45-54	D	N	Loveland	Debt is bad, increasing debt is worse, full stop. If the district can't live in the black then shame on you, find a solution that doesn't involve increasing debt, in fact you should be reducing debt. Now that I think about it, if I see issues like 5B and 5A again on the ballot I am voting against both. Again I don't mind my taxes being increased for education but if you want to increase debt you will not get my vote to increase taxes based on principle. Think about it what sort of message are you sending to voters when you ask to increase debt.
F	55-64	D	N	Loveland	Disagree with the way district allocates its current funding
F	55-64	D	N	Loveland	Our property taxes are already too high and may even be punitive to some people struggling to make ends meet. See my response for 5A.
F	55-64	D	N	Loveland	Really confusing. No explanation of payback
F	55-64	D	N	Loveland	Same reason as 5A.
F	55-64	D	N	Loveland	Same.vtax increase
F	55-64	D	N	Loveland	The issue was too broad. We've had a ballot measure before to add a/c to campuses and that hasn't happened yet. I could support a measure that specified the money would be to particular schools and setting those projects actually completed would make me more comfortable voting for future improvements.
F	65+	D	N	Loveland	Again it's not clear if this money will actually benefit the students.
F	65+	D	N	Loveland	Debt like that would eventually somehow be passed along to residents. No DEBT.
F	65+	D	N	Loveland	I am a disabled senior citizen and do not have the money to pay for others children
F	65+	D	N	Loveland	I consistently vote no on raising taxes or selling bonds, ss well as incurring debt. I think the elected and appointed officials should do a better job on the current allowances for their budget
F	65+	D	N	Loveland	I was a teacher in Illinois for 34 years. Having two education ballot initiatives at the same time is not a winning combination.
F	65+	D	N	Loveland	Once again, too general. Be specific where the money is going. What schools where are being built?
F	65+	D	N	Loveland	Same reasoning. Property owners are taxes out with inflationary increases.
F	65+	D	N	Loveland	The payback numbers didn't make sense to me. And issueing municipal bonds with the current interest rates was unclear and felt unstable. Especially not knowing which National Party was going ti be elected.
F	65+	D	N	Loveland	The same as 5A
F	65+	D	N	Loveland	This one was very hard to understand

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M	65+	D	N	Loveland	once again tax pie should be larger
F	18-34	O	N	Loveland	The schools do not need more money. Only the teachers do.
F	35-44	O	N	Loveland	I voted no on everything that raised taxes. If the government wouldn't waste our money I'd reconsider.
M	35-44	O	N	Loveland	Again, you need to plan, budget and spend wiser. Why would we agree to go further in debt with no proven plan to get out of it. Stop spending our money that you don't have.
M	45-54	O	N	Loveland	I voted no on all tax increases. I do think the wording in The Ballot Issue is too confusing for the lay person.
M	45-54	O	N	Loveland	School districts need to not issue new debt, but better use the budgets they have in place. Budget correctly, look for waste and better use of the public citizens dollars they already are getting.
M	65+	O	N	Loveland	Too open ended and non specific.classic bureaucratic empire building
F	18-34	R	N	Loveland	I can barely afford the taxes as is, asking for more is ridiculous. Again, use your money you already are getting and put it to better use.
M	18-34	R	N	Loveland	Again, little to no confidence in TSD admin to make good use of taxpayer dollars.
M	18-34	R	N	Loveland	I don't support funding for public schools considering how poorly they're doing at educating youth
M	18-34	R	N	Loveland	If I see "and allow taxes to be raised..." I will vote no. See answer for 5A for clarification/details.
M	18-34	R	N	Loveland	Money is not being spent properly as it is.
M	18-34	R	N	Loveland	Same reason as 5A, I copied my previous response below. The volume of charter schools in this area shows the lack of trust the community has in the district. Rather than take on debt and increase takes to pay back the debt, the school district should seek more funding through making the schools a place that parents want to sent their students and thereby increasing the per student funding that the district receives. This would also show that the community would have more confidence in the district, encouraging more people to vote in favor of paying more taxes to help the district.
M	18-34	R	N	Loveland	Schools need better teachers not more toys
M	18-34	R	N	Loveland	We can't say yes to every tax increase... otherwise there's more where that came from
M	18-34	R	N	Loveland	You don't need more money

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F	35-44	R	N	Loveland	Increasing debt isn't good for anyone
F	35-44	R	N	Loveland	It was confusing on what the bill is actually saying, all I hear while reading it is u guys want more money and for improvements that should already be able to get paid for w current allowance given already....
F	35-44	R	N	Loveland	Same as 5A. I don't enroll my kids in the public school system. Also, while I respect the desire to get more information to possibly get your measures to pass in the future, voting is a private matter, and I don't like you are asking how people voted.
F	35-44	R	N	Loveland	Same as A
F	35-44	R	N	Loveland	Same reason as 5A
F	35-44	R	N	Loveland	Same reasons I voted no on the other issue. Kids are getting increasingly failing core subjects yet, know the what made up gender of their teacher is and who they have sex with. Stop indoctrinating students and start teaching them the subjects that matter. Then maybe I will vote to give you more money.
M	35-44	R	N	Loveland	I don't agree with borrowing money for general maintenance. The shows a lack of good financial management. There's no reason why they will not need to borrow more money in the future and raise our taxes again if we would've approved this. I would've been more open to this if it only funded you construction
M	35-44	R	N	Loveland	I have no interest in increased taxes for anything. Everything is already ridiculously expensive and can barely afford to live as is
M	35-44	R	N	Loveland	Same reasons, too expensive for something that doesn't benefit me or anyone but the teachers.
M	35-44	R	N	Loveland	Take away pensions and you'll have the extra money requested.
M	35-44	R	N	Loveland	Too vague, too many things listed and no way to really monitor who's getting what. It needs to be broke down into smaller sections to vote on.
F	45-54	R	N	Loveland	Again I don't want my taxes increased when the schools/board allows children to continue to have bad disruptive behavior with no repercussions and the other students suffer. And parents are forced to find a better school at their own expense.
F	45-54	R	N	Loveland	American families are struggling
F	45-54	R	N	Loveland	I think that TSD gets enough funds to do this and I don't think that funds are used appropriately as is.

