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All Employees:

Last night, the BOE directed staff to place a Bond and Mill Levy Override question on the November ballot. Every school will be impacted in some way from a successful bond and mill levy override. You can check out the details on the district website at [www.aps.k12.co.us](http://www.aps.k12.co.us).

Please remember that there are very specific limitations surrounding your participation during this campaign. While school employees may provide factual information in response to questions from staff or the public, advocacy is specifically prohibited by the Campaign Reform Act. Additionally, no public funds, materials, nor time shall be used for advocacy. Likewise, no electronic communication (e-mail, fax, telephone) or inter district mail may be used in advocacy of a position for or against the bond or mill levy. However, what you can do is be knowledgeable about the facts relating to the bond and mill levy, especially the benefit to your school. Be supportive and helpful to staff and parents who want more information. Also, you may campaign for any election issue on your own time after your regular duty day or on weekends.

Our school attorney, Kathleen Hostetler, has prepared a brief explanation of what is permissible and not permissible employee conduct during this election for your use. This document is included as an attachment to this e-mail. Please take some time to read this information.

A campaign committee was formed to handle advocacy for the bond and mill levy. You may receive a call from ACES (Aurora Citizens for Excellent Schools) which is headed by Kate Tauer and co-chaired by Mary Lewis and Amy Prince. Also, Greg Moore (recently retired from School Services) is the campaign coordinator. Please observe the restrictions outlined in the attached document when communicating with this group and with all others wishing to campaign on either side of this issue.

If you have questions about anything written here or covered in the pamphlet, please feel free to contact Kathleen Hostetler's office or me.

Thanks and have a great school start.

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