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Reflecting on a  
year in St. Vrain  
Valley Schools and  
information about the  
proposed 2024 bond

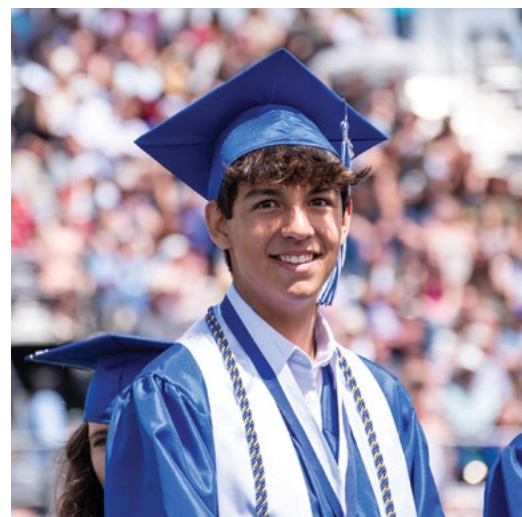
  
**ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOLS**  
*academic excellence by design*





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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Vrain Valley Community,

We have much to celebrate in the St. Vrain Valley community, and I want to extend my gratitude for your continued partnership and support in advancing our students, teachers, staff, and schools. As we prepare for the 2024-2025 school year, I want to take a moment to share many of the incredible highlights and accomplishments of our students over the past year. This publication highlights what learning looks like across St. Vrain Valley Schools and the unprecedented level of success across all of our schools and community that we will continue to build on in the future.

Your continued commitment is pivotal in the success and progress we celebrate each year, and it humbles me to witness the powerful impact that we achieve when we work together to elevate the success of our students, schools, and community. In collaboration with multiple communities, the St. Vrain Valley Schools Board of Education will decide in August on the placement of a bond measure on the 2024 ballot. This bond initiative is designed to ensure our continued commitment to academic excellence, accountability, safety, and providing the education that today's students will need for tomorrow's

jobs and careers. Importantly, the 2024 bond initiative will NOT increase property taxes for our residents. This significant investment in our community's future is made possible by several factors, including existing population growth, strong financial management, and community investments.

This fall, I'll be hosting annual open forums in each of our geographic areas in order to dialogue with our community, respond to questions and suggestions, share our many student successes, and discuss the 2024 bond and our bold vision for continuing to build new schools as our student enrollment continues to climb. I look forward to meeting with community members at one of our upcoming community meetings and personally thanking you for everything that you do to support our students, teachers, and staff. Together, we are championing a stronger future for our children, our communities, our nation, and our world.



Sincerely,

Don Haddad, Ed.D.  
Superintendent



# PROPOSED 2024 BOND INITIATIVE



The St. Vrain Valley Schools Board of Education is considering a bond proposal that may appear on the November 5, 2024 ballot.

The funding proposal—**which would NOT increase property taxes**—would address many important priorities, including:

- Providing the education that today's students and our community will need for tomorrow's jobs and careers
- Continuing to improve safety and security in school buildings
- Performing critical building maintenance and replacing outdated electrical, plumbing, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) components
- Providing additional classrooms and constructing new school buildings to address overcrowding and future enrollment
- Continuing the District's commitment to academic excellence, safety, financial stewardship, and accountability

**The funding proposal would benefit approximately 33,000 students, 13 communities, and approximately 60 school facilities, without increasing taxes.\***

*\*Passage of the 2024 bond will not impose any new school district property tax and will not increase the District's existing maximum annual debt service. Based on the current tax formula, it is specifically designed to not increase your existing annual school district taxes, and may even result in a lowering of existing annual school district taxes, similar to the tax reduction the District made in January 2024.*



# 75,000



All of the approximately 75,000 households in the St. Vrain Valley School District footprint benefit from our high-quality education system through increased economic development, public safety, workforce development, and much more.

# \$200M



Waiting another five years to address St. Vrain's highest-priority facility needs would increase the total price tag by an estimated \$200 million due to construction inflation. This assumes construction costs rise by at least 5% annually.

# \$739.8M

The proposed 2024 bond initiative would invest \$739.8M into the future of our schools and communities.

# 91



The 2024 bond proposal includes 91 projects focused on repurposed and updated educational spaces.

# 100+



Over 100 HVAC units are included for replacement in the 2024 bond proposal. The District has thousands of HVAC units and critical components across approximately 60 schools.

# 36



The 2024 bond proposal includes 36 projects tied to improving Innovation, CTE, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) spaces.

# 5



The proposed 2024 bond includes the construction of five new schools in areas of high growth, including a high school, career and technical education (CTE) center, elementary school, Montessori school, and PK-8 school.

# 88



A total of 88 safety and security projects are part of the 2024 bond proposal.

# 37



The proposed 2024 bond includes 37 critical roofing projects.

# 94



94 critical infrastructure projects are included in the 2024 bond, including electrical and plumbing.



