

Looking Forward

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The effect of Proposition 101 and Amendments 60 and 61 on School Districts in Boulder County

By dramatically cutting fees and property taxes, Proposition 101, and Amendments 60 and 61 will dramatically cut local funding for school districts across the state.

In particular, **Proposition 101** will slash property taxes paid on vehicles by 98%. Over half of this money goes to support your local school district. **Amendment 60** will cut property tax revenue for schools districts in half. **Amendment 61** will make building and maintaining infrastructure extremely difficult for all school districts throughout Colorado.

How much local funding will your school district lose?

School District	Dollars Lost Per Student	Percent Lost	Total Dollars Lost
ST. VRAIN	\$ 1,781.13	38.57%	\$ 42,571,034
BOULDER	\$ 3,284.01	46.39%	\$ 90,173,280
THOMPSON R2-J	\$ 1,811.86	44.47%	\$ 26,247,305

*assuming full implementation in the 2009 Fiscal Year

Some claim that schools will be unharmed by 101, 60 and 61 because the state government is mandated to replace the revenue lost due to Amendment 60. However, this is just a portion of the revenue school districts will lose. Moreover, the state simply does not have the funds to replace the lost local funding. If the state government were to truly ensure that all school districts would go unharmed, it would have to cut all other services by 99%¹.



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¹ Colorado Legislative Council Staff Memorandum, *Amendments 60 and 61, and Proposition 101*, July 8, 2010