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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the General Assembly
FROM: Todd Herreid, Fiscal Director, 303-866-2633
SUBJECT: 2011 School District Cost-of-Living Study

This memorandum provides information on the 2011 school district cost-of-living study. The attached appendix presents the detailed results of the study by school district.

Summary

Legislative Council Staff conducts a study of the cost of living in each school district every two years, as required by state law. The results of the 2011 study indicate that the cost of living, adjusted by where employees live, increased in 170 of the 178 school districts in the state. In 83 of these districts, the change in cost of living from 2009 to 2011 was large enough to increase the cost-of-living factor used in the school finance funding formula.

The Cost-of-Living Study Is Required by Law

A cost-of-living study is required to be conducted every two years to update the cost-of-living factors used in the state's school finance funding formula.¹ The first study was conducted in 1993, and a study has been conducted during the summer and fall of each odd-numbered year since. The 2011 study results are used to determine school district cost-of-living factors for fiscal years 2012-13 and 2013-14. A district's cost-of-living factor is used in calculating its per pupil funding level.

¹ Section 22-54-104 (5) (c) (III), C.R.S.

Results of the Study

The attached appendix shows the results of the 2011 study by school district, which takes into consideration where school district employees live. For example, the cost-of-living estimate for the Mapleton School District in Adams County recognizes that 20 percent of its workforce lives within the district, while the remaining 80 percent primarily live in nearby school districts, such as Denver Public Schools or Jeffco Public Schools. Compared to 2009, the cost of living was higher in 170 of the 178 school districts in the state, with the change in the cost of living ranging from a low of -3.3 percent to a high of 6.6 percent.

Study Methodology

The cost-of-living measure for each school district examines the cost of purchasing a similar market basket of housing, goods and services, transportation, and other items in a school district. The 2011 study uses representative purchases made by a three-person household earning an average teacher's salary of \$49,200 per year. The items included are based on the latest Consumer Expenditure Survey for this type of household, prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Table 1 illustrates the composition of those purchases in broad categories. Housing accounts for 35.7 percent of household income, goods and services accounts for 32.8 percent, transportation accounts for 15.9 percent, and other items accounts for 15.6 percent.

Table 1
Market Basket for Benchmark Household Earning \$49,200

Expenditure Category	Items Included	% of Income	\$ Amount
Goods and services	Food at home, food away from home, apparel, entertainment, health care, alcohol, cigarettes, personal care products, sales taxes	32.8%	\$16,117
Housing	Mortgage payment, property taxes, interest, home insurance, utilities, household expenses	35.7%	\$17,582
Transportation	Car payment, gasoline, vehicle insurance, car maintenance and repairs	15.9%	\$7,832
Other	Charitable donations, savings, life insurance, federal and state income taxes	15.6%	\$7,669
TOTAL		100.0%	\$49,200

For the 2011 study, Legislative Council Staff contracted with two private vendors to provide data for computing the cost of a constant market basket in each school district. Corona Research, Inc. provided data on goods and services, transportation, income taxes, and housing, with the exception of home values. Corona continued the practice of on-site visits to retail outlets in school districts to collect information. Retail outlets were selected for price sampling based on a stratification of outlets in terms of revenue, and the population of cities within a district was used to determine the location of outlets sampled. Housing value data were provided by Wildrose

Appraisal, Inc. The housing value data were forwarded by Legislative Council Staff to Corona. Corona then computed the total cost of the market basket in each district.

Housing. Housing costs include mortgage costs of principal and interest, property taxes, and homeowner's insurance (PITI), as well as the cost of utilities, maintenance, household supplies and operations, and household furnishings. PITI costs are based on the value of a 1,500 square-foot house in each school district. Housing costs account for almost 36 percent of expenditures in a three-person household with an income of \$49,200.

Methodology for determining district home value. Wildrose Appraisal, Inc. analyzed a database of nearly all single-family homes in the state to estimate the market value of a 1,500-square-foot home in each district. The approach used to estimate the value involved a number of steps. Whenever a statistically valid sample of home sales within a 1,400-to-1,600 square-foot range existed, the home value was determined by multiplying the median sales price per square foot of this group of homes by 1,500 square feet. When a school district did not have a statistically valid sample of homes within this square footage range, the range was expanded until an adequate number of home sales were collected. The value in these districts was determined by multiplying the median sales price per square foot of the number of homes necessary to reach the sample size by 1,500 square feet. In about 50 percent of the districts, the database of homes sold within a district was not sufficient to estimate the value of a 1,500-square-foot house. In these cases, assessor-determined values or sales from surrounding areas were used to supplement the sample of properties within an individual district.