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# PROPOSED INVESTMENTS

## Schools & Support Facilities

	SAFETY & SECURITY	CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES	HVAC & AIR QUALITY	INNOVATION & CTE SPACES	ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL SPACES & NEW SCHOOLS	REPURPOSED & UPDATED SPACES	TECHNOLOGY & EFFICIENCY UPGRADES	ROOFING & PAVING
Career & Technical Education Programs to Enhance Workforce Development and Career Readiness, including the Innovation Center, Career Elevation & Technology Center, and New CTE Facility	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Alpine Elementary	●	●	●	●		●	●	
Altona Middle School	●	●	●	●		●	●	
Aspen Ridge Preparatory Academy	●					●	●	
Black Rock Elementary	●			●		●	●	
Blue Mountain Elementary	●			●		●	●	
Burlington Elementary	●	●		●		●	●	●
Carbon Valley Academy	●	●				●	●	
Centennial Elementary			●	●		●		●
Central Elementary	●	●	●			●	●	
Coal Ridge Middle School		●	●			●	●	●
Columbine Elementary	●	●	●			●	●	●
Eagle Crest Elementary			●			●	●	●
Erie Elementary	●	●		●		●	●	●
Erie High School	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Erie Middle School	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Fall River Elementary	●		●			●	●	●
Firestone Charter Academy					●			
Flagstaff Academy	●	●				●	●	●
Frederick High School	●			●		●	●	
Grand View Elementary	●	●					●	
Highlands Elementary	●						●	
Hygiene Elementary	●	●	●			●	●	●
Indian Peaks Elementary	●	●				●	●	
Launched Virtual Academy		●	●					●
Legacy Elementary		●	●	●		●	●	●
Longmont Estates Elementary	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Longmont High School	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Longs Peak Middle School	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Lyons Elementary	●	●	●	●		●		●
Lyons Middle Senior High School	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Main Street School	●	●				●	●	
Mead Elementary							●	
Mead High School	●			●		●	●	
Mead Middle School		●	●			●	●	●
Mountain View Elementary	●		●			●	●	
New Meridian High School	●	●	●			●	●	●
Niwot Elementary		●		●		●	●	●
Niwot High School	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Northridge Elementary	●		●	●		●	●	●
Prairie Ridge Elementary	●		●			●	●	●
Red Hawk Elementary	●	●				●		●
Rocky Mountain Elementary		●	●	●		●	●	
Sanborn Elementary	●	●				●	●	
Silver Creek High School	●		●	●		●	●	●
Skyline High School	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Soaring Heights PK-8		●		●		●	●	
Spark! Discovery Preschool	●	●	●			●	●	●
St. Vrain Community Montessori					●			
St. Vrain Virtual High School	●							●
Sunset Middle School	●	●	●	●		●		●
Thunder Valley K-8		●	●			●	●	●
Timberline PK-8		●	●	●		●	●	●
Trail Ridge Middle School	●	●		●		●	●	●
Twin Peaks Charter Academy	●						●	
Westview Middle School	●	●	●			●		
Proposed New Elementary School					●			
Proposed New High School				●	●			
Proposed New PK-8 School					●			
Additional Districtwide Infrastructure Needs	●	●	●			●	●	●

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BOND PROPOSAL



## What is a bond issue and how are the funds typically used?

Voter-approved bond measures are long-term financing that are used by school districts to fund brick-and-mortar-type projects. This type of financing allows school districts to access upfront funds to more quickly address building renovations, school additions, new schools, and/or other capital improvements.

## How has the District lived within its means before considering returning to the ballot?

Through strong financial management, budget outperformance, debt restructuring, and early debt payoff, the District has saved taxpayers more than \$82 million over the past two decades, including \$36.8 million this past December. Additionally, for property taxes collected in 2024, the District reduced the property tax mill levy rate by 1.147 mills.

## How did the District identify the projects in the bond proposal?

The District's facilities team reviewed more than 1,500 facility needs that were identified by comprehensive facilities audits conducted by district staff, architects, and engineers. Building and site needs were also identified by educational and operational department leadership, maintenance staff, charter school leadership, and a student advisory council. This planning process took many months to complete. The bond proposal recommendations were reviewed by a large community task force that included business owners, elected officials, community leaders, parents, teachers, and others who unanimously supported the proposal.

## What is the economic impact of the proposed construction projects?

The District's previous construction projects have resulted in significant economic benefits to local contractors, restaurants, lumber yards, gas stations, retailers, hotels, and other businesses. The same would hold true for the proposed construction projects that are part of the 2024 bond proposal.



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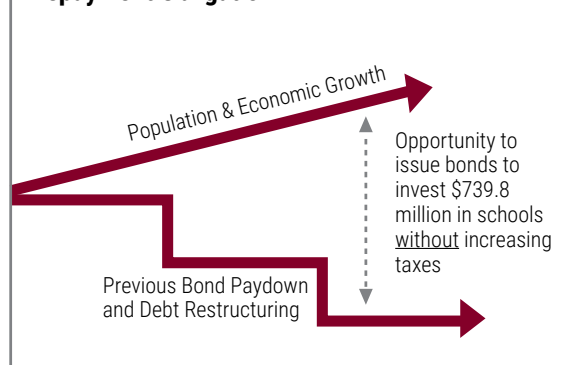
## How can the district pass a bond without increasing taxes?

The St. Vrain community continues to experience growth in both population and economic strength, which has increased the number of households and corporations who are available to invest in our public schools. As population has grown, St. Vrain Valley Schools has strategically paid down previous bond debt ahead of schedule. The combination of growth and early debt restructuring presents an opportunity for the St. Vrain community to issue \$739.8M in bonds that will make important investments in our students and schools, without increasing taxes.

## \$0 (No Increase in Taxes)

The voter-approved bond measure would **NOT** increase taxes and would not increase the District's existing maximum annual debt service. This is possible because of existing community investment, strong financial management, and increased resources tied to population growth and economic strength.

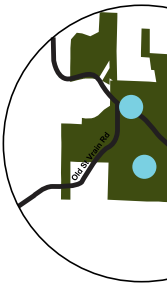
### Existing Annual Debt Repayment Obligation



# How would career and technical education (CTE) programming benefit the community?

CTE programming would be enhanced and expanded with the addition of a new CTE center in the Erie/ Tri-Towns area and the expansion of the Innovation Center in Longmont. Additionally, the new facility will significantly increase enrollment opportunities at the Career Elevation and Technology Center in Longmont to provide more students with opportunities to engage in cutting-edge programming in high-growth fields such as advanced manufacturing, welding, and healthcare, as well as earn industry-leading credentials.

