



# I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels

## Appendix C

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# 1. POST CARD



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The EA is available on the **Project website** ([bit.ly/FloydHill](https://bit.ly/FloydHill)) and in hard copy at the Clear Creek County Offices (405 Argentine Street, Georgetown, CO 80444) and Idaho Springs City Hall (1711 Miner Street, Idaho Springs).

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All comments will be considered and issued a written response, which will be included with the final EA decision document expected in early 2022.

CDOT has developed virtual public engagement materials on the Project website to support the review of the EA.



The I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Project would add capacity and modernize highway infrastructure on I-70 between Floyd Hill and Idaho Springs. The Project would improve travel time reliability, safety, and mobility. CDOT has identified the Canyon Viaduct Alternative as the Project's Preferred Alternative. Among other improvements, it would elevate the highway over Clear Creek Canyon between the US 6 and Central City/Hidden Valley interchanges (as simulated above). Review details in the EA.

For assistance with reviewing the EA or online materials, please call the project hotline at: 303-512-4408.

# 1. FLYER



The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announce the availability of the *I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Environmental Assessment (EA)*. Community members, business owners, stakeholders, and others are invited to review the EA and submit feedback over the 60-day comment period, which ends on October 1, 2021.

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## CDOT and FHWA have identified the Canyon Viaduct Alternative (simulated below) as the Project's Preferred Alternative

The Canyon Viaduct Alternative would add a third westbound travel lane on I-70 between Floyd Hill and Idaho Springs; construct a missing frontage road connection between the US 6 and Central City/Hidden Valley interchanges; add an eastbound climbing lane to the uphill section of Floyd Hill; improve interchanges and intersections; flatten horizontal curves to improve design speeds and stopping sight distances; and resurface and expand the Clear Creek Greenway trail. The Canyon Viaduct Alternative would realign a portion of westbound and eastbound I-70 to the south on a viaduct (bridge) structure above the Clear Creek canyon between US 6 and Hidden Valley/Central City interchanges, similar to I-70's Glenwood Canyon.

Through the new, elevated portion, the existing I-70 pavement would be removed, and the frontage road would be constructed under the highway. Riparian areas along Clear Creek next to the existing highway would be restored to improve recreation experiences, wildlife habitat, and wetlands and water quality.

Review more details in the EA. To submit comments, visit:

**Project Website**  
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### 3. EMAIL BLASTS

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**From:** CDOT I-70 Floyd Hill Project Team <cdot\_floydhillproject@state.co.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 2, 2021 5:37 PM  
**To:** Shonna Sam  
**Subject:** I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Environmental Assessment Now Available

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## I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels

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### **Project Update**

CDOT is continuing to make progress on the Floyd Hill Project. Click on the links below to view the most recent Update to Industry, dated August 19, 2021. A summary of the Project is also provided.

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**To:** Shonna Sam  
**Subject:** I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels EA: Public Comment Period Ends 10/1/2021



### **EA Public Comment Period Ends October 1, 2021**

Your input is important to us! Don't forget to review the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Virtual Public Involvement materials (available on the Project website - [bit.ly/FloydHill](https://bit.ly/FloydHill)), and submit your comments by October 1, 2021.

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July 2021

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## Public Virtual Room | I-70 Mountain Corridor Improvements

The public is invited to review and share comments on the #I70 #FloydHill to #VeteransMemorialTunnels Environmental Assessment (EA), released online by CDOT last week. The next critical step toward construction is public review and input of the EA, which explains CDOT's Preferred Alternative to revamp seven miles of I-70 between Floyd Hill, west of Evergreen, and the Veterans Memorial Tunnels, east of Idaho Springs.

- 📍 Benefits of Project
  - ◆ Relieve congestion
  - ◆ Rebuild bridges
  - ◆ Enhance multi-modal travel
  - ◆ Improve wildlife habitat
  - ◆ Improve access to Clear Creek and the Clear Creek Greenway

