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**Mapleton Public Schools Board of Education passes resolution in opposition of 60, 61, 101**

Thornton - Mapleton Public Schools Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution opposing Amendments 60, 61, and Proposition 101. The tax and spending reform measures slated to appear on the Nov. 2 ballot would dramatically cut fees and property taxes, slashing funding for services related to safety, education and transportation.

“Amendment 60 and 61 and Proposition 101 would have a devastating effect on our community, and the entire state of Colorado,” Mapleton Public Schools Board of Education President Norma Frank said at their meeting on June 22. “All school districts would lose a major source of funding and Colorado children would be without basic education services.”

If approved, the Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute estimates Mapleton Public Schools would lose almost 50 percent of its annual funding. Mapleton Public Schools joins a long list of small businesses, public service organizations and other government entities speaking out in opposition of the reform measures.

The resolution is posted below.

**Whereas...**Three measures appearing on the November statewide ballot would significantly damage Colorado’s state and local governments from funding their most basic level of services related to safety, education and transportation, and;

**Whereas...**The trio would slash at least \$1 billion annually in state taxes, roll back half of all school property taxes statewide and drastically limit government’s ability to construct new buildings, and;

**Whereas...**One of the many components of Proposition 101 reduces the vehicle registration fee (annual license plate fee) to its level from the year 1919, a provision that alone would devastate Colorado’s ability to maintain safe roads and bridges, and;

**Whereas...**One of the many components of Amendment 60 overturns hundreds of elections approved by local voters in the past eighteen years, creating financial chaos for school districts and local communities, and;

**Whereas...**One of the many components of Amendment 61 eliminates any practical means for state and regional governments to make future road, highway and bridge improvements, or other capital improvements to their districts, such as DIA, FasTracks, the Anschutz Medical Center, colleges and universities, water conservation districts, or improvements to public schools, cities and counties, and;

**Whereas...**The cumulative and destructive nature of the three measures ensures that Colorado will surrender its competitive standing to attract large and small employers alike, resulting in little to no economic growth for the state, a steady decline in property values and erosion of the state and local tax base; Now,



**Therefore...**The organization known as Mapleton Public Schools Board of Education does hereby oppose the three ballot measures known as Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61 and urge the defeat of these measures at the November 2, 2010, General Election.