The District is committed to providing more skilled trades classes focused on the following areas: construction management; plumbing, electrical, and HVAC systems; computer systems, cybersecurity, and virtual reality; healthcare and biosciences; manufacturing, including fabrication, welding, and electronics; and aviation, drones, and robotic technology.



## INVESTMENTS THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY

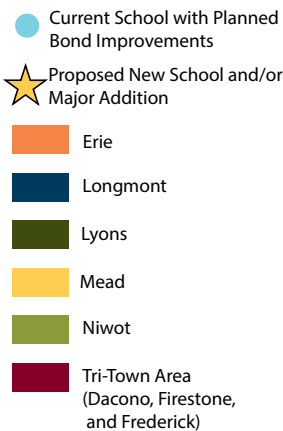
### Districtwide Focus

The proposed \$739.8 million bond package is focused on districtwide investments, including:

- Addressing security needs, with a special focus on access control, camera coverage, and communications.
- Improving and expanding career and technical education facilities as well as science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) spaces.
- Replacing outdated electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems, improving air quality, and addressing roofing needs.
- Constructing classroom additions and new school buildings to address overcrowding and future enrollment.
- Constructing a Montessori school building in Longmont and addressing other improvements to charter schools.
- Updating and repurposing educational spaces, including audio, video, and technology upgrades.
- Improving energy efficiency districtwide, saving taxpayer dollars.

### Significant districtwide infrastructure additions include:

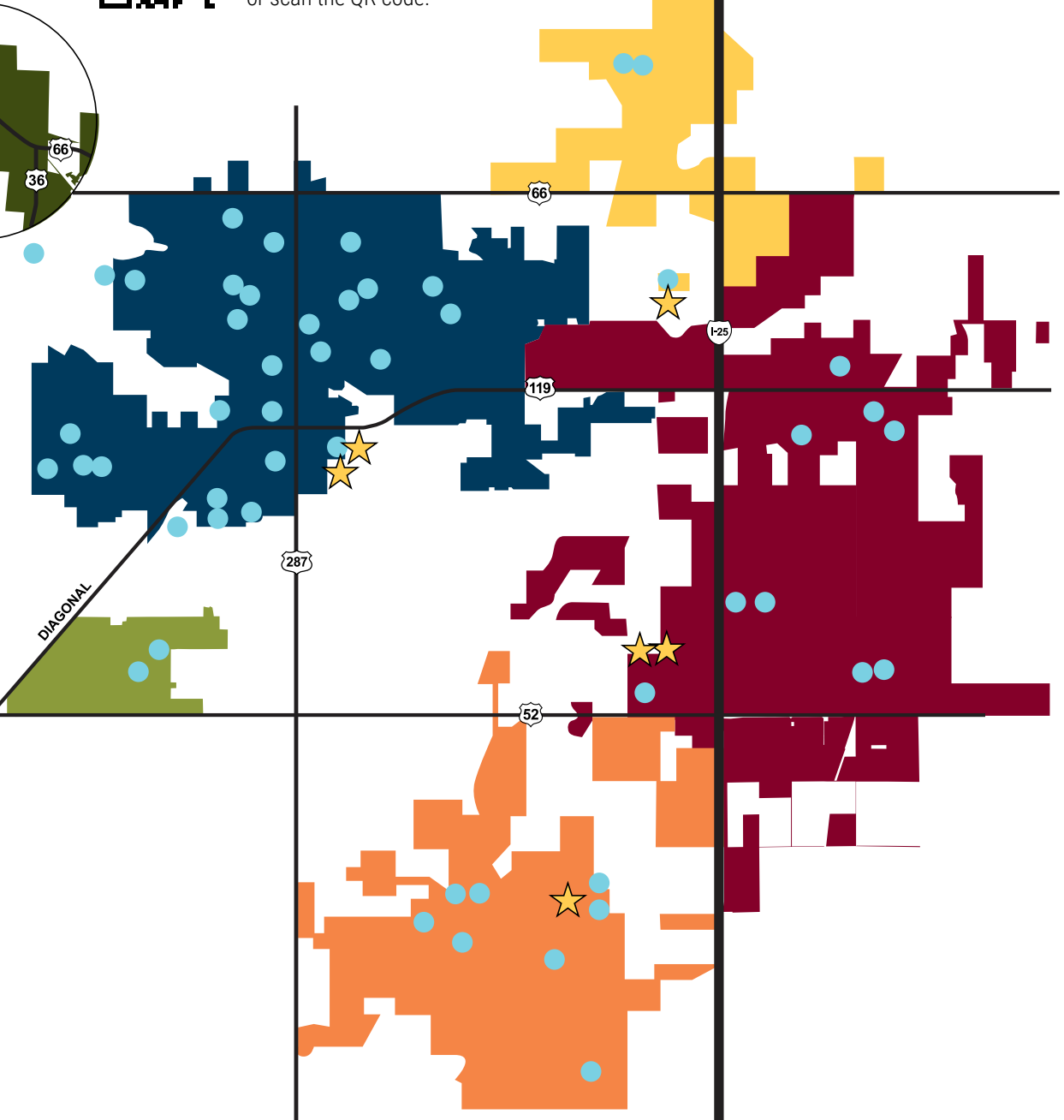
- New high school, elementary school, and K-8 school, to address overcrowding and future enrollment
- New Career and Technical Education (CTE) center and an expansion to the existing Innovation Center to provide the education that today's students and our community will need for tomorrow's jobs and careers, including skilled trades (plumbing, electrical, and construction), computer systems, cybersecurity, healthcare, and more.
- New St. Vrain Montessori School building to replace and expand the existing facility.
- Districtwide security initiatives to improve access control, camera coverage, and communications.
- Districtwide initiatives to refresh classroom audio and video technology.







