



A Message from Mike

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Historic Wins for Colorado Kids and Families

While we wait on the final resolution of the presidential race, the results couldn't have been more clear here in Colorado: It was a night of historic wins for Colorado kids and families! Thanks to your support, we overwhelmingly passed two major statewide ballot measures, Proposition EE and Amendment B!

Proposition EE will provide universal preschool to all 4-year-olds statewide, and make Colorado the national leader in preschool with a model that both provides access to all as well as additional support and services to those who need it the most.

In a year of unprecedented wildfires, a global pandemic, and looming cuts to our schools, the Gallagher Amendment was a 40-year-old relic of the state constitution that forced cuts to schools, firefighters and nurses every year. With Amendment B's passage last night, we successfully repealed the Gallagher Amendment, protecting our small businesses from tax hikes, and ensuring our communities will have the essential public services they need to fight fires, serve our children, and keep our communities safe through the pandemic.

We also supported several other successful measures on the ballot last night, including measure 2B which will help fight homelessness in Denver, 4A and 4B in Denver Public Schools, which will help support targeted interventions for kids, and 4A and 4B in Cherry Creek, which among other things, will help build a day treatment center to support students with significant mental health needs.

We knew the passage of these measures had the potential to impact Colorado children and families for generations to come. It's why we invested both our time and resources into the diverse coalitions of leaders who shared our vision of a brighter, fairer and more accessible Colorado.

We're tremendously grateful to all those who joined us in standing up for Colorado children and families. Now we are ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work turning these initiatives into transformational outcomes for the families who deserve it most.

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