Goods and services. Items in the goods and services component include groceries, meals away from home, clothing, medical and dental care, recreation, and other day-to-day expenses. Data for the goods and services component were obtained from a combination of school district visits, telephone surveys, and third-party sources. The goods and services category consumes about 33 percent of expenditures for a three-person household with earnings of \$49,200. The study made minor changes to the market basket of goods and services that were sampled.

Transportation. The transportation category consists of the annual cost of owning and operating personal vehicles. These costs include vehicle maintenance and repairs, gasoline and oil, insurance, and vehicle financing. The transportation component accounts for about 16 percent of market-basket expenditures.

Other items. This component primarily includes long-term saving, investments, charitable donations, life insurance, federal and state income taxes, and local occupation (head) taxes. Sales taxes are included under the goods and services component; property taxes are included in the housing component. This category accounts for almost 15 percent of the income level used in the study.

School District Geographic Shopping Patterns Updated

The cost-of-living study recognizes that not all items in the market basket are purchased within the school district for which the cost of living is being measured. Individuals travel outside school district boundaries to make purchases for a number of reasons, including availability of goods, price, selection, and convenience. Since FY 1998-99, school district cost-of-living amounts have been based on a geographic shopping pattern survey conducted in 1997. A comprehensive update of the shopping pattern survey was conducted in both 2007 and 2009, via a random sampling of more than 2,700 households throughout the state. In 2011, additional surveys were completed to enhance the shopping pattern information for more school districts in the state as well as to update the 2009 data. Survey respondents provided information about geographic purchasing patterns for 18 types of products, including such things as groceries, restaurant meals, clothing, car maintenance and repair services, and day care services. Using the data collected from the surveys, a series of predictive models were developed to estimate geographic shopping patterns in each district for each product category. The models accommodate rural and urban distinctions, taking into account population, the size of communities within a district, the distance from and sizes of nearby communities, and information on distance traveled from home.

Cost-of-Living Factor Calculation

The 2011 study found that the cost to a typical household of purchasing items consistent with an average teacher salary of \$49,200 ranged from a low of \$40,960 to a high of \$85,774 in Colorado school districts. However, for a school district to realize additional per pupil funding through the school finance act, its cost of living must increase by more than 3.58 percent—the percentage by which the \$49,200 salary level used in this year's study increased over the average teacher salary of \$47,500 in 2009. The percentage increase in cost of living meets this standard in 83 school districts. Figure 1 illustrates the percentage change in the cost of living for all school districts, and groups them into three categories:

- districts with a decrease in cost of living;
- districts with an increase in cost of living of up to 3.58 percent; and
- districts with an increase in cost of living of more than 3.58 percent.

The latter districts will see an increase in their cost-of-living factor for FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14.

The method for calculating changes in district cost-of-living factors—using the cost-of-living dollar amounts contained in this report—is prescribed by state law. When the change in a district's cost of living meets the standard for an increase, its factor is the prior year's factor plus an amount equal to its percentage increase in cost of living divided by 3.58 percent divided by 1,000. Under state law, a district's factor cannot decrease.