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# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE STARTS HERE

## Highest On-Time Graduation Rate

St. Vrain Valley Schools has achieved the **highest on-time graduation rate of any district in the Denver Metro Area at 93.3%**, and the highest of any district in Colorado with more than 300 graduates. St. Vrain's Hispanic graduation rate, at 88.3%, is also the highest of any district in the Denver Metro Area.

## 24.5 Credits

In addition to the highest graduation rate in the Denver Metro Area, St. Vrain also has the **most rigorous graduation requirements** at 24.5 credits.

## 0.6% Dropout Rate

Our dropout rate, at 0.6% for all students and 1% for Hispanic students, is the **lowest of any district in the Denver Metro Area**.

### Photo Captions

- <sup>1</sup> A fifth-grade student at Blue Mountain Elementary raises her hand to answer a question.
- <sup>2</sup> A Mountain View Elementary kindergarten student concentrates during a phonics activity in class.
- <sup>3</sup> A Frederick High student proudly crosses the graduation stage.
- <sup>4</sup> A Data Science high school student conducts a series of chemical tests at the Innovation Center.
- <sup>5</sup> A Trail Ridge Middle student smiles while solving a math problem during class.
- <sup>6</sup> A Skyline High student shakes hands with a staff member before accepting her diploma.
- <sup>7</sup> A Longmont Estates second-grade student assembles a project during STEM class.
- <sup>8</sup> Two students work together on math problems at Thunder Valley K-8 during Project Launch, a summer learning program







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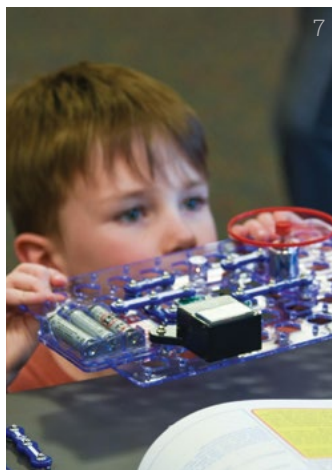
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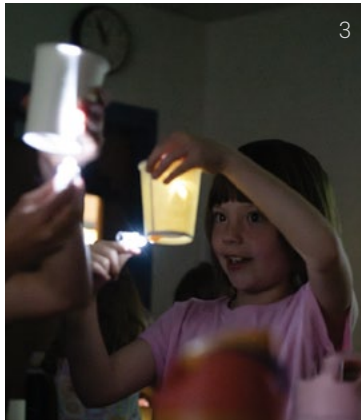




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## Photo Captions

<sup>1</sup> A Columbine Elementary preschool student studies insects through a magnifying glass.

<sup>2</sup> A Lyons Elementary student examines river water samples from the South St. Vrain Creek under a microscope.

<sup>3</sup> Hygiene Elementary students learn about light science.

<sup>4</sup> A Trail Ridge Middle student engineers a robot during the school's robotics club.

<sup>5</sup> A Longs Peak Middle Wildlife Rangers Club member observes local fauna at Sandstone Ranch in Longmont.

<sup>6</sup> Mead Elementary students compose original music scores using Ozobots and Artificial Intelligence tools.

<sup>7</sup> Students at Black Rock Elementary use clay to create road maps.

<sup>8</sup> Northridge Elementary students build with blocks during Innovation Lab.

<sup>9</sup> A Highlands Elementary first-grade student reads a book during free time in the library.

<sup>10</sup> A Longmont Estates Elementary fifth-grade student investigates a 3D map at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder.



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## 70+ Focus Programs

St. Vrain Valley Schools has over 70 instructional focus programs and offers open enrollment which enables students and families to select the school that will best meet their needs and interests.

# *DISCOVERY* STARTS HERE







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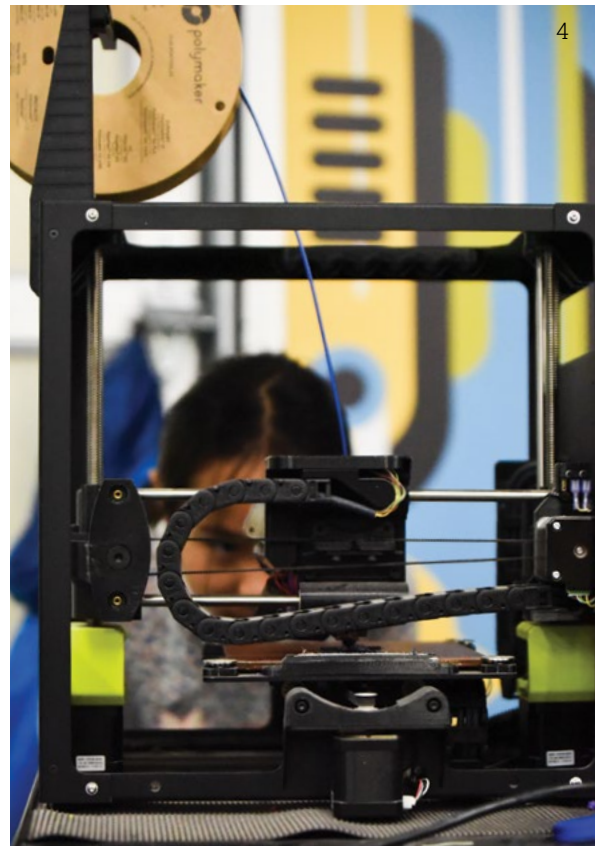
# ***INNOVATION*** **STARTS HERE**

