

RESOLUTION NO. 26

SERIES 2022

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CRESTED BUTTE TOWN COUNCIL
SUPPORTING INITIATIVE 5A, A BOND MEASURE THAT
PROVIDES \$95 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THE GUNNISON
WATERSHED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Crested Butte believes that every student should have the opportunity to reach their full potential to participate meaningfully in the civic and economic life of the community; and

WHEREAS, strong schools build strong communities; and

WHEREAS, high-quality public education develops a competitive workforce that will drive a vibrant Colorado economy for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, the Gunnison Watershed School District is pursuing ballot initiative 5A to address solutions for school safety, maintenance, overcrowding, and vocation programs. In order to meet these needs, significant upgrades of school buildings and grounds throughout the school district are planned; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of borrowing authorized by the bond measure would be up to \$95 million repaid over 25 years. The bond measure provides for a property tax increase of 5.73 mills; and

WHEREAS, every campus is involved in the project: Lake School, Gunnison Community School, Gunnison High School/Pathways, Crested Butte Community School, and Marble Charter School. Expenditures in Gunnison are estimated at 43% of the total bond cost, with Crested Butte at 56%, and Marble at 1%; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of bonds is required for upgrading and expanding buildings because the cost far exceeds the district's annual operating budget. More than 80% of the annual operating budget is committed to paying teacher salaries. The remainder is used largely for paying for day-to-day operating expenses, leaving less than 1% for long-term facilities maintenance;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO:

We hereby resolve to acknowledge the value and significance of the Gunnison Watershed School District and encourage all registered voters in the Town of Crested Butte to support the Gunnison Watershed School District by voting YES on ballot measure 5A in the November 2022 election.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL THIS 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By: 
Ian Billick, Mayor

ATTEST 
Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

(SEAL)