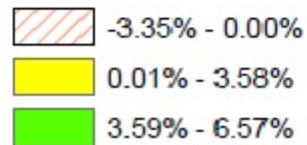
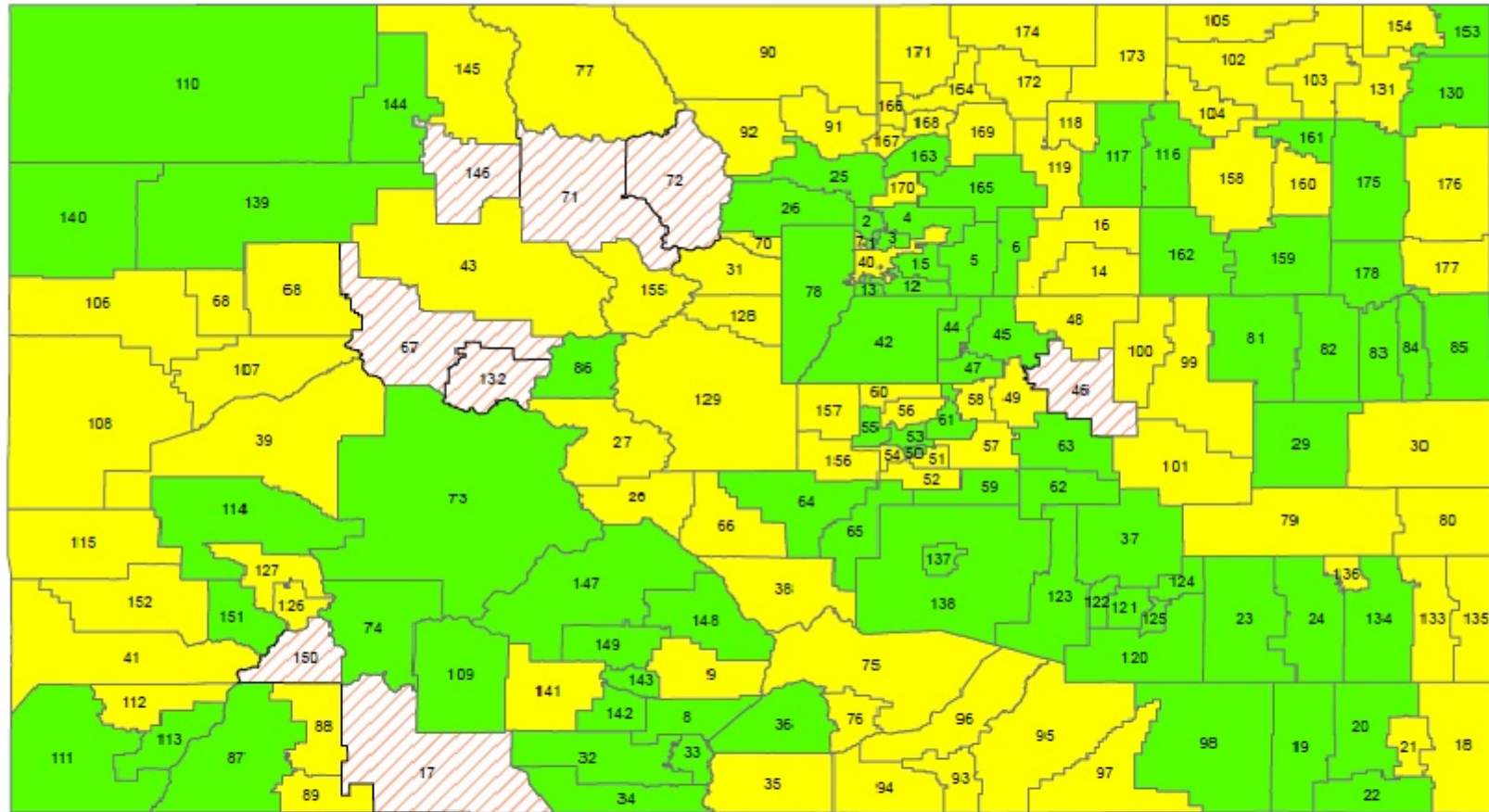
Additional Information Is Available on the Internet

The full text of the report submitted by Corona Research, Inc. is available on the internet at <http://www.bit.ly/schoolcostofliving>.

Figure 1

Percentage Change in School District Cost of Living

(each area represents a school district in the state; green districts represent those with an increase in the cost-of-living factor; and the number corresponds with the first column of the appendix identifying the school district)