**Signature programs  
for students that  
are first-of-its-kind  
and/or nationally  
recognized:**

- Four Pathways in Technology  
Early College High School (P-TECH)  
Programs
- Pathways to Teaching (P-TEACH)  
Program
- Mobile Innovation Lab
- Cyber Explorer Mobile Lab
- Underwater Robotics Programming
- Drone Performance Team
- Advanced Manufacturing Academy
- Toyota Technical Education College  
Support (TECS) Program
- Artificial Intelligence Student Team
- and so much more



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## Photo Captions

<sup>1</sup> A Mobile Innovation Lab high school student explores music technology with Niwot Elementary students during a school visit.

<sup>2</sup> Innovation Center Aquatic Robotics students compete at the MATE Aquatic Robotics World Championship, hosted at the Aquatic Center of St. Vrain Valley Schools.

<sup>3</sup> An Erie Elementary student prototypes a robot before school.

<sup>4</sup> A Blue Mountain Elementary fourth-grade student monitors her design as it is 3D printed in the school's Makerspace.

<sup>5-6</sup> Three hundred drones light up the night sky with various animations designed and programmed by the Innovation Center's high school student Drone Performance Team.

<sup>7</sup> An Innovation Center Drone Performance Team member prepares drones for showtime before a community performance.

<sup>8</sup> An Erie High student uses a pendant to train a robotic arm as part of Advanced Manufacturing pathway coursework at the Career Elevation and Technology Center.

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## Photo Captions

<sup>1</sup> A high school student in an Advanced Manufacturing course at the Career Elevation and Technology Center (CETC) focuses as she solders a circuit board.

<sup>2</sup> A high school student gains hands-on experience in the Welding and Fabrication Technology pathway at the CETC.

<sup>3</sup> EMT high school students participate in a scenario exercise as part of the CETC's Health Sciences pathway.

<sup>4</sup> Culinary Arts high school students prepare food at the CETC's Sunset Cafe.

<sup>5</sup> An Innovation Center high school student in Aeronautics class practices control with quad-copter drones.

<sup>6</sup> Erie High students produce a live

broadcast of a fall football game for the Erie Tiger Network.

<sup>7</sup> A high school student works in the automotive garage on a car at the Career Elevation and Technology Center.

<sup>8</sup> A Main Street School student demonstrates how to use the school's printshop equipment during the program's ribbon-cutting celebration.

# CAREER-READINESS STARTS HERE

## 473 Students

Last year, 473 students participated in a work-based learning apprenticeship or internship program.

## 693 Certifications

Last year, 693 certifications were awarded to students enrolled in one of 17 programs offering industry-recognized certifications. These include EMT/paramedic, manufacturing trades, automotive technology, welding, aeronautics, engineering, information technology, and more.

## 30 Project Teams

Between the Innovation Center and the Career Elevation and Technology Center, St. Vrain offers more than 30 project teams, where students work on authentic tasks from real-world clients with the support of industry mentors.





# COLLEGE PREPARATION STARTS HERE

## Most Rigorous

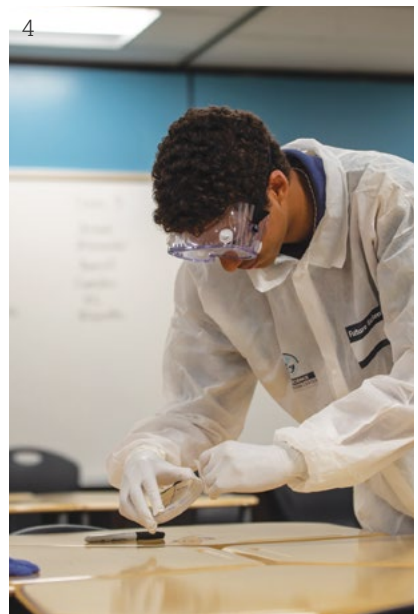
In addition to the highest graduation rate in the Denver Metro Area, St. Vrain also has the **most rigorous graduation requirements** at 24.5 credits.

## 31,250 credits

Last year, St. Vrain students had the **opportunity to earn over 31,250 college credits** through Advanced Placement courses, International Baccalaureate courses, and concurrent enrollment college classes.

## \$12 Million in Savings

Through Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and concurrent enrollment courses, last year students had the opportunity to **save families approximately \$12 million or more in future tuition expenses.**



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## Photo Captions

<sup>1</sup> A Skyline High student prepares for the first robotics competition of the season.

<sup>2</sup> An Erie High student prototypes a human-powered rover for the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge (HERC).

<sup>3</sup> A Mead High junior presents a counter-argument during Speech and Debate class.

<sup>4</sup> An Innovation Center Bioscience high school student leads a microbial inquiry lab for fifth-grade students at Indian Peaks Elementary.

<sup>5</sup> An Innovation Center Neuroscience student examines an electrical interface during a lab activity.

<sup>6</sup> A Niwot High International Baccalaureate graduate is recognized for his academic accomplishments.

<sup>7</sup> Silver Creek High seniors present to Leadership St. Vrain community members.

<sup>8</sup> A senior in Skyline High's Visual and Performing Arts Academy works on his mixed media sculptures during Advanced Ceramics class.

<sup>9</sup> Erie High students prepare for their upcoming AP Exam during their AP European History class.





