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Board of Education approves bond and mill measure for Nov. ballot

The Jefferson County Board of Education unanimously voted on Thursday, Aug. 21, to place a 4.4 mill levy increase and a \$350 million bond issue on the November 2008 ballot. The mill levy authorizes up to \$34 million for Jeffco Public Schools to be used for operating expenses. The ballot language states the money will be used for educational purposes including but not limited to:

- Expanding options for career job skills and technical training to prepare students for today's work world
- Supporting increased graduation requirements
- Expanding math and science offerings in high school
- Purchasing textbooks and technology
- Maintaining teachable class sizes
- Paying for increased fuel costs to run school buses

The bond money would be earmarked for hundreds of major school upgrades and renovations throughout the district.