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F	45-54	R	N	Loveland	Same as 5A reason.
M	45-54	R	N	Loveland	Closing older, still functional buildings just to then ask for new buildings is not good stewardship of public money. It is a display of "keeping up with the Jones" mentality that should have no business in any type of government at any level.
M	45-54	R	N	Loveland	Same as before. This is not the time to be spending.
M	45-54	R	N	Loveland	See previous response.
U	45-54	R	N	Loveland	See answer for 5a, plus we don't need to live on income of a brighter future where we assume at sometime in that future we will magically become more productive than we are in the present. We need to BE the change we want to see in the world, by being better today, than we were yesterday. Borrowing from our future selves makes them more like our current selves, burdened in debt, tired and worn thin, rather than allowing them to be better faster and stronger by paying THEIR bills, rather than borrowing from them to pay ours. "A wise man sees a storm coming and prepares ahead of time." " Consider the any you lazy lunk, he builds a warm home and stores up for the winter so that his community has plenty."
F	55-64	R	N	Loveland	.
F	55-64	R	N	Loveland	Because what needs to happen is commercial properties need to contribute more to the property taxes like when the Gallagher Act was active and people need to learn how to balance a budget without incurring more debt.
F	55-64	R	N	Loveland	I am not in favor of more debt. See my last answer
F	55-64	R	N	Loveland	I don't agree with the direction of schools are going
F	55-64	R	N	Loveland	No accountability for the money already being used.
F	55-64	R	N	Loveland	Same as 5A. No increase on debt, nor taxes- although I completely understand what the ballot issue was funding wise & agree for that need.
F	55-64	R	N	Loveland	Same as previous.
F	55-64	R	N	Loveland	Too much other than just teaching the kids.
F	55-64	R	N	Loveland	You want more of my hard earned money and the students can't even read or write! Teachers should be teaching reading, writing, science, social studies and math. Too many are teaching ridiculous nonsense about activism and gender nonsense! You wonder why numbers are down , it's because normal people are sick of this. They are either homeschooling or sending their children to private schools. Wake up! Also the discipline problems at every school is horrendous! A few students are affecting the learning of other students and it's not right!
M	55-64	R	N	Loveland	Adjust the existing revenue base to prioritize the needs. Stop raising taxes.

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M	55-64	R	N	Loveland	Already spending to much to live
M	55-64	R	N	Loveland	Because it sucked
M	55-64	R	N	Loveland	Here again . I think this is not where the money has been spend
M	55-64	R	N	Loveland	I pay to much in taxes already.
M	55-64	R	N	Loveland	I wished I could raise money to meet my obligations that other people would have to payback, but no, I am required to live within my means. It seems to me this is a good path for all.
M	55-64	R	N	Loveland	Same answer. No more money or credit until they get their spending down.
M	55-64	R	N	Loveland	See my previous answer.
M	55-64	R	N	Loveland	Should not need to increase debt, increasing debt is not the answer to a funding issue
M	55-64	R	N	Loveland	What's another 220 Million in debt? Seriously?
U	55-64	R	N	Loveland	I voted NO on this ballot measure for the same reason as 5A: I voted NO on the Thompson School District ballot measure, 1.) Because we are taxed to death (did you see how many ballot measures there were across the state to raise taxes for various reasons?) We the people are sick and tired of being proposed with tax increases, especially when we are struggling to make ends meet! 2.) This School District has been fiscally irresponsible with promoting their "woke" agendas and using taxpayers monies for things that are destroying students education and family participation/ interaction in their child's education...parent's voices are being silenced! Let's take care of the teacher's we have and not pressure them to teach the districts/state "woke" agenda!
U	55-64	R	N	Loveland	It is all about living on a budget without the waste in overspending Please cut out the fat and waste Concentrate on what is needed to educate our children
U	55-64	R	N	Loveland	The schools need to be focusing on educating not all the additional...
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	Again, no set increase amount in my taxes. It's just whatever the district wants. I don't always agree how the district chooses to spend the money. Seems It's usually for administrative cost and not students and facilities. Also I am not pleased with the lack of useful education our children are receiving and the brainwashing they are receiving. CRT and Wokeness need to be kicked out. True history needs taught.
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	Cut waste, sell the empty buildings.
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	Get rid of the Teachers Union and there will be enough money !
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	I am on a fixed income. I voted against all tax increases. I have to stay on a budget. I think the school district should too.

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F	65+	R	N	Loveland	I don't want tvsd debt increased.
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	No more taxes.
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	No new taxes
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	Our taxes would have to be raised too much to pay for all of it.
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	Please see the previous answer.
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	Same basis as the prior ballot issue. Transparency on why we should fund requests with little reason why for the increase from the prior two years!
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	Same reasons for rejecting 5A. The district needs to look for ways to fund these improvements without asking the taxpayer.
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	School Board keeps spending and wants more money. Schools aren't being used. Sell them!
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	See answer to previous question.
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	See previous explanation plus we all must budget appropriately to live within our means.
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	The point is not to increase debt. You save up a head of time and pay for it up front, just like we all have to do at home with our personal budgets.
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	The wording was too lengthy and difficult to understand the whole concept of what the nerds truly are. We're not in favor of going into more debt. Better stewardship is needed on spending for the district and always more transparency concerning the needs.
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	We sre in a sevete economic crisis. This is not the time to ecpnsding expenses. Educate the dyifents on bsdic. Get our sucvrss rsyes scsdemically up before fovusing on other stuff
F	65+	R	N	Loveland	You need to make wise choices with the money you have,spend wisely
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	Again I voted no because of of constant issues with the decisions coming from the school board. Closing schools then building new. Never having priorities straight for the people you are asking to fund these improvements. Smaller projects prioritized for years when funds are available. 300 to 400 million at a chunk and the right to increase the mill levy to pay principal and interest. There will never be time when money is not borrowed. It is in blank check.
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	Again, no specific budget for improvement or limits on tax increases . I don't agree with the way the district spends its money, too much for administrative staff and not enough for teaching staff and students. Also this district is not respectful to privacy rights and subjects being taught.
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	Against any increase in property taxes . Property is always going up in value so what the mil Levy on your property will increase with the property value of your property increase
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	Enough is enough

