



GEC Advocates Network

April 9, 2024

Welcome!

In the chat, please share your

- Name
- Personal pronouns (add to your Zoom name)
- What city you're Zooming in from
- Your organization or school

*Ex. Ben Robinson, he/him, Denver, Great
Education Colorado*

GEC's Vision

Through public education, every Colorado student — regardless of their zip code, learning needs, language, identities, or the color of their skin — graduates prepared to lead their best life.

GEC's Mission

Great Education Colorado harnesses the power of grassroots activism and diverse, inclusive networks to guarantee that public schools in every Colorado community are welcoming and adequately, equitably, and sustainably funded.

Our goal for the GEC Advocates Network
is to create a space for us to build
community and take action together!

GEC Advocates Network meets
the **2nd Tuesday** of every
month from **4:30-5:30pm**

May sign up in chat

Community Commitments

- Move up, move back
- No one knows everything, but together we know a lot - let's learn together
- Presuming positive intent but acknowledging our impact

Listen

How would you convince someone who is skeptical of public education that we need to raise more revenue for schools?

Learn

2024 Colorado Public Education Survey

Why We Polled

- **The first poll we've done for ourselves**
- **Information to inform our work for years to come**
- **Timing: adequacy study, property and income tax discussions, forthcoming elections**

Polling Takeaways

- **63% think additional funding would result in a better education**
- **80% agree that schools will be “fully funded” when districts are able to attract and retain qualified teachers and staff**

Polling Takeaways cont.

- **64% would vote yes on an Initiative 63 style ballot measure**
- **72% of voters would be more likely to vote for such a measure if the revenue went to teacher pay**

Adequacy Study

- **To definitively answer the question: What do districts, students, and teachers need?**
- **Report to be released early 2025**
- **Legislators and legislative candidates *must* know about it...**

Adequacy Study

Purpose: Determine whether state funding is equitable, adequate, sustainable.

Adequacy Study

- **Two adequacy studies to be carried out by two vendors in Colorado in calendar year 2024**
- **Goals:**
 - **identify base level funding**
 - **adjustments for student/district characteristics**

Key Takeaways

- **Polling, adequacy study and future campaigns**

Lead

- **Decline to Sign: 77, 108, 138**

Coming up...

- **Talk to your legislator about the adequacy study**

Decline to Sign

- **Initiative 108**
 - **Reduce residential assessment to 5.7% and 24% for everything else**
- **Initiative 77**
 - **Economic impact statement required to precede ballot questions**
- **Initiative 138**
 - **Constitutional right to school choice**
 - **Polling: initially popular, but can be defeated**

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[Link to the May meeting in chat](#)