🌐 More info: <https://www.codot.gov/.../public-input-i-70-mountain...>

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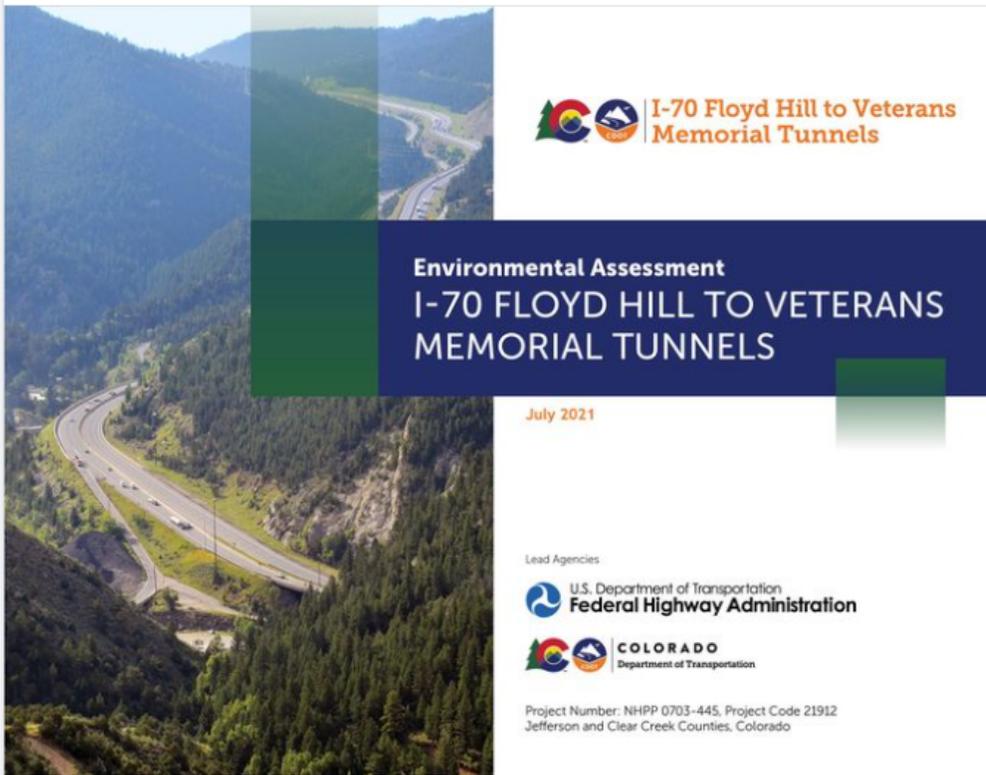
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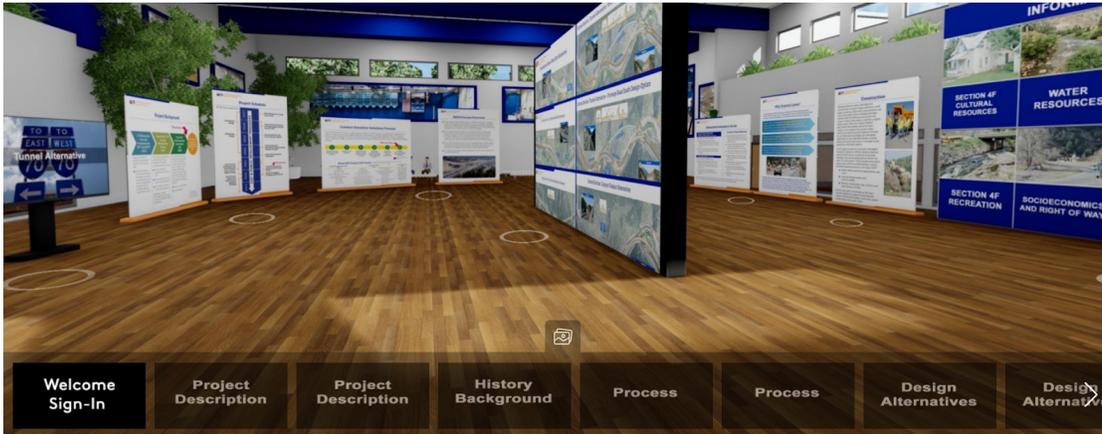
## CDOT seeks public input on I-70 Mountain Corridor Improvements between Floyd Hill and Idaho Springs

August 10, 2021 - Review project plans and share input online

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CLEAR CREEK COUNTY - The public is invited to review and share comments on the I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Environmental Assessment (EA), released last week online by the Colorado Department of Transportation. The next critical step toward construction is public review and input of the EA, which explains CDOT's Preferred Alternative to revamp seven miles of I-70 between Floyd Hill, west of Evergreen, and the Veterans Memorial Tunnels, east of Idaho Springs (see rendering below).