# OPPORTUNITY STARTS HERE

## 123 Associate Degrees

Through the district's Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) programs, 123 students have been awarded their associate degree, alongside their high school diploma, at no cost to the student.

## 702 Students

Over 700 students have been enrolled in one of St. Vrain's four P-TECH programs which include significant mentorship and internship opportunities, alongside rigorous college coursework. St. Vrain has P-TECH programs focused on information technology, biochemistry, cybersecurity, and business.

## 120+ Industry Partnerships

St. Vrain Valley Schools is **highly connected to the local, state, and national business community** with over 120 industry and corporate partners. These important relationships provide expertise, mentorship, and resources to ensure that St. Vrain is a leading district in providing opportunities that students will need to be successful beyond graduation. Key partners include Apple, Google, UCHHealth, Boeing, Cisco, Stapp Interstate Toyota, Seagate, Agilent, Amazon, and so much more.

### Photo Captions

<sup>1</sup> A St. Vrain Valley Schools P-TEACH student leads a Timberline PK-8 kindergarten student in writing exercises during class.

<sup>2</sup> Frederick High students learn investigative techniques firsthand by creating shoe imprints during Police Academy class.

<sup>3</sup> RaptorTECH, one of four P-TECH programs, allows students at Silver Creek High to develop hands-on skills in cybersecurity and earn their associate degree alongside their high school diploma.

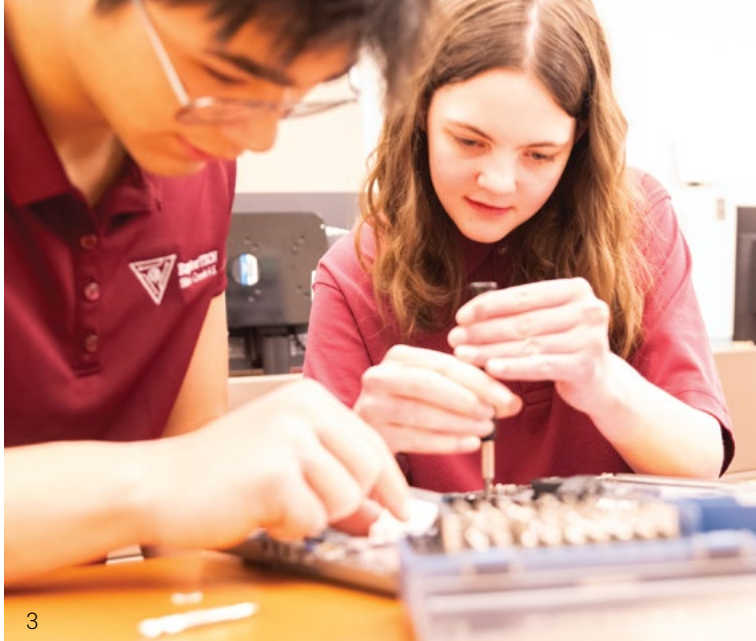
<sup>4</sup> A Silver Creek High RaptorTECH student gains practical experience and career readiness skills during a mock interview exercise.

<sup>5-6</sup> Coal Ridge Middle students produce a podcast, discussing topics relevant to their school community.

<sup>7</sup> Altona Middle sixth-grade students work on soldering in the Idea Lab as part of their Genius Hour projects.

<sup>8</sup> Sanborn Elementary fifth-grade students practice their entrepreneurial skills during market day.









# ACHIEVEMENT STARTS HERE

## 190+ Athletic Championships

Since 2019, St. Vrain **athletes have brought home 195 total state titles**; 36 team titles and 159 individual titles.

## 271 Graduates

Among the Class of 2024, **271 graduates earned the Seal of Biliteracy**, recognizing proficiency in English and at least one other language, providing them a strong competitive advantage.

## Outperformed State Standardized Assessments

St. Vrain **outperformed the state average on all 12 state standardized assessments** in 2023. St. Vrain also posted its highest third grade reading scores in the history of administering the CMAS assessment in 2023. Over the past several years, St. Vrain has increased participation in Algebra 1 in eighth grade by 6% for all students. Additionally, St. Vrain Valley outscores state and national scores on the SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 9.

### Photo Captions

<sup>1</sup> A Longmont Estates Elementary student reaches for new heights during P.E.

<sup>2</sup> Longmont High Class of 2024 graduates visit Northridge Elementary during the grad walk tradition.

<sup>3</sup> Niwot High sophomore Addison Ritzenhein celebrates winning the 2023 - 2024 Gatorade National Girls Cross Country Player of the Year with her teammates.

<sup>4</sup> A Silver Creek High RaptorTECH student participates in mock interviews.

<sup>5</sup> Grand View Elementary students prepare for the World Robotics Competition.

<sup>6</sup> Mead High senior, Dalton Berg, celebrates his individual state championship and the school's first team state championship in wrestling.





# TEAMWORK STARTS HERE

## 78% Engagement

Over 78% of St. Vrain secondary students are engaged in co-curricular or extracurricular activities outside the regular school day.

## 147 Varsity Teams

St. Vrain offers 147 total varsity sports teams across all high schools.

## All Middle Schools

All middle schools in St. Vrain offer competitive athletic opportunities, engaging students in their school communities and preparing them for high school athletics.







### Photo Captions

<sup>1</sup> Central Elementary students enjoy a game of tug-of-war during field day.

<sup>2</sup> Mead Middle students perfect a routine during cheerleading practice.

<sup>3</sup> Longmont High students bring mystery and comedy to the stage in the play Clue.