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M	65+	R	N	Loveland	Freaking built-in tax increases
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	Get woke issues and evolution out of the schools.
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	No increased taxes
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	on fixed income that does not keep up with/ inflation. Prefer to preserve my purchasing power.
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	Public schools are bad!
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	Same as last ballot issue.
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	Same reason as for ballot major five a period
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	Same reasons as my no vote on the mill levy. My SS income goes up 1.5%, FAR less than the inflation rate.
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	Th a t is a lot of money
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	The current funding level gor the district is sufficient for its needs. Reprioritizing needs will help the district to do what its necessary and the unnecessary expenditures will become more obvious.
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	This is a tongue in cheek statement. Without increasing the mill levy yet increasing taxes by no more than 32 million? For future needs and what a list of future needs you have. It feels like you are asking me to sign an open ended check. What do you really need then ask for it.
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	Too much goes for administration. Live within budgets
M	65+	R	N	Loveland	We do not approve of increasing school debt
U	65+	R	N	Loveland	I cannot afford an increase in ANY taxes for ANY reason!
F	18-34	U	N	Loveland	Again y'all have enough money. Maybe don't buy iPads and chromebooks and actually teach students on pencil and paper.
F	18-34	U	N	Loveland	I agreed with almost all parts of this issue. However, I wanted to know where the funding would go, what percent is allocated to certain programs. I also didn't think the career program was necessary personally.
F	18-34	U	N	Loveland	I am struggling financially so any kind of tax increase regardless of the purpose would not be to my benefit.
F	18-34	U	N	Loveland	I felt that the increase in population and property taxes should be sufficient for this year
F	18-34	U	N	Loveland	I had first hand insight as a district employee to how the last bond was spent and did not want to pay more taxes to see the same mistakes made.

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F	18-34	U	N	Loveland	I voted no because creating more debt is not safe for anybody. We need more funding, more actual money to spend. Allowing more debt is unreasonable when tad doesn't have the money to pay it off.
F	18-34	U	N	Loveland	In order to increase taxes to give extra funding to the district, a very specific plan for the use of that funding needs to be provided. There were multiple *potential* uses of the money listed, but it covers a wide range of things and doesn't guarantee where the money will be spent. The last time taxpayers voted to give Thompson School District money, it went towards CLOSING schools. This was a slap in the face to the people who thought they were voting and paying for school improvements.
F	18-34	U	N	Loveland	Same reason. I don't want my tax money going to woke schools
F	18-34	U	N	Loveland	The people that send their kids to public school do not own homes worth more than 500k. We send kids to private. Let the people that use the school pay. Why should I pay more in taxes for a school I will never send my children to, all 3 go to private. My children will never attend the poorly ran and uneducated school system. Public school is not able to adequately educate, just pushing kids through because of no child left behind and unsafe for children.
F	18-34	U	N	Loveland	YOU ALL SUCK
M	18-34	U	N	Loveland	Fuck you and your taxes
M	18-34	U	N	Loveland	I did not support using debt for payment. I would have rather paid it through taxes.
M	18-34	U	N	Loveland	I don't have kids in Thompson school district
M	18-34	U	N	Loveland	Nothing against the issue, teachers and staff need to be paid first before thinking about upgrading and maintenance. The big question is, how can you focus on improving facilities if you don't have teachers or staff being paid to invest time growing our students education and learning!!?? I grew up in the Thompson School District (K-12), it was pretty evident paying teachers and staff was hardly ever a concern until now because you can't compete with other districts for quality of teachers
M	18-34	U	N	Loveland	Taxes
M	18-34	U	N	Loveland	We should not be incurring debt and paying interest unless completely unavoidable
M	18-34	U	N	Loveland	When I looked into the capital improvements, you need \$104 million to add AC including \$25 million just for adding AC to Loveland High School. That is egregious. You can do it for less if you cared about how much money was being spent. Or just start school after Labor Day. I'm not opposed to more taxes for improvements but you need to negotiate like it's your own money or make an airtight case why something like that should cost \$25 million.



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F	35-44	U	N	Loveland	Again... Property taxes are high as is. Don't make locals pay way more now that ppl are flooding here and taking up rentals (and don't pay property taxes) and out of towners who do pay property tax sure I can see it but still it raises tax for everyone even the people who lived here when houses were 400% cheaper than they are now.
F	35-44	U	N	Loveland	Balance the budget do not increase it.
F	35-44	U	N	Loveland	Didn't specify where the money would come from or the actual financial implications to the community
F	35-44	U	N	Loveland	I do not want increased taxes for a school district that is not allocating its funds wisely at this time.
F	35-44	U	N	Loveland	I don't think it's in the school district's best interest to take on more debt
F	35-44	U	N	Loveland	I don't want taxes to increase and we plan on keeping our son out of public schools.
F	35-44	U	N	Loveland	I voted no for raising taxes.
F	35-44	U	N	Loveland	Isn't this where we'd tax money is supposed to be going? Talk to the State!
F	35-44	U	N	Loveland	Same answer I previously stated. The district always needs more money, but the actual students and parents never see any change. I do not want to help fund an education system that doesn't even teach our children basic reading and math. And also a system that doesn't stand up for parents rights and want to push woke agendas on our children.
F	35-44	U	N	Loveland	We have so many taxes already, we need to find other ways to fund these needs. Operating with such a massive amount of debt is not sustainable.
M	35-44	U	N	Loveland	Again I feel that Thompson is not a good steward of its resources. They have to show some internal marked improvement in order to receive my vote to receive additional funding.
M	35-44	U	N	Loveland	Be a more efficient steward of my tax dollars
M	35-44	U	N	Loveland	I believe the district to be capable of accomplishing such needs (to the degree that they are in fact needs, as opposed to nice-to-haves) within its existing budget by reconsidering what is *necessary* in the accomplishment of its mission.
M	35-44	U	N	Loveland	That repayment amount, not to exceed \$395M, is a debt our community will carry, and we are burdened by taxes already. The cost of living in NoCo is accelerating and our income is not keeping up. More expenses for a local school system we find to be failing (with very low, 3/10 ratings on GreatSchools.com) implies there is a deeper issue than just facility upgrades. We would rather save the expense of these additional future taxes to pay out of pocket now for an education we believe in.
M	35-44	U	N	Loveland	The district is inefficient with the money it receives.