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2011 SCHOOL DISTRICT COST-OF-LIVING STUDY RESULTS**

Number	County School District	Housing Costs/1	Transportation Costs/2	Goods & Services/3	Taxes & Other/4	2011 Cost of Living	2011 Cost of Living Based on Where Employees Live5/	2009 Cost of Living Based on Where Employees Live	Percent Change	Districts with Cost of Living Factor Increase
	State	17,582	7,832	16,117	7,669	49,200	49,200	47,500	3.58%	NA /6
1	Adams Mapleton	14,999	8,051	16,144	7,672	46,866	49,080	47,040	4.34%	increase
2	Adams Northglenn	17,193	7,828	16,137	7,672	48,830	49,484	47,495	4.19%	increase
3	Adams Commerce City	13,717	7,800	15,853	7,672	45,041	47,902	46,177	3.74%	increase
4	Adams Brighton	16,235	7,862	16,355	7,672	48,123	48,505	46,614	4.06%	increase
5	Adams Bennett	15,899	7,916	16,420	7,672	47,908	48,092	46,390	3.67%	increase
6	Adams Strasburg	16,811	7,812	16,246	7,672	48,540	48,369	46,600	3.79%	increase
7	Adams Westminster	16,538	7,829	15,570	7,672	47,608	49,381	47,914	3.06%	no change
8	Alamosa Alamosa	13,576	7,903	15,653	7,672	44,803	44,623	42,623	4.69%	increase
9	Alamosa Sangre de Cristo	13,203	7,856	15,833	7,672	44,564	44,566	43,455	2.56%	no change
10	Arapahoe Englewood	17,456	7,830	16,624	7,672	49,581	49,864	47,607	4.74%	increase
11	Arapahoe Sheridan	16,608	7,738	16,479	7,675	48,500	49,518	47,569	4.10%	increase
12	Arapahoe Cherry Creek	17,555	7,786	16,450	7,674	49,464	49,396	47,221	4.61%	increase
13	Arapahoe Littleton	18,635	7,819	16,500	7,672	50,626	50,098	47,893	4.60%	increase
14	Arapahoe Deer Trail	14,035	7,812	16,087	7,672	45,605	46,476	45,454	2.25%	no change
15	Arapahoe Aurora	15,711	7,883	16,023	7,674	47,290	48,774	46,310	5.32%	increase
16	Arapahoe Byers	14,685	7,856	15,968	7,672	46,180	47,018	45,806	2.65%	no change
17	Archuleta Archuleta	15,036	7,980	16,991	7,672	47,678	47,678	48,660	-2.02%	no change
18	Baca Walsh	9,978	7,946	16,081	7,672	41,677	41,661	40,404	3.11%	no change
19	Baca Pritchett	9,150	7,825	15,907	7,672	40,554	40,960	39,325	4.16%	increase
20	Baca Springfield	10,187	8,100	15,989	7,672	41,948	41,915	40,028	4.71%	increase
21	Baca Vilas	9,263	8,050	16,150	7,672	41,135	41,354	41,077	0.67%	no change
22	Baca Campo	9,323	8,002	15,976	7,672	40,972	41,125	39,537	4.02%	increase
23	Bent Las Animas	10,667	7,641	15,502	7,672	41,482	41,571	39,448	5.38%	increase
24	Bent McClave	11,040	7,709	15,734	7,672	42,155	42,689	40,608	5.12%	increase
25	Boulder St. Vrain	17,717	7,785	15,896	7,672	49,070	49,469	47,668	3.78%	increase
26	Boulder Boulder	24,249	7,729	15,713	7,640	55,331	53,535	51,179	4.60%	increase
27	Chaffee Buena Vista	16,089	7,707	16,740	7,672	48,208	48,322	46,922	2.98%	no change
28	Chaffee Salida	16,760	7,826	16,407	7,672	48,665	48,583	47,253	2.81%	no change
29	Cheyenne Kit Carson	9,981	7,943	16,670	7,672	42,265	42,265	40,358	4.72%	increase
30	Cheyenne Cheyenne R-5	10,823	7,769	16,371	7,672	42,635	42,852	42,116	1.75%	no change
31	Clear Creek Clear Creek	19,783	8,197	16,882	7,672	52,533	51,514	50,225	2.57%	no change
32	Conejos North Conejos	10,212	7,885	16,169	7,672	41,937	42,888	41,368	3.67%	increase
33	Conejos Sanford	10,817	7,838	15,805	7,672	42,132	42,481	40,911	3.84%	increase
34	Conejos South Conejos	10,511	7,866	16,493	7,672	42,542	42,803	41,257	3.75%	increase
35	Costilla Centennial	11,169	7,892	16,052	7,672	42,784	42,784	41,365	3.43%	no change
36	Costilla Sierra Grande	13,519	7,702	15,948	7,672	44,841	44,678	42,793	4.41%	increase
37	Crowley Crowley	9,973	7,862	15,757	7,672	41,263	41,557	39,618	4.90%	increase