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*Rendering of the Preferred Alternative to improve I-70 Floyd Hill (see details below)*



This section of the mountain corridor has not had significant improvements since it was built several decades ago. There are tight bottlenecks and a dire need to replace the aging westbound I-70 bridge at the bottom of Floyd Hill. The project will relieve congestion, rebuild bridges, enhance multi-modal travel, improve wildlife habitat and access to Clear Creek and the Clear Creek Greenway. CDOT has been working collaboratively with local communities, state and federal agencies, environmental groups, and other stakeholders for the past several years to develop a solution for this vital stretch of highway.

“CDOT is able to move ahead on this important corridor because of the extensive planning and community involvement that has led to the most reasonable and practical solution to relieve traffic, provide multi-modal options and increase safety on this heavily traveled section of the mountain corridor,” said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. “Thanks to recent transportation funding legislation signed into law by Gov. Jared Polis, we have the funding for substantial construction and will be ready to start early projects next year. Along the way, we will continue to get stakeholder input as public collaboration is the key to the success of this project.”

### Preferred Alternative:

The Preferred Alternative has been carefully designed to minimize community and environmental disruption and enhance the natural beauty of the area. The interstate would be elevated above the canyon (see rendering above), similar to the stretch through Glenwood Canyon west of Vail, to offer drivers a scenic view of this gateway to the mountains and remove the highway from the floor of the canyon, opening it up to improved wildlife and recreational uses.

### Key improvements include:

- Adding a third westbound travel lane from Floyd Hill (where the highway currently narrows from three to two lanes) through the Veterans Memorial Tunnels and reconstructing horizontal curves to provide more consistent and safer speeds.
- Adding a missing frontage road connection between US 6 and the Hidden Valley/Central City Parkway interchange to provide an alternate route to I-70 during emergencies and improving the Clear Creek Greenway trail for multimodal and recreational users.
- Improving interchanges and intersections throughout the project area.
- Adding an auxiliary lane to I-70 in the eastbound (uphill) direction of Floyd Hill between the US 6 interchange and the Hyland Hills/Floyd Hill interchange.
- Reducing animal-vehicle conflicts and improving wildlife connectivity.
- Providing two permanent air quality monitors at Floyd Hill and Idaho Springs to collect data on local air quality conditions and trends.
- Coordinating rural broadband access with local communities, including providing access to existing/planned conduits and fiber in the interstate right of way.

- Implementing a new micro-transit service from Denver to the mountains including three park-and-ride facilities and regular service in vehicles that are sized to utilize peak period shoulder express lanes.

## **Estimated schedule and cost:**

The Project is planned to be phased and funded incrementally. Construction could begin as early as 2022 with some high-priority early improvements, such as wildlife crossings and intersection improvements at Floyd Hill, that would minimize community and environmental impacts during construction. Major westbound I-70 construction is estimated to begin in 2023. The estimated cost is \$700 million.

EA background and info and how the public can get involved:

The EA describes the reasons for the project and the different improvement alternatives that were considered, identifies the Preferred Alternative that could advance into design and construction, explains the environmental and community impacts of the project, and details how the public and stakeholders provided input to shape the project. The public is encouraged to review the EA document and associated virtual public engagement materials developed to support the EA review:

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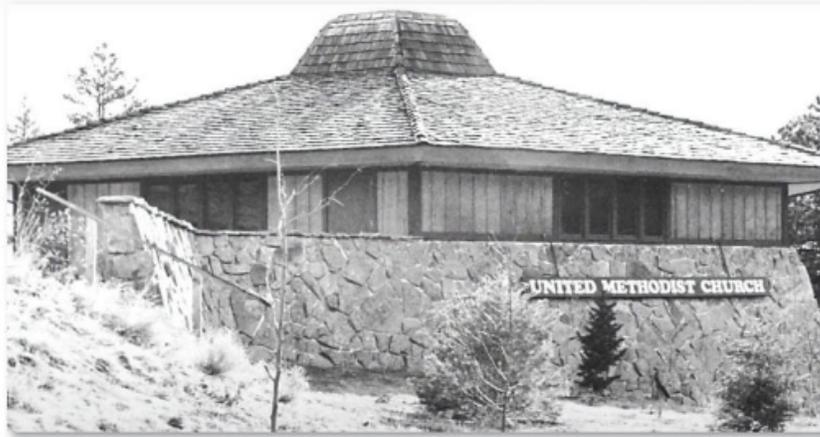
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not necessarily because it's convenient.