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M	35-44	U	N	Loveland	We simply can't keep raising taxes or no one will be able to afford to live.
F	45-54	U	N	Loveland	Because I already voted to increase taxes in the prior ballot issue AND the district was just given a huge federal grant a few years ago...signs were posted at the schools. I thought most of the issues listed in the ballot had already been taken care of and if not...maybe better decisions needed to be made.
F	45-54	U	N	Loveland	Funding was to be open-ended. No fixed amount or certain projects, just we're going to fund whatever and taxpayers get to pay for it
F	45-54	U	N	Loveland	I do not support any government agency increasing their debt. Debt comes with interest payments and increases spending. With more people moving to the area and city growth, it seems that schools should naturally be receiving more funding without having to continually ask voters to provide more funds. I also don't know what the statement means by increasing "district taxes." Who pays these taxes? Where does that money come from? How does this affect me? This could have, and should have, been better explained unless it was written intentionally vague to dupe voters.
F	45-54	U	N	Loveland	Increasing debt had proved ill advised
F	45-54	U	N	Loveland	Same reason as why I voted no on 5a. Don't increase the debt balance your budget.
F	45-54	U	N	Loveland	Same reason. Tired of giving so much to education with continued poor outcomes
M	45-54	U	N	Loveland	Another bond was issued just a few years ago. This bond should sunset before issuing a new one.
M	45-54	U	N	Loveland	I don't want our school district taking on more debt.
M	45-54	U	N	Loveland	I don't believe that this money will have a substantial impact on the quality of the education in the Thompson school district.
M	45-54	U	N	Loveland	Language was overol
M	45-54	U	N	Loveland	More taxes
M	45-54	U	N	Loveland	No more money for failing schools. School choice is a must
M	45-54	U	N	Loveland	Please see my response from the previous question, it covers all of my reasons for both ballot measures.
M	45-54	U	N	Loveland	See prior answer I refuse to help until we go back to teaching the basics and stop letting any students know where anyone stands on politics
M	45-54	U	N	Loveland	See the reasons mentioned in the previous question regarding 5A
U	45-54	U	N	Loveland	Kgzkfgxkgxvxfzuzitxk

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F	55-64	U	N	Loveland	Adding to my previous comments, you cannot continue to put this on the back of the property owners. We are all getting texted to death and no longer have the money to continue to fund your projects. We all have to live in a budget. It's time you started.
F	55-64	U	N	Loveland	I second what I just said for the other ballot measure you asked about previously. We just would be taxed to death between you and the city of Loveland! Now cannabis was approved to be sold within the city limits, but they attack on yet another fee. It's not good enough what the revenue would be gained, they want more. MORE! MORE! MORE!!!! Gemee more!! It's called greed! People will just go elsewhere wherever they've been purchasing cannabis and not pay the astronomical extra fees! Then, they won't get ANYTHING! Nothing any different than the McWhenney's making every shopper who shops in Johnstown out there or eats out there pay for the PIF crap McWhenney's should be paying for! That's how they got rich! By shoving their responsibilities off onto the backs of poor people and keep making them pay Mx Whenney's way. Well, the money tree is no longer and I never had one to begin with!! I would be embarrassed if I were you people!
F	55-64	U	N	Loveland	I worked in a school without air conditioning for 15 years. Once a bond issue was passed and we still didn't get a/c. The district doesn't manage its finances well. Plus, I can't afford to pay more taxes.
F	55-64	U	N	Loveland	It's asinine that the district is even floating the idea of winning a new football stadium. Where will money come from to maintain that. Where will it be put? Parking? Such bad planning I can't support other construction. And I thought we already did career pathways at Van Buren. What now!?! That's why I voted no.
F	55-64	U	N	Loveland	No more tax increases. Our property taxes have more than doubled in 8 years. Save up your money for these expenditures so you don't have to borrow, like a responsible person does.
F	55-64	U	N	Loveland	Same answer as 5A ...
F	55-64	U	N	Loveland	We don't need more capital thrown at an old delivery model.
F	55-64	U	N	Loveland	Without limitations or further approval is not community based utilization of funds, out tax dollars.

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M	55-64	U	N	Loveland	Increasing debt ALWAYS increases the tax burden, whether you apply a mil levy now or sometime in the future. I get the feeling math, logic and reason is not a strong point in the TDS. Teacher, Principal and Superintendent salaries and raise frequency and percentages along with school budget increases should be dependent upon student performance on standardized tests. If the students don't perform well, no raises, no increase in school budget. It should be that simple.
M	55-64	U	N	Loveland	Management of schools and schools time is terrible !
M	55-64	U	N	Loveland	Nothing was show as to why these were not being managed with the current funds in place
M	55-64	U	N	Loveland	Same answer as my previous answer.
M	55-64	U	N	Loveland	Same reason, pkus I don't believe the City should increase debt to fund schools.
M	55-64	U	N	Loveland	See above
M	55-64	U	N	Loveland	See previous notes.
M	55-64	U	N	Loveland	you just closed several schools and are in the process of selling the properties. instead you gave away Mary B and the town but limitations on Monroe. So you couldn't sell it. You lost the profita which you use to reinvest
U	55-64	U	N	Loveland	Countless reasons: you already received a 30% increase in my property taxes this year, you spend \$\$ on CRT, DEI, and other non-educational issues (stick to the 3Rs, as a parent I will teach my child social issues), don't hide child issues from me (i.e., pronouns, sexual identity, etc), don't waste \$\$ on renaming schools, and many other issues. Homeschooling and charter school's are the only way to go now!!!
U	55-64	U	N	Loveland	People should start home schooling the children, with good Christian values that this country was founded on . Not this crap their trying to get away with. Their our children not theirs. Teach them what we want and say is correct for our children. Definitely not your woke crap. Leave that for California. Where their all ready screwed up.
U	55-64	U	N	Loveland	School District taken way to high of liberties.
U	55-64	U	N	Loveland	See my previous answer.
U	55-64	U	N	Loveland	Sounded like more taxes and not easy to understand.
U	55-64	U	N	Loveland	You take too much off. The taxpayer has to work 70 hours aweek to pay for your laziness.