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38	Custer Westcliffe	16,381	7,759	16,517	7,672	48,328	48,108	47,803	0.64%	no change
39	Delta Delta	15,747	7,730	16,830	7,672	47,978	47,975	47,117	1.82%	no change
40	Denver Denver	18,220	7,932	16,283	7,677	50,112	49,749	48,499	2.58%	no change
41	Dolores Dolores County RE	11,957	8,051	17,239	7,672	44,919	45,106	44,311	1.79%	no change
42	Douglas Douglas	18,966	7,771	15,889	7,672	50,297	50,121	47,542	5.43%	increase
43	Eagle Eagle	24,494	8,301	17,711	7,648	58,156	58,150	57,375	1.35%	no change
44	Elbert Elizabeth	20,186	7,741	16,516	7,672	52,114	52,067	49,263	5.69%	increase
45	Elbert Kiowa	17,802	7,800	16,408	7,672	49,683	49,909	47,844	4.32%	increase
46	Elbert Big Sandy	12,961	7,670	15,895	7,672	44,198	44,608	44,631	-0.05%	no change
47	Elbert Elbert	19,539	7,758	16,448	7,672	51,416	50,641	48,869	3.63%	increase
48	Elbert Agate	15,666	7,750	16,060	7,672	47,148	47,132	45,726	3.07%	no change
49	El Paso Calhan	14,847	7,878	15,662	7,672	46,058	46,485	45,095	3.08%	no change
50	El Paso Harrison	15,545	7,874	15,781	7,672	46,871	47,864	46,017	4.01%	increase
51	El Paso Widefield	16,389	7,761	15,856	7,672	47,678	47,728	46,301	3.08%	no change
52	El Paso Fountain	15,045	7,832	15,987	7,672	46,536	47,502	46,418	2.34%	no change
53	El Paso Colorado Springs	16,091	7,691	15,636	7,672	47,090	47,696	45,656	4.47%	increase
54	El Paso Cheyenne Mountai	20,870	7,715	16,069	7,672	52,325	49,279	47,689	3.33%	no change
55	El Paso Manitou Springs	20,527	7,736	16,137	7,672	52,072	49,581	47,263	4.90%	increase
56	El Paso Academy	18,510	7,600	15,560	7,672	49,342	48,858	47,290	3.32%	no change
57	El Paso Ellicott	14,393	7,780	15,588	7,672	45,432	46,547	45,006	3.42%	no change
58	El Paso Peyton	16,533	7,804	15,627	7,672	47,636	47,946	46,360	3.42%	no change
59	El Paso Hanover	15,957	7,782	15,853	7,672	47,264	47,201	45,551	3.62%	increase
60	El Paso Lewis-Palmer	19,332	7,790	16,056	7,672	50,850	50,048	48,990	2.16%	no change
61	El Paso Falcon	17,849	7,783	15,707	7,672	49,010	48,482	46,444	4.39%	increase
62	El Paso Edison	15,823	7,835	15,869	7,672	47,199	46,527	44,401	4.79%	increase
63	El Paso Miami-Yoder	14,176	7,834	15,577	7,672	45,258	46,158	44,309	4.17%	increase
64	Fremont Canon City	14,599	7,583	15,761	7,672	45,614	45,825	44,056	4.02%	increase
65	Fremont Florence	16,346	7,666	16,112	7,672	47,796	47,129	44,662	5.52%	increase
66	Fremont Cotopaxi	15,416	7,586	15,864	7,672	46,538	46,893	45,502	3.06%	no change
67	Garfield Roaring Fork RE-1	24,003	8,416	17,729	7,650	57,799	58,013	60,023	-3.35%	no change
68	Garfield Rifle	17,712	8,112	17,528	7,672	51,023	51,330	51,317	0.03%	no change
69	Garfield Parachute	15,113	7,981	18,155	7,672	48,920	48,836	48,473	0.75%	no change
70	Gilpin Gilpin	18,239	7,871	16,149	7,672	49,931	51,201	49,465	3.51%	no change
71	Grand West Grand	17,269	7,972	16,884	7,672	49,796	49,796	49,991	-0.39%	no change
72	Grand East Grand	22,905	8,095	17,245	7,663	55,909	55,889	56,193	-0.54%	no change
73	Gunnison Gunnison	18,845	8,246	18,027	7,672	52,790	52,790	50,915	3.68%	increase
74	Hinsdale Hinsdale	20,977	8,132	17,534	7,672	54,314	54,282	51,529	5.34%	increase
75	Huerfano Huerfano	11,639	7,951	15,998	7,672	43,259	43,884	42,643	2.91%	no change
76	Huerfano La Veta	14,491	7,930	16,744	7,672	46,836	45,800	44,507	2.90%	no change
77	Jackson North Park	12,481	7,995	17,621	7,672	45,769	45,769	45,318	0.99%	no change

