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## Joint Meeting of Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education Held

Westminster, Tuesday, February 2, 2016 – The Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education held a joint meeting today to discuss the status of the proposed school closings and an overview of the CCPS budget for FY17.

The Commissioners repeated their position that there are three partners in the CCPS budget process. These partners are the Commissioners, the Board of Education, and the state. Discussions continue with the state delegation to help address the funding formulas; however, these measures will not be finalized until after the budget process is complete. The Board of Education is working to right-size the system through school closures as one part of closing the budget gap. The Board of County Commissioners restated that the Board does not support substantial tax increases to close the CCPS budget gap.

The Board of County Commissioners encourages the Board of Education to continue to look for the economies needed to right-size the system to sustainable funding levels in the current fiscal year and the outlying years. Commissioner Wantz noted, "Although we were not in agreement, the conversations today were good. This type of dialog did not take place in the past. Future conversations will help to ensure the future success of all Carroll County students and respect the work performed by the teachers."

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