

A4PEP Positions on 2026 Ballot Issues

We SUPPORT the following ballot measures because our public education system is woefully underfunded. Colorado has one of the lowest per-pupil expenditures and teacher salaries in the nation. The research is clear – adequate funding helps students achieve to their full potential and honors the work of educators.

PROPOSITION NN, Keep and Spend Money for Education and Other Purposes

Raises the limit on the tax revenue that the state is allowed to retain under TABOR, increasing funding for K-12 education and other programs that support children by about \$500 million a year.

AMENDMENT 87, Graduated Income Tax

Enacts a graduated income tax system, by striking the language in TABOR requiring a flat tax rate, with Coloradans in lower brackets receiving a tax cut and those earning over \$500,000 a year — the top 3% of earners — paying higher rates, generating over \$2 billion per year for education, health care, and early childhood. Because it would only repeal, rather than amend, language in the Constitution, it only needs a simple majority to pass.

We OPPOSE the following measure for the same reasons we support Amendment 87:

PROPOSITION 136, Income Tax Rate Limit

Caps the state's individual and corporate income tax rates at 4.4% of a taxpayer's federal income tax, the current rate, thus restricting the state's ability to raise those rates in the future and conflicting with the graduated income tax proposed in Amendment 87.

We OPPOSE the following measures because we support policies that allow all students to thrive equitably:

PROPOSITION 134, Male and Female Participation in School and Collegiate Sports

Prohibits any athletic organization or K-12 or postsecondary school – public or private – from allowing transgender students to participate in sports activities designed for the gender to which they were not biologically born. This takes decisions away from parents, schools, and athletic experts and hands them to the government. It's so poorly written that any girl could face an invasive gender check if she's accused of being transgender. And with no appeals process, parents and families are left powerless to stop these invasive checks.

PROPOSITION 135, Prohibit Surgery on Minors in Response to Perception of Sex or Gender

Prohibits health-care professionals from performing, prescribing, or administering sex-change surgery on minors and prohibit any state or federal funds to be used for it. This measure takes healthcare decisions out of parents' and doctors' hands, with no way to appeal if the government gets it wrong. This measure could also interfere with medically necessary care for serious conditions that affect kids well beyond transgender youth.