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F	65+	U	N	Loveland	After teaching in this district for 23 years that amt of waste I witnessed was appalling. This district invested in teachers on leave to sit at the admin bldg to dissect math scores and what to change in the math curriculum. Never took into acct the heat in a 3 story bldg in August/Sept. -have some no school days due to heat. Drop the amt of district administrators-those salaries are ridiculous. Cut the fat at the district administration level first
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Again resources are tight
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Again, families are struggling enough without more taxes.
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Again, I felt the 25% property tax increase I experienced should funnel some funds to schools
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Again, learn to live within a budget.
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Again, the figures provided in this measure are not defined as to how they then affect each household in the district.
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Do not want to incur debt
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	I cannot afford to pay more taxes!!!
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	I do feel that our teachers need and deserve more, but I can't afford to pay any more than what my Social Security check can cover and I have a greedy property manager who raises my lot rent \$100 every year. Right now, my lot rent takes 2/3 of my Social Security benefits check. (\$1000.00 for a slab of concrete.). I can't afford to pay anything more in taxes.
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	I don't like the fact that WOKE is being taught to the students.
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Just can't afford any higher taxes
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	More taxes
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Most people cannot afford any more increases in their cost of living There are so many new homes being built. The district will also receive funds from
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Repetitive of 5A in sections and found the amount of money excessive. Growth is not paying for infrastructure and needs to be reigned in.
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Same answer are before. Generally speaking I will be voting against tax increases unless efficiencies and cost cutting measures have been taken. I will not support them unless I see an unbiased 3rd party study done that shows me the impact of my tax dollars and the measurable benefit.
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Same reason
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Same thing. Blank check. Not wanting to increase debt. Very confusing
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	See previous. Plus our property taxes are already too high.

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F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Taxes mostly. I believe very strongly in Technical & Career education but am not in a position to increase my taxes for AC
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Taxes to high already,
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	There is a lot of confusion on money's that are set aside for very specific purposes in the mill levies. Not enough accountability for the public who have to live within their budgets.
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	This is a good wish list, just like my wish list of things I would like to do to improve my 30 year old home. In this economy, I cannot afford improvements and will have to live with what I have. I expect the school district to have a better handle on how inflation has affected the Loveland population , especially TSD retirees.
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Too general for major projects. Regular revenue should allow for regular maintenance, Population goes up equals increased tax revenue. Property values have had major increases which should have increased revenue proportionally. Is too much going to the managers perhaps?
F	65+	U	N	Loveland	Too many issues in this ballot. Narrow the items to the most needed but throwing everything into one bucket is too much.
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	Are taxes are already too high.
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	Bond issues require funds in excess of funds used (interest payments) for the proposed projects. I would favor funds being raised and escrowed until payment could be made.
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	Debt
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	District needs to analyze funding and expenditures and make budget balance.
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	Excessive spending
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	I thought is was getting too far ahead of the curve. Build it and they will come versus meet an identified need. Seemed too wishful.
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	I'll vote no every time these ballot issues come up...supposedly for schools. Make due with the millions you are already given.

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M	65+	U	N	Loveland	No increases in costs for pushing the latest, greatest theory's until basic reading, writing and arithmetic scores improve. Stop socializing children against their parents beliefs, and too much emphasis has been put on sexual behaviors in my opinion, indoctrination of fetish/ abnormal practices. These are things that parents should be broaching with their children, not educators, beyond basics of safety and health, the parents should decide what is appropriate for their own children. Not teachers. And stop demonizing any religions, it's " freedom of" not "freedom from" . That's another subject for families, they should be able to send their children to parochial schools if parents want religious instruction as a part of their children's education. Also stop with the teaching of how evil and flawed our nation is.
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	No reason to take on more debt. The taxpayer has pay it back and changing the semantics doesn't change the facts. Be better stewards of the funds you are given and stop wasteful spending. The musical arts have already taken a fiscal beating to the detriment of our kids education.
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	Our property taxes went up significantly last year, why wasn't some of that extra tax used for schools.
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	Public education needs to be funded differently. I oppose the high property taxes and believe that the entire population needs to bear the cost AND education needs to be more competitive. Monopolies invite waste.
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	Same as above
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	Same as before
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	Same as number 7. Need to do a better job of managing current budget.
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	Stating that taxes would not be raised as a result of passing this legislation is a red herring. Perhaps not directly but, nonetheless, another ta burden. The timing was simply wrong.
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	Taxed enough already!
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	Taxes will eventually have to be raised to pay off this debt
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	There was a large bond initiative that was passed a few years ago. The enrollment in the school system is declining and our district is closing schools that are underutilized (that's a great idea).
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	Think you could use the money from the closed elementary schools that I believe you sold to other elements
M	65+	U	N	Loveland	We do not need an additional mill levy in property tax