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78	Jefferson Jefferson	18,110	7,893	15,639	7,672	49,313	49,313	47,270	4.32%	increase
79	Kiowa Eads	9,942	7,877	16,227	7,672	41,717	41,775	40,503	3.14%	no change
80	Kiowa Plainview	9,859	7,859	16,001	7,672	41,391	41,391	40,242	2.86%	no change
81	Kit Carson Arriba-Flagler	12,159	7,832	17,140	7,672	44,803	44,742	42,671	4.85%	increase
82	Kit Carson Hi Plains	12,093	7,952	17,052	7,672	44,769	44,852	43,131	3.99%	increase
83	Kit Carson Stratton	12,470	8,079	16,964	7,672	45,184	45,232	43,112	4.92%	increase
84	Kit Carson Bethune	13,338	7,855	16,713	7,672	45,577	46,278	43,875	5.48%	increase
85	Kit Carson Burlington	15,021	7,923	17,044	7,672	47,660	47,491	44,962	5.62%	increase
86	Lake Lake	18,456	8,107	18,316	7,672	52,551	52,476	49,431	6.16%	increase
87	La Plata Durango	20,819	7,957	17,666	7,672	54,112	53,698	51,822	3.62%	increase
88	La Plata Bayfield	17,523	7,941	17,904	7,672	51,039	51,720	50,622	2.17%	no change
89	La Plata Ignacio	16,084	7,851	17,983	7,672	49,590	50,636	49,358	2.59%	no change
90	Larimer Poudre	16,529	7,597	15,173	7,672	46,970	47,044	46,710	0.72%	no change
91	Larimer Thompson	16,179	7,639	15,542	7,672	47,031	47,189	46,223	2.09%	no change
92	Larimer Estes Park	21,107	7,758	17,481	7,672	54,018	53,249	51,431	3.54%	no change
93	Las Animas Trinidad	13,121	8,119	15,855	7,672	44,767	44,754	44,332	0.95%	no change
94	Las Animas Primero	12,217	8,038	15,959	7,672	43,886	44,303	43,758	1.25%	no change
95	Las Animas Hoehne	13,788	7,999	15,765	7,672	45,223	45,066	44,069	2.26%	no change
96	Las Animas Aguilar	11,736	7,923	16,020	7,672	43,350	43,690	43,132	1.29%	no change
97	Las Animas Branson	10,134	7,827	15,734	7,672	41,366	45,999	44,529	3.30%	no change
98	Las Animas Kim	10,961	7,746	15,496	7,672	41,874	41,792	40,260	3.81%	increase
99	Lincoln Genoa-Hugo	11,750	7,919	16,637	7,672	43,977	44,040	43,271	1.78%	no change
100	Lincoln Limon	13,217	8,043	16,533	7,672	45,464	45,441	44,565	1.97%	no change
101	Lincoln Karval	10,634	7,811	15,937	7,672	42,054	43,059	42,018	2.48%	no change
102	Logan Valley	14,247	7,781	16,273	7,672	45,972	45,827	44,293	3.46%	no change
103	Logan Frenchman	11,468	7,794	16,035	7,672	42,968	43,587	42,386	2.83%	no change
104	Logan Buffalo	12,481	7,705	16,152	7,672	44,010	45,142	43,759	3.16%	no change
105	Logan Plateau	11,702	7,698	16,091	7,672	43,163	44,035	42,770	2.96%	no change
106	Mesa DeBeque	14,173	7,853	16,616	7,672	46,312	47,143	46,488	1.41%	no change
107	Mesa Plateau Valley	16,881	7,794	16,648	7,672	48,995	48,506	47,260	2.64%	no change
108	Mesa Mesa Valley	15,225	7,804	16,308	7,672	47,008	47,023	46,856	0.36%	no change
109	Mineral Creede	16,655	8,088	17,076	7,672	49,491	49,238	46,639	5.57%	increase
110	Moffat Moffat County RE :	16,260	8,195	17,179	7,672	49,306	49,838	47,419	5.10%	increase
111	Montezuma Montezuma	14,786	7,831	16,765	7,672	47,053	47,584	45,794	3.91%	increase
112	Montezuma Dolores RE-4A	15,742	7,977	17,099	7,672	48,490	48,210	46,683	3.27%	no change
113	Montezuma Mancos	16,274	8,075	17,615	7,672	49,636	49,635	47,261	5.02%	increase
114	Montrose Montrose	16,023	7,815	16,649	7,672	48,158	48,158	46,142	4.37%	increase
115	Montrose West End	15,000	7,895	17,200	7,672	47,766	48,138	47,653	1.02%	no change
116	Morgan Brush	16,072	7,798	16,676	7,672	48,217	48,217	45,633	5.66%	increase
117	Morgan Fort Morgan	15,553	7,670	16,498	7,672	47,392	47,471	45,656	3.98%	increase

