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Mapleton Board of Education approves 2010 Bond measure

(Thornton, CO) -- On Tuesday, August 24, 2010, the Mapleton Public Schools (Adams County School District No. 1) Board of Education voted unanimously to put a bond measure before voters on the November 2010 ballot. These bond funds would help the School District secure \$32 million in matching grant dollars from the State of Colorado to address critical facility needs.

Board Secretary/Treasurer Victor Domenico said, "This bond measure is the only way our community has to raise the funds necessary to secure the pending \$32 million in grant funds from the State of Colorado. If we don't raise this money, the State already has plans to give the \$32 million grant to other school districts. We need to keep these grant dollars in our community. This is our last chance at this money."

The bond measure will help the School District raise the necessary funds to:

- 1) Secure \$32 million of grant funds from the State of Colorado's school facility improvement program to improve the FIVE schools on Skyview Campus which includes:
 - a. Classroom spaces for Clayton Partnership School (K-8), Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts (7-12), Skyview Academy (9-12), Mapleton Early College (9-13) and North Valley School for Young Adults
 - b. A regional library
 - c. A community resource center
- 2) Build an addition to York International (stopping the rental of six modular classrooms)
- 3) Strategically address Safety and Security needs District-wide
- 4) Put in place HVAC, roof, asbestos abatement, carpet, parking lot replacement schedules

"As a result of bringing these grant dollars into our community, we will be able to complete a no frills, conservative project to provide efficient, clean and safe learning spaces for our students," says Craig Emmert, Board Treasurer. He adds, "That in turn will free up hundreds of thousands in budget dollars to tackle critical facility needs at every building across the School District."

If the bond is approved, the District will begin an overhaul of the Skyview Campus. Condemned portions of the building and old classrooms will be demolished. The gyms, auditorium, Welcome Center and other large multi-purpose rooms will be renovated and become the Skyview Student Center. Portions of the Student Center will also serve as a community center with certain classrooms available for continuing education classes at night and on weekends. The bond would cost taxpayers \$1.83/month (or, 6 cents a day) for every \$100,000 of home value.

The State's Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) program recommended Mapleton Public Schools receive a \$32 million grant – the largest grant award recommend by the BEST board. The State will provide the \$32 million only if District taxpayers match the dollars. In 2009, MPS was awarded the grant, but had to return the money after a bond measure was defeated by 52 votes. For more information, visit www.mapleton.us and click on the 'Bond Info' page.