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M	65+	U	N	Loveland	We seem to be throwing good money after bad in the public schools. We seem to be working to NEA goals which are at odds with developing whole, mature and critically thinking persons.
U	65+	U	N	Loveland	Need to prove better money management.
U	65+	U	N	Loveland	Same reason.
U	65+	U	N	Loveland	Too muddy. There were few specific items only vague references to things that could easily be made up as time goes on. I think you need to put specific line items in the language so that voters know precisely what they are paying for.
F	18-34	D	Y	Loveland	Same concern as the first bill. I don't know how to calculate how much this will cost me on an annual level. The numbers are way too huge for me to visualize the impact.
F	35-44	D	Y	Loveland	See previous answer about only taxing certain people
M	35-44	D	Y	Loveland	This read as though new building would be prioritized over fixing existing infrastructure. While I do believe existing buildings need repair and upgrades, it was hard to tell where money would go. I think that was intentional and designed to create a slush fund. Per my comment on 5A, I do not trust TSD to administer a general fund responsibility. I would be more inclined to vote yes for a measure like this if there was a more granular breakdown of where money would be spent.
M	35-44	D	Y	Loveland	TSD's marriage to the McWhinneys is the primary reason I voted No on this ballot issue. Divorce Centerra, and remarry our community. You'll have my vote.
F	45-54	D	Y	Loveland	See answer to question 5. Should have provided concrete amounts of what would go to existing schools. I didn't want to approve & see that Erwin got very little of the needed upgrades yet Berthoud gets brand new schools.
F	55-64	D	Y	Loveland	Bonds can be sold for above or below their value. That feels like a questionable outcome could arise, leaving greater debt.
F	55-64	D	Y	Loveland	Going further in debt is a bad idea.
F	55-64	D	Y	Loveland	I don't believe that the money would actually get spent right.
M	35-44	O	Y	Loveland	The reasoning and application of the bill would function in a way that would undermine productive educative systems.
M	45-54	O	Y	Loveland	Previous answer, plus: Buildings do not educate kids. Teachers do. I could give kids a world-class education in a run-down old gym. Uncuff your teachers. Unleash their potential. Get rid of bad ones (should be easy to find). Give the good ones a raise. Hire more good ones. Reward merit. Set high standards and actually try to live up to them.



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M	18-34	R	Y	Loveland	Do not want to pay more in taxes
F	35-44	R	Y	Loveland	Again, Thompson School District is know for having por budgeting skills. So why should we increase the debt that they can't already manage. Improving budget management should come before increasing debt. Debt is bad, everyone knows that.
F	35-44	R	Y	Loveland	I do not think the District should willingly jump into more debt. Again, spend available funds wisely.
F	35-44	R	Y	Loveland	I don't like taking on debt unless it's absolutely necessary and since every single ballot measure (in every voting cycle) proposes new money for the district, I don't think that it's necessary. The district cries wolf on every ballot and then shouldn't be surprised when voters become desensitized to the constant pleas for money.
F	35-44	R	Y	Loveland	Same as the first
F	35-44	R	Y	Loveland	Same reasons I shared in why I rejected 5A. Spend the taxpayers money like it's your own, properly budget and that will help your cause to improve school stuff.
M	35-44	R	Y	Loveland	Same reason I rejected the first issue.
U	35-44	R	Y	Loveland	Again how can we feel comfortable increasing our taxes for a school district that we cannot trust to do what is right financially. The last time these ballot issues were passed it seems like there very little done to schools that needed work but more money spent on building new fancy schools. The improvements from the last ballet issues did not seem to last long before needing to be fixed. Could not approve new fixes at the rate of needing fixed. I couldn't not trust what TSD needed fix actually needed fixed. Felt like they were stating one thing but was going to use it on something else. No trust in their words.
F	45-54	R	Y	Loveland	Again - I don't feel that how the funding is dispersed is accurately reported
F	45-54	R	Y	Loveland	Same as previous answer
F	45-54	R	Y	Loveland	There is already state funding for education. Additionally property taxes are already exorbitant - especially when you live in the Centerra Metro district where is it 5x the rest of Loveland.
F	45-54	R	Y	Loveland	There's no extra money. Groceries are expensive, gas is expensive, insurance is expensive. Life is expensive.
F	45-54	R	Y	Loveland	You said that last time and this did not happen. It's great to make it SOUND good but if you don't follow through the community loses trust.
M	45-54	R	Y	Loveland	Government loans are not good practice.

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M	45-54	R	Y	Loveland	There's enough tech that helps students.. they need A/C. If 5B was exclusively for the HVAC in ALL schools, so school wouldn't be cancelled, I would've voted yes.
F	55-64	R	Y	Loveland	Again, where is the marijuana tax money going. When voters were asked to vote on legalizing marijuana, it was suggested that the tax money was going to help schools and salaries and new construction and technology. Where does that money go? Obviously not back into the schools.
M	55-64	R	Y	Loveland	Same reason I previously posted for the other ballot issue 5A.
M	55-64	R	Y	Loveland	The school system is over built. There are literally too many school buildings.
U	55-64	R	Y	Loveland	It wasn't clear to me what the financial burden would be to me personally.
M	65+	R	Y	Loveland	Did not like the idea of increasing taxes
M	65+	R	Y	Loveland	No response
M	65+	R	Y	Loveland	Too many "teachers" are poorly trained and not qualified to facilitate primary and secondary education. I do agree that good teachers are under paid and lack appreciation by administrators and parents. We cannot afford to lower the education bar via grade inflation. This is a disservice to the students and this country.
F	18-34	U	Y	Loveland	I live in a metro tax district and an increase in property taxes after the large increase from the assessor's office recently would make our house payment uncomfortable
M	18-34	U	Y	Loveland	No matter how you spin it , they just want more money, more money, more money... But the students are failing... what they need to do is get back to the basics! Government is out of control!
F	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	I thought we voted a couple of years ago to fix the issues in the buildings that were listed. So why are we still needing to fix these maintenance issues? Also we can't afford to stretch our budget anymore.
F	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	Same reason as before. No to tax increases-yes to government budget cuts.
F	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	Teach science, maths, and history again first. Then let's worry about expanding, shall we?
F	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	TSD needs to spend the money on what they say. Increase budget when failed to do what was supposed to be done before with last passed budgets. Spend the money and do what is supposed to be done then maybe the public will support future spending.
F	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	Use the money we already have without raising our taxes even more!

