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**BEDC Supports School District Ballot Measures 3A & 3B  
Economic Leaders Say Continuing Investment in Education  
Key to Future of #2 Highest-Growth Place in U.S.**

**BRIGHTON, CO** – School District 27J, which serves the greater Brighton area, has received the support of the Brighton Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) for its 2008 school construction bond and mill levy override general election ballot measures.

“The BEDC board of directors views the School District 27J, 2008 ballot measures 3A and 3B, as very important steps in moving the greater Brighton community toward a more promising economic future,” said Raymond Gonzales, President/CEO, BEDC.

Named the number-two high-growth place in the U.S. for 2007 by the Gadberry Group, a leading market intelligence firm, Brighton also has been selected as the planned site of a new 1,400-employee wind turbine manufacturing company. “High-quality employers are attracted to communities that care about the education of their children,” said Gonzales.

“Essentially, the school construction bond initiative would allow the district to build much-needed new schools in the Brighton area, without increasing the current property tax rate,” explained BEDC Chairman Troy Whitmore, director of external affairs, United Power, one of the area’s largest employers. The construction measure calls for allowing the district to increase its general obligation indebtedness by \$125 million, so that it can proceed with its long-range plans to accommodate the area’s rapidly growing student population.

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## **BEDC supports 27J 3A/3B bond measures**

School District 27J is adding about 1,000 new students per year and is among the fastest growing districts in the U.S.

“We believe that passing these ballot measures will allow School District 27J to accommodate growth while providing each individual student with the opportunity for a quality education and brighter future,” said Whitmore.

When approved, the mill levy override would be the second ever approved by the district. It would provide approximately \$3 million in general operating revenues to the district, which would help maintain current levels of service as well as enhance educational opportunities and public safety for all students.

“The mill levy override will allow School District 27J to provide better programs for all students, including those at-risk, the gifted and talented and every student in between,” said Gonzales.

To learn more about the ballot measures and School District 27J, visit [www.sd27j.org](http://www.sd27j.org); to learn more about Brighton Economic Development Corporation, visit [www.brightonedc.org](http://www.brightonedc.org) or phone 303.655.2155.

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