"The United Methodist Church of Evergreen is here by choice, too," Ambrosier quoted Raines. "We came looking for a better life, a creative community, a place for loving involvement, living joy and exciting happenings. Our place to be is a place where worship is important, making it real and meaningful."

She said her family was privileged to be able to help form the church.

"It continues to be an awesome and sacred place to worship, to learn," she said, "and to enjoy the fellowship of this unique Christian community."



While UMCE founders began meeting in 1971, they opened the church on Ponderosa Drive in May 1974.

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Keron and Sandy Sandifer returned to UMCE to perform at the 50th anniversary celebration. The couple had provided music for the church for many years.

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Sarah Clark, UMCE's new pastor.

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This is a rendering of what the United Methodist Church of Evergreen was expected to look like.

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**I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels**

**CDOT Releases Environmental Assessment (EA) and Seeks Public Review and Comment**

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**When:** 60-Day Comment Period and Virtual Public Engagement through October 1, 2021

**Where:** Project Website – [bit.ly/FloydHill](http://bit.ly/FloydHill)

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# 'New kids, new year, new ideas'

Carlson Elementary Back to School Night welcomes families to 2021-22 school year

BY CORINNE WESTEMAN  
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While Clear Creek students and teachers might be back at school now, last week's Back to School Nights throughout the county offered a glimpse of the 2021-22 school year.

Carlson Elementary's Back to School Night on Thursday gave students and their parents a chance to meet their new teachers and reconnect with their friends.

It was also a chance for students to play on their new playground.

Incoming kindergartner Kensley, 5, said the tall slide was her favorite part.

Kensley and her mom, Amy Hospodar of Idaho Springs, explained how they checked on the playground's progress while riding their bikes this summer, and liked the end result.

Hospodar, whose younger daughter is also starting preschool at Carlson, said that she was a little nervous about the latest COVID-19 wave.

Clear Creek students will be re-

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Kelly and John McKee sit with David, 5, in the newly updated playground at Carlson Elementary School for their back to school event Aug. 12.

PHOTO BY SARA HERYNG



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### SCHOOL BRIEFS

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#### Masks required in Clear Creek schools

As Clear Creek schools start the new year this week, everyone in the district's four buildings will be required to wear masks.

The exceptions are when students are outside or when some of the young students are learning phonics and reading, Superintendent Karen Quanbeck said during a joint work session between the school board and the Clear Creek commissioners on Aug. 12. Teachers and staff who are not vaccinated for COVID-19 will be asked to test for the illness twice a week.

"I think masks are important and a wise decision," Commissioner Randy Wheelock said.

Quanbeck said the district has changed its masking plans as information about the Delta variant has changed.

"For the most part, I feel like our community is very trusting," Quanbeck said. "We will lose some people (because of the mask requirement), and we will gain some people. But at the end of the day, we have to be able to look at ourselves in the mirror and say we have been keeping kids safe."

#### Workforce housing being considered

County officials are interested in putting affordable workforce housing on the track south of Building 103, which is the former middle school property.

Commissioner George Marlin told the school board at their joint work

session on Aug. 12 that state funding might be available so the county could purchase the property and then find a developer to build housing units.

School board President Mitch Houston said Marlin's suggestion aligned with the school board's goal for that property, and the school district did not want to be in the housing-development business.

Both boards agreed to continue discussions.

#### Bus barn site possibilities

The school district is looking at two properties to relocate the bus maintenance facility after Four Points Development buys the current bus barn and football field properties.

One of the properties is in Idaho Springs while the other is next to Clear Creek High School/Middle School.

Superintendent Karen Quanbeck said at a joint work session between the school board and the Clear Creek commissioners on Aug. 12 that she was excited about the possibility of locating the bus facility next to the high school. She envisions classrooms and workshops for students to learn about engines similar to the Project Bike Tech program that teaches students to tune and fix bikes and Project Snow Tech program that does the same with snowboards and skis.

Once the property is sold, which is expected to happen in the spring, the school district has 22 months to relocate the buses.

# Time for change on U.S. 285

## Area residents have ideas for improving highway's safety

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The tragic wreck on U.S. 285 last week that killed a woman and a child has area residents calling for change on the highway, saying they have been asking for improvements for years to no avail.

On Facebook, hundreds of people commented on problems with the road, lack of police presence, and the dangerous drivers who don't obey speed limits and drive distracted.