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F	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	We recently passed bond measures for numerous items in 2018, and I feel many of these funds were wasteful in how they were used. (Priority should be maintenance needs, not district wants. New district "wedge" sign is an example.) In short, I don't trust how funds are used. Wants vs needs are not responsibly managed for taxpayer funds.
M	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	VARIOUS DISTRICT FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE GROWTH NEEDS is the kind of nebulous language that, like 5A, leads me to suspect that 5B primarily finances functions outside of direct academic improvement.
M	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	Again, the economy is bad, now is not the time to be spending more but making the best use of what we already have.
M	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	District needs to learn to spend the funding they get in a more sufficient manner and not on stupid crap that is not needed like computers. Teachers now are not teaching. They are glorified babysitters. In the schools now a days.
M	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	Figure out what to do with what you have, that's what most of us private citizens are up against these days
M	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	Miss allocation of capital improvements, i.e. A/C and security
M	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	Read my answer to 5A. I do not trust that the people managing our tax dollars to the school district are responsibly using it and I will not vote to give more money to the district until people I can trust are in charge.
M	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	Taxes too high
M	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	These are tough times and you wanted to increase taxes. HELL NO!
M	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	You receive enough funding use it correctly.
U	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	Increasing the debt limit is like maxing out a credit card. You have to pay it back eventually and this measure just puts off the what is spent to a later date. I also believe that our tax money should be more efficiently used and budgeted.
U	35-44	U	Y	Loveland	Same reason as before. Identity politics pushed on the kids.
F	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	Again figure it out with the money you have
F	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	Again, work within a budget. Get rid of the wasteful spending.
F	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	What happened to all the money that came from the sale of the 2 elementary schools you sold?

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F	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	When the last bond was approved the district did not allocate funds correctly. The admins make more while paying the teachers nothing. Millions are spent on new schools while the old schools are falling apart. Sarah Milner still has chairs from over 30 years ago in their classrooms. Most of TSD schools do not have air conditioning yet school continues to start earlier in August (the hottest month). TSD claims it's for the kids, however, the actions of spending say otherwise!
M	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	Cut some internal spending. You have enough
M	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	I have felt money for these types of projects has been mismanaged. Some of allocation for TCC don't feel is needy or as high compared to some of the other needs.
M	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	Just more unjustified tax increases. Samaritan as 5a.
M	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	Like the previous question; you're misallocating current debt/funds for non-essential staff and social programs.
M	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	Loveland should not be giving tax breaks to developers then turn around and say they need more money for schools. TSD even signed off on rulings to facilitate those tax breaks for McWhinney. Both of these bills were underhanded attempts to subsidize a millionaire at the expense of our schools, hoping that voters would not see the ruse. Quit giving the rich tax breaks when our schools need funding.
M	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	Misuse of government spending
M	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	See above
M	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	The district has more than enough money; they need to cut about half of their administrative costs and put those moneys into the students by way of teachers, student activities, and facilities. Getting rid of the union and preserving union dues for augmented teacher salaries would also be a great step. It would be much easier to give the district more money if more than 20% of what they get actually served students in some shape or form.
M	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	These are just words. It doesn't matter what the increase in taxes are for. You didn't keep your word last time. Use the increase from last time to fulfill previous promises before asking for new money.
M	45-54	U	Y	Loveland	Thus knees even worse than raising taxes because it wants to buries money that will need to trigger a tax hike in the future to pay back and the interest would also have to be paid.
F	55-64	U	Y	Loveland	I would vote for an increase if I knew the teachers were going to get a raise and that's the only time.
M	55-64	U	Y	Loveland	Didn't see any sunset details and appeared to be a never-ending credit card.

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F	65+	U	Y	Loveland	Did not understand wording.
F	65+	U	Y	Loveland	I'm not in favor of increasing debt ever!
M	65+	U	Y	Loveland	Reads like the overuse of a credit card and just too much debt. I also think other options were not fully explored ( especially A/C ). Sometimes the solution is not spending more. Still concerned about the Centerra South sign off by the TVS Board.
M	45-54		N	Other	Same as previous answer
U	65+	O	N	Other	Because you already have enough money. Be better stewards of what you have.
M	18-34	U	N	Other	Sounds like another tax increase.
U	18-34	U	N	Other	With birth rates declining the driver for new schools is also declining. Figure out how to allocate current budget to address future needs. Do Better or get out of the business.
M	45-54	U	N	Other	the city takes peoples money and children are not learning. the system over test kids, they are not learning, you hire only teachers that think in one direction, yet you keep taking the tax payers money with no results. furthermore i dont believe the money is spent they way the district says it is.
F	55-64	U	N	Other	Stop raising any amount of tax. We are paying enough. Budget funding better with what you already receive
U	35-44	O	Y	Other	You ask for more every election and school outcomes have not gotten better.
M	35-44	U	Y	Other	The same answer as the other ballot measure.
U	45-54	U	Y	Other	Didn't define your needs, to general. Just past an increase a few years ago.
M	65+	U	Y	Other	Larimer county officials are not good stewards of public funds, they have long lost public trust
F	18-34	D	N	Uninc.	The district does deserve more funding.
F	55-64	D	N	Uninc.	I have seen first hand the misdirected use of funds. Money is spent on poorly done repairs that then need repeat work. Our students do not want to come to school when the ceilings leak and the claim temperatures swing 10-15 degrees from room to room.
F	65+	D	N	Uninc.	Same as above. I pay \$700 (out of \$2000 increase) in 4 years time in taxes. Where the heck did those \$700 go? Taxes are Going way up this year again
F	45-54	O	N	Uninc.	It said "shall taxes be increased."
U	45-54	O	N	Uninc.	Until the district prioritizes teaching civics and basic skills, and drops the dei, sel, trans, agenda, I won't vote for any additional money to be spent in the district.
M	18-34	R	N	Uninc.	I hate paying taxes

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F	35-44	R	N	Uninc.	Families are choosing alternative schooling options because public schools don't offer a good education because they are too focused on political agendas. The problem is not money but educational priorities.
F	55-64	R	N	Uninc.	Can't afford to be taxed any more.
F	55-64	R	N	Uninc.	More debt doesn't seem fiscally sound. While it may not raise taxes now, it certainly will come back around later in my experience.
M	55-64	R	N	Uninc.	I do not support the public schools system at all and will not until they take all of the dangerous, woke social stances out of the school!
M	65+	R	N	Uninc.	Again, the district must manage finances more efficiently before asking for more taxpayer funding.
M	65+	R	N	Uninc.	Borrowing large amounts at today's high interest rates isn't a good idea. With home schooling increasing rapidly, more buildings shouldn't be needed.
M	65+	R	N	Uninc.	No more debt. If you need more money charge the newcomers.
M	65+	R	N	Uninc.	NO NEW TAXES FOR SCHOOLS! Live within your budget.
M	65+	R	N	Uninc.	Quit building some of the most luxurious building just so the kids can rip them up
M	65+	R	N	Uninc.	The school district does not provide evidence that they do a good job educating our children yet they want additional money without showing how it will improve educational results.
M	65+	R	N	Uninc.	With interest rates falling, now is not a good time to be issuing bonds. Try again in 2 years when the interest cost should be well below the ~80% of the amount borrowed. Also, I am very suspicious of the so-called "CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE", which I would expect to be filled with folks with a vested interest in school spending.
U	65+	R	N	Uninc.	TSD is obviously mismanaged if you can't fucking make do with the windfall 71.45% increase you received in 2023 and a similar amount in 2024 and beyond.