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118	Morgan Weldon	15,251	7,725	16,461	7,672	47,109	47,288	45,667	3.55%	no change
119	Morgan Wiggins	16,485	7,821	16,476	7,672	48,453	48,088	46,578	3.24%	no change
120	Otero East Otero	11,334	7,645	15,573	7,672	42,225	42,303	40,476	4.51%	increase
121	Otero Rocky Ford	10,800	7,632	15,899	7,672	42,003	41,980	40,040	4.85%	increase
122	Otero Manzanola	9,674	7,661	15,535	7,672	40,541	41,666	39,678	5.01%	increase
123	Otero Fowler	11,132	7,872	15,715	7,672	42,391	42,569	40,231	5.81%	increase
124	Otero Cheraw	10,076	7,516	15,593	7,672	40,857	41,645	39,800	4.64%	increase
125	Otero Swink	11,416	7,522	16,000	7,672	42,610	42,233	40,390	4.57%	increase
126	Ouray Ouray	20,106	8,040	17,496	7,672	53,313	53,128	52,211	1.76%	no change
127	Ouray Ridgway	20,298	8,072	17,597	7,672	53,638	52,103	51,231	1.70%	no change
128	Park Platte Canyon	19,742	8,074	15,474	7,672	50,961	50,561	49,583	1.97%	no change
129	Park Park County	20,388	7,893	16,342	7,672	52,293	51,582	50,373	2.40%	no change
130	Phillips Holyoke	11,832	7,926	17,167	7,672	44,596	44,504	41,794	6.48%	increase
131	Phillips Haxtun	11,438	7,982	16,331	7,672	43,423	43,492	42,141	3.20%	no change
132	Pitkin Aspen	68,404	8,495	20,167	7,296	104,361	85,774	87,790	-2.30%	no change
133	Prowers Granada	10,030	7,971	15,883	7,672	41,555	41,676	40,494	2.92%	no change
134	Prowers Lamar	12,242	8,023	15,956	7,672	43,892	43,882	41,772	5.05%	increase
135	Prowers Holly	9,768	8,072	15,779	7,672	41,291	41,291	40,216	2.67%	no change
136	Prowers Wiley	10,979	7,918	15,929	7,672	42,498	42,692	41,229	3.55%	no change
137	Pueblo Pueblo City	14,405	8,048	15,732	7,672	45,857	46,114	43,648	5.65%	increase
138	Pueblo Pueblo Rural	15,646	7,963	15,771	7,672	47,052	46,672	44,469	4.95%	increase
139	Rio Blanco Meeker	16,651	8,166	18,100	7,672	50,588	50,588	48,714	3.85%	increase
140	Rio Blanco Rangely	14,619	7,882	17,936	7,672	48,108	48,108	46,361	3.77%	increase
141	Rio Grande Del Norte	14,018	7,929	16,766	7,672	46,384	46,003	44,700	2.92%	no change
142	Rio Grande Monte Vista	13,437	7,924	16,502	7,672	45,535	45,212	43,256	4.52%	increase
143	Rio Grande Sargent	12,355	7,842	16,449	7,672	44,317	44,732	42,648	4.89%	increase
144	Routt Hayden	18,665	8,225	18,678	7,672	53,240	55,751	53,033	5.13%	increase
145	Routt Steamboat Springs	27,800	8,243	18,606	7,614	62,263	61,714	59,994	2.87%	no change
146	Routt South Routt	17,943	8,084	18,748	7,672	52,446	53,480	55,158	-3.04%	no change
147	Saguache Mountain Valley	11,154	7,819	16,709	7,672	43,354	43,551	41,759	4.29%	increase
148	Saguache Moffat 2	14,677	7,817	16,222	7,672	46,388	45,413	43,176	5.18%	increase
149	Saguache Center	10,585	7,757	16,197	7,672	42,210	43,817	42,052	4.20%	increase
150	San Juan Silverton	19,500	8,048	18,260	7,672	53,480	53,480	54,241	-1.40%	no change
151	San Miguel Telluride	40,333	8,195	18,892	7,493	74,912	71,162	67,338	5.68%	increase
152	San Miguel Norwood	18,113	7,946	17,696	7,672	51,427	51,822	50,067	3.51%	no change
153	Sedgwick Julesburg	11,020	7,961	17,883	7,672	44,536	44,481	42,892	3.71%	increase
154	Sedgwick Platte Valley RE-3	9,854	7,908	17,104	7,672	42,537	42,922	42,146	1.84%	no change
155	Summit Summit	29,452	8,182	17,787	7,594	63,015	62,245	62,233	0.02%	no change
156	Teller Cripple Creek	14,115	7,861	15,748	7,672	45,396	46,321	45,627	1.52%	no change
157	Teller Woodland Park	17,122	7,899	15,645	7,672	48,338	48,460	47,141	2.80%	no change