<sup>4</sup> Alpine Elementary fifth-grade students pass the baton during the relay race at St. Vrain's fifth-grade field day celebration.

<sup>5</sup> Niwot High volleyball athletes huddle up during a match in the state playoffs.

<sup>6</sup> A Skyline High student controls the lights and audio during the school's production of the Addams Family Musical in Vance Brand Auditorium.

<sup>7</sup> Erie High football players clear a path for quarterback Blake Barnett to run the ball during the CHSAA 4A State Championship game at Colorado State University.







## Photo Captions

- <sup>1</sup> A Career Elevation and Technology Center high school student levels her welding project.
- <sup>2</sup> Students from Westview Middle Jazz Band perform during a concert at Planet Bluegrass in Lyons.
- <sup>3</sup> A fifth-grade student harvests plants in the geodesic greenhouse at Burlington Elementary.
- <sup>4</sup> An Eagle Crest Elementary student designs his solar oven during Eco Eagles, an after-school club.
- <sup>5</sup> A Sunset Middle student performs at the first-ever Colorado High School Activities Association Mariachi Festival, held at Skyline High.
- <sup>6</sup> Skyline Feeder elementary and middle school students watch the first performance of Skyline High's production of The Addams Family musical.
- <sup>7</sup> A Skyline High Advanced Ceramics student throws clay on the wheel during class.
- <sup>8</sup> Behind the scenes, a Westview Middle student films a broadcast for WTV.
- <sup>9</sup> A Sunset Middle student experiments with motion dynamics during STEM Explorers, an after-school program in partnership with CU Boulder.



# PASSION STARTS HERE







## Photo Captions

<sup>1</sup> Lyons community members cheer on the high school football team during a send-off celebration ahead of the CHSAA 8-man Football State Championship.

<sup>2</sup> Students enjoy the Lunar New Year Celebration at Silver Creek High, an annual community event supported by the Silver Creek Leadership Academy.

<sup>3</sup> An elementary student learns about Adaptive P.E. during a community event at the Innovation Center.

<sup>4</sup> Hygiene Elementary students experience an immersive exploration of Ecuador during the school's annual Hawk Air event.

<sup>5</sup> Legacy Elementary writing group members pose with community volunteer, Betty Heath.

<sup>6</sup> High school students from across St. Vrain participate in the 2024 Doing Democracy Day event at the Longmont Museum.

<sup>7</sup> An Atria Senior Living resident displays the artwork he received from a Skyline High AP art student as part of a community engagement partnership.

<sup>8</sup> Families enjoy student artwork at the annual Unframed Student Art Show at the Boulder County Fairgrounds, featuring art from every school in the district.

<sup>9</sup> A Columbine Elementary P.E. teacher leads students on a bike ride around the gym after they received new equipment from All Kids Bike, a nonprofit focused on teaching kindergartners how to ride bicycles.





## 11,928 Hours

Silver Creek Leadership Academy students **volunteered 11,928 hours in the community** from May 2023 to May 2024.

## 80 Government Students

80 high school students interested in government joined 30 community leaders during the 12th annual Doing Democracy Day to **collaborate and prepare solutions to local issues**.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STARTS HERE





**LIFELONG**  
**CONNECTIONS**  
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### Photo Captions

- <sup>1</sup> Soaring Heights PK-8 elementary students use the design process to explore solutions to different problems during learning time in the Makerspace.
- <sup>2</sup> Class of 2024 students from Mead High and Frederick High hug as they visit Coal Ridge Middle during their grad walk.
- <sup>3</sup> Frederick High graduates pose for the camera ahead of their commencement ceremony.
- <sup>4</sup> Fifth-grade students in the Gifted and Talented program perform at the district's Shakespeare in the Park festival.
- <sup>5</sup> Sunset Middle students smile during the district's annual geography competition.
- <sup>6</sup> A Niwot Elementary student rehearses a traditional Ugandan song during a Mwebaza Club meeting.
- <sup>7</sup> Longmont Estates Elementary teacher greets former students from Silver Creek High as they visit the elementary school during their grad walk.
- <sup>8</sup> A Lyons Middle Senior graduate fist-bumps a teacher after giving a speech at graduation.
- <sup>9</sup> Altona Middle students have fun during the district's annual middle school geography bee competition.





## Photo Captions

<sup>1</sup> Frederick High premieres the first Unified Theatre performance in the district, featuring students of all abilities performing an original play.

<sup>2</sup> A Timberline PK-8 student enjoys painting during art class.

<sup>3</sup> A Silver Creek High saxophonist performs during a jazz band concert at Planet Bluegrass in Lyons.

<sup>4</sup> Middle school students from across St. Vrain learn about backstage operations during the district's first Theater Day event.

<sup>5</sup> An Erie High student smiles as she plays the violin during orchestra class.

<sup>6</sup> A Longmont High Mariachi Band member performs at Red Hawk Elementary.

<sup>7</sup> At the Lyons Elementary Arts Festival, a student demonstrates her musical skills while playing the marimba.

<sup>8</sup> Centennial Elementary students design their own tic-tac-toe boards during art class.

<sup>9</sup> A Skyline High AP Metal student works on his end-of-year project.





# ***CREATIVE EXPRESSION***

## **STARTS HERE**

### **183 All-State Musicians**

This year, 82 high school students, 80 middle school students, and 21 elementary students were selected for highly prestigious and competitive All-State music groups, including choir, band, orchestra, jazz choir, and jazz band.. St. Vrain students represented 37% of the students performing in the high school All-State Choir and 15% of the students performing in the middle school All-State Choir, **making St. Vrain the highest All-State Choir performing district in Colorado.**

### **10,000+ Pieces of Art**

All schools in St. Vrain offer high-quality visual arts courses, with **thousands of artworks displayed each spring at the Districtwide Art Show.**







# CHAMPIONSHIPS START HERE

## 240+ Robotics Teams

St. Vrain is home to over 240 competitive robotics teams, as well as numerous state, national, and world champions. This year a Longmont High team recieved the highest award given to a team at the VEX World Championships.