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M	18-34	U	N	Uninc.	Yet again, multiple reasons. 1) I'll admit it, I hate debt. I have very little (just a car loan, and only since upgrading vehicles recently for my wife). Now, I DO understand there are benefits to managing debt well, however, I have 0 trust that the government (even overseen by a citizen committee) will handle that debt well. 2) Debt is a short-term answer. Repaying to the tune of almost double is not a good long-term answer for a school district struggling to maintain as is (which is nothing against Thompson, I understand we already have some of the lower levies in the area). 5a was better in this regard, however I had concerns to how it would be handled. 3) Yet again this would actually result in higher taxes. While I can't afford to own a home, that's not something I want to vote yes on. 4) There were a number of bills that could increase our taxes. Granted only two from Thompson, however I have some timidity around voting yes for a number of increased tax bills. 5) this one is even less related to salaries, my biggest concern. I was much closer to voting yes for 5A than this one, my main concerns there was the lack of prioritization of salaries (it was "hopeful to free up room for it" essentially, should've been the other way around. Guarantee salaries and hopeful for more room for capital projects.) and concern around mismanagement. While I mentioned not wanting higher property taxes as well; that was by far the lowest impact factor. If it were my only concern I would've voted yes still. This one (5B) though I would just about never approve.
F	35-44	U	N	Uninc.	Too many tax increase bills in the ballot and not enough understanding of the true need. We also gave the district a tax increase recently.
M	35-44	U	N	Uninc.	I do not believe going into debt is the solution to build new wants for the district. The district should use be massive increase in budgets to better manage this wants and needs.
M	45-54	U	N	Uninc.	Please see previous comment. Not sure why anyone would send their children to public school. Wake up...
F	55-64	U	N	Uninc.	We already pay too many taxes.
M	55-64	U	N	Uninc.	Same reasons as 5a
M	55-64	U	N	Uninc.	See previous answer. I'm a strong believer in career technical education and would like to vote for it but don't have confidence in district leadership. I'd like to see a much bigger vision and an embrace of new ideas, greater competition and choice.
M	55-64	U	N	Uninc.	Too much debt and reliance on borrowing in all public sector organizations

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U	55-64	U	N	Uninc.	Again, the community just had a 40% property taxes increase. No MORE! Live within the budget. Sell buildings not used, consolidate schools, remove DEI from the district and layoff staff. DO BETTER!
F	65+	U	N	Uninc.	Again, wording was vague and open-ended
F	65+	U	N	Uninc.	See 5a answer
M	65+	U	N	Uninc.	Money doesn't help students or teachers
M	65+	U	N	Uninc.	No new taxes...
M	65+	U	N	Uninc.	Property taxes increased so much I can't imagine more taxes. Don't property taxes go to schools ?
M	65+	U	N	Uninc.	TSD WASTES FAR TOO MUCH MONEY. The citizens have to live within their means and budget. Citizens cannot vote themselves endless raises, so why should TSD get more money to waste. Go back to 3R's and stop the stupid fluff programs. Live within your means like we do.
U	65+	U	N	Uninc.	Same reason given on previous question. Citizens pay enough taxes
F	65+	R	Y	Uninc.	I would gladly vote in for teachers salary and upgrade to our schools. But there is too much hidden agenda in these two bills. Let's get back to basics and educate our kids rather than have the shiny new star on your chest.
F	35-44	U	Y	Uninc.	Inappropriate budget allocation... funding is not the issue
F	35-44	U	Y	Uninc.	What don't you understand? Stop asking for more money. Cut admin by 50%.
M	35-44	U	Y	Uninc.	TSD needs to appropriate and manage funds more efficiently.
F	45-54	U	Y	Uninc.	Tax payers approved a bond several years ago and so little was given to each school for improvements you had to post boards outside schools to "show" what work you did. The list of needs is so expansive so little money goes anywhere to make improvements. Focus one thing at a time
U	45-54	U	Y	Uninc.	TSD did not make it clear how, with shrinking student populations, how these monies were needed beyond monies already funded.
M	35-44	D	N	Windsor	I don't want my property taxes going to debt service. The District should be fine with the amount of taxes I currently pay.
F	55-64	D	N	Windsor	Retired with no children in Thompson Valley. Don't want any increase in taxes. Cost of living is high here.
U	35-44	R	N	Windsor	We pay enough in taxes that there is no excuse to go in debt let alone increase it. Clearly we were financially irresponsible so far, why would I agree to let it get worse?



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M	55-64	R	N	Windsor	I don't think it's good idea to be running a deficit
M	65+	R	N	Windsor	Again, trim the administrative FAT!
M	65+	R	N	Windsor	No more taxes
M	65+	R	N	Windsor	No new debt
F	35-44	U	N	Windsor	You're out of your mind to expect us to approve a \$220 million increase when all of our expenses have doubled.
M	35-44	U	N	Windsor	Again, another question asking if taxes should be raised. The answer will always no...we can't afford it, we don't need it.
M	35-44	U	N	Windsor	Mills too high
M	45-54	U	N	Windsor	I wanted to vote yes on this. However, the cost of servicing the debt seemed exceedingly high. I would have if the debt service was more reasonable
F	55-64	U	N	Windsor	Again, our government trying to increase taxes on its citizens I voted hell no!!!!
F	55-64	U	N	Windsor	Taxes are already too high
M	65+	U	N	Windsor	See my previous response. The two measures together was too much.
M	65+	U	N	Windsor	Too much. Two ballot issues in one election. Don't trust school board