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158	Washington Akron	11,719	7,945	16,369	7,672	43,705	43,915	43,813	0.23%	no change
159	Washington Arickaree	11,941	8,133	17,292	7,672	45,037	45,029	42,918	4.92%	increase
160	Washington Otis	11,539	8,142	16,935	7,672	44,287	44,287	42,950	3.11%	no change
161	Washington Lone Star	11,992	7,928	16,589	7,672	44,181	44,595	42,937	3.86%	increase
162	Washington Woodlin	12,335	7,896	16,897	7,672	44,799	45,173	43,020	5.00%	increase
163	Weld Gilcrest	14,437	7,754	16,647	7,672	46,509	46,884	45,070	4.03%	increase
164	Weld Eaton	17,101	7,647	16,104	7,672	48,524	47,763	46,491	2.74%	no change
165	Weld Keenesburg	14,633	7,922	16,940	7,672	47,167	47,357	45,502	4.08%	increase
166	Weld Windsor	17,326	7,572	16,093	7,672	48,663	47,989	47,463	1.11%	no change
167	Weld Johnstown	16,199	7,788	16,502	7,672	48,160	47,641	46,177	3.17%	no change
168	Weld Greeley	15,386	7,601	16,106	7,672	46,765	46,968	45,551	3.11%	no change
169	Weld Platte Valley RE-7	14,461	7,585	16,384	7,672	46,101	46,573	45,668	1.98%	no change
170	Weld Fort Lupton	14,325	7,692	16,823	7,672	46,511	47,619	46,174	3.13%	no change
171	Weld Ault-Highland	14,200	7,624	16,203	7,672	45,699	46,825	46,050	1.68%	no change
172	Weld Briggsdale	12,476	7,488	16,029	7,672	43,665	44,748	44,628	0.27%	no change
173	Weld Prairie	10,612	7,653	16,305	7,672	42,241	44,442	43,990	1.03%	no change
174	Weld Grover	9,812	7,567	16,193	7,672	41,244	42,984	42,707	0.65%	no change
175	Yuma West Yuma	13,593	8,204	17,445	7,672	46,914	46,588	43,856	6.23%	increase
176	Yuma East Yuma	11,497	7,999	17,473	7,672	44,641	44,791	43,342	3.34%	no change
177	Yuma Idalia	10,786	7,845	17,206	7,672	43,509	43,498	42,154	3.19%	no change
178	Yuma Liberty	10,140	8,117	17,258	7,672	43,186	43,883	41,179	6.57%	increase

/1 Housing includes principal, interest, taxes, and insurance (PITI), plus utilities, maintenance, supplies, and furnishings.

/2 Transportation includes the costs for two vehicles, such as gas, oil, insurance, and maintenance.

/3 Goods and services include food, clothing, health care, entertainment, etc., as well as applicable sales taxes.

/4 Other costs include long term savings, investments, charitable donations, life insurance, etc.

Taxes include state and federal income taxes and local occupation taxes.

/5 This calculation takes into account where the employees of a school district live, which may not be in the district of employment.

/6 Not applicable.