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Dear Norwood Public School Board and Superintendent Bissell,

We are writing today to express our support for the 5B Bond Proposal. The bond will commit the funds necessary to build a safe and secure environment to promote greater opportunities for learning, growth, and community engagement. Our organization is founded upon improving health outcomes for our most vulnerable community members and, certainly, this issue is of high importance to us and our mission. When we heard about the current building conditions and the danger it poses to our teachers and students alike we felt it was necessary for this project to move forward.

If the bond passes the contributions are set in place as the market stands now. If we try at a later date this max contribution could go up. If awarded the Building Excellent Schools Today ("BEST") grant, the State of Colorado would pick up just over 85% of the total cost of the project. If the BEST grant is not secured this year, taxes will be deferred until the BEST grant is secured in any subsequent year. The bonding capacity will continue to increase so now is the time to lock in the bond. This feels like the right time to act, invest and ensure the school has every opportunity to thrive and support our growing children.

With the school housing the Norwood Food Pantry, one of our program arms, it's in our best interests to support the facility and administration in what they feel is most appropriate and necessary for the future of the school and the health and safety of our students. We support the 5B Bond Proposal as an investment in the community's vitality.

Sincerely,
The Fresh Foundation Board
Galena Gleason, Hannah Rossman, Mel Eggers, Sam Andrews, Laura Fehrenbacher and
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