They are calling for CDOT to spend the money now to make the highway four lanes all the way from Conifer through Bailey, saying seesawing from four lanes to two and back again is a recipe for disaster. They also want CDOT to find the money now to improve the intersection of U.S. 285 and

Kings Valley Drive.

Other proposed changes include more medians to prevent vehicles from migrating across the center line, and disallowing left turns from many roads or private property because they are dangerous.

Police presence to ticket speeders would help because many tragedies could be avoided if people slowed down. The speed limit is 55, but it is rarely heeded. They believe there should be harsher penalties for those who drive recklessly.

They note that the ridiculous number of vehicles traveling along the 285 Corridor on weekends is a disaster waiting to happen, and this summer, the number of cars has increased because of issues with Interstate-70 being closed because of mud slides.

Many Facebook comments by area residents are just asking people to slow down, noting the number of road rage and anger issues has just increased.

Simply put, they want everyone to get to their destinations safely.  
— Deb Hurley Brobst

## WRECK

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The driver of the red Dodge, who died from his injuries on Aug. 27, was Benjamin Bobier, 36, of Colorado Springs. The passenger in the Dodge, a 53-year-old Colorado

Springs woman, also was taken to the hospital with serious injuries.

Trooper Josh Lewis said he didn't have any additional on the condition of the victims, and it will take two weeks to get test results on the driver.

Cutler said initial reports that another child had been thrown from one of the vehicles were incorrect.



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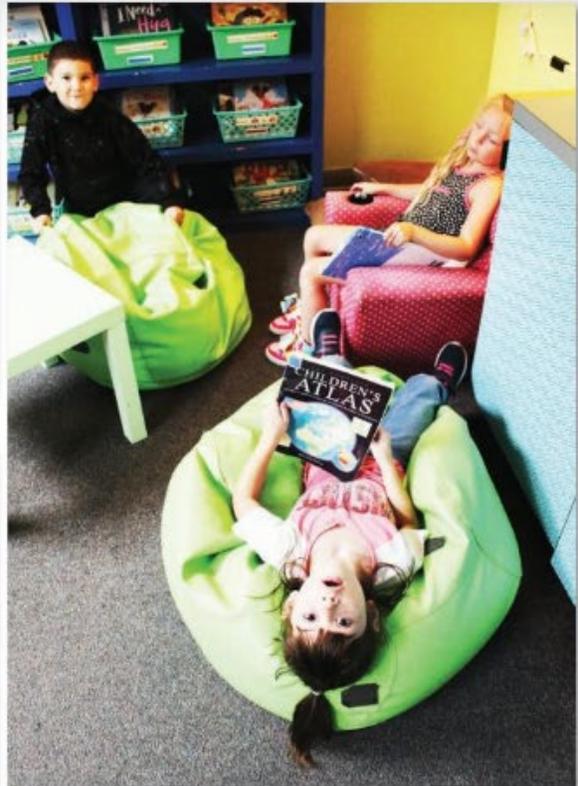
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GCS second-graders take a reading assessment on Aug. 19.



GCS first-graders Malya Vandurme, front, Denahl Sanchez-Lane, left, and Adley Morrell relax during a brief reading break before lunch on Aug. 19. PHOTOS BY CORINNE WESTMAN



Backpacks and jackets hang at students' cubbies in a hallway at Georgetown Community School.

**CLEAR CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT BRIEFS**

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stay healthy."

**GCS in remote learning through Labor Day**

Students at Georgetown Community School are learning remotely this week as a precaution, according to school director Hillary Miller, and in-person school will resume after Labor Day.

Preschool is still in session at the building because those classes have separate entrances, bathrooms and more, she said.

Miller declined to provide details on the nature of who had tested positive for COVID-19.

"We were preparing kids to go remote last week," Miller said.

"Materials and information were sent home. The decision was made out of precaution. We want to make sure we are following what (Clear Creek Public Health) asks us to do. We want everyone to stay home and

**One contested seat in school board election**

The Clear Creek School District will have one contested election for a school board seat on the Nov. 2 ballot.

Incumbent Erica Haag and real estate agent Yvette Putt will vie for the District D seat, which encompasses the southeast area of the school district.

Incumbent Kelly Flenniken is running unopposed in District C, which is generally Idaho Springs. Newcomer Jessica North, who has been active on the school district's accountability committee and with Mountain Youth Network, is running for the District B seat, which is the northeast part of the district.

While school board members represent different parts of the district, voters from the entire county vote for all positions.



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