## 34 State Athletics Championships

In the 2023-2024 school year, St. Vrain students brought home 34 total state titles: 9 team titles and 25 individual titles.

## Competing on the National Stage

St. Vrain students participate in competitions across various industries and expertise. Recent highlights include a Niwot Elementary student reaching a national spelling bee, a New Meridian High student competing nationally in welding, students from APEX Homeschool Program, Mead High, and Skyline High competing nationally in automotive, a Lyons Senior High student competing nationally in baking, and Altona Middle students being selected as one of 60 teams to build a space exploration experiment for a NASA STEM competition.

### Photo Captions

<sup>1-2</sup> Longmont High Robotics team, Pronounce This, wins the Excellence Award at the VEX Robotics World Championship, the highest award given. Photos by Bill Dickhans.

<sup>3</sup> A Rocky Mountain Elementary student celebrates crossing the finish line during the fifth-grade district field day race.

<sup>4</sup> Fall River Elementary students compete in the championship match of the chess club.

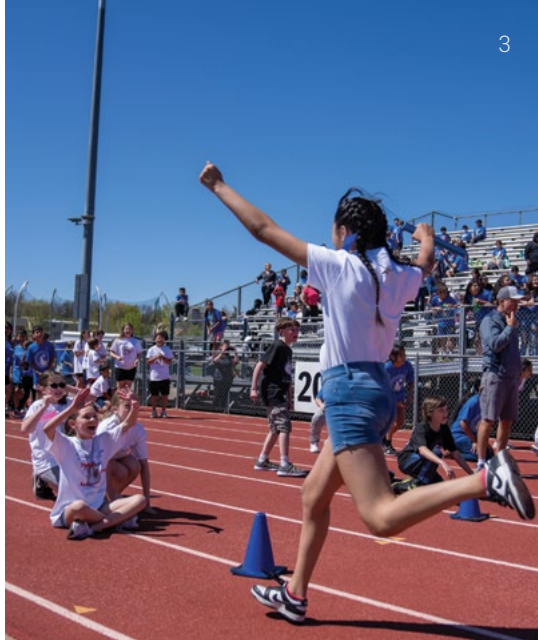
<sup>5-6</sup> At a district-wide Unified Bowling competition, a Niwot High team member bowls, while Mead High students celebrate after a strike.

<sup>7</sup> Frederick High and Silver Creek High boys basketball teams face off during the state playoffs.

<sup>8</sup> A Mead High lacrosse athlete cradles the ball as she runs towards the goal during a game.

<sup>9</sup> Erie High football teammates celebrate a touchdown on the way to victory during the 4A State Championship game.









# LASTING IMPACT STARTS HERE

## 23,000 Years

St. Vrain's **2,000 teachers** have **approximately 23,000 years of teaching experience** and over 60% have graduate degrees.

## 2.6 Million Meals

Last year, St. Vrain's Nutrition Services department **served over 2.6 million meals to students.**

## 5,500 Employees

St. Vrain Valley Schools is **the largest employer in our 411 square mile area**, with approximately 5,500 employees.

## 2 Million Miles

St. Vrain has a robust Transportation Services department, **driving close to 2 million miles each year to transport students** to school, field trips, athletic events, and more. This equates to circling the globe approximately 80 times each year.

### Photo Captions

<sup>1</sup> An Alpine Elementary first-grade teacher reads a book with a student.

<sup>2</sup> A Nutrition Services staff member serves students during lunchtime at Soaring Heights PK-8.

<sup>3</sup> Highlands Elementary first-grade students enjoy story time in the library.

<sup>4</sup> A New Meridian High staff member celebrates with a graduate during the commencement ceremony.

<sup>5</sup> Transportation Services greets students from Legacy Elementary with smiles as they board the school bus at the end of the day.

<sup>6</sup> A Spark! Discovery Preschool Special Education Teacher engages with students during playtime.

<sup>7</sup> An electrician from St. Vrain's Operations and Maintenance team replaces an outlet at Coal Ridge Middle.

<sup>8</sup> Westview Middle's Plains to the Parks students and the Innovation Center's Bioscience students assist in the planting of a second-generation moon tree at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) on Arbor Day.









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## Photo Captions

- <sup>1</sup> Legacy Elementary kindergarten students marvel at baby chicks during a hands-on learning experience.
- <sup>2</sup> Mountain View Elementary kindergarten students experience their first parachute activity in P.E.
- <sup>3</sup> A Lyons Middle Senior cheerleader prepares for game day.
- <sup>4</sup> A Timberline PK-8 middle school student plays the French horn during band class.
- <sup>5</sup> A kindergartner at Prairie Ridge Elementary plants seeds during a science lesson.
- <sup>6</sup> A Mead Middle student smiles as she participates in Theater Day, learning about all aspects of theater production.
- <sup>7</sup> A Red Hawk Elementary second-grade student reads during class time.
- <sup>8</sup> A Launched Virtual Academy student smiles as she prepares to walk the stage at graduation.
- <sup>9</sup> An Erie High student uses a manual mill to create custom parts during an Advanced Manufacturing class at the Career Elevation and Technology Center.
- <sup>10</sup> Niwot High Class of 2024 graduates toss their caps in the air in celebration.



