

School levies are taxpayer bargains

Local levies Tuesday offer resident voters some real bargains for their tax dollars.

What makes local school budget levies so supportable are the bright, new programs threaded into tired patchwork — a credit to local planners. Consequently, this election is anything but routine.

Sandy Elementary School District offers a new kindergarten in its \$333,094 "B" ballot, plus a program for talented and gifted students, co-curriculum athletics and activities, a counseling program, outdoor school, two new buses, interior painting of the pool and local funding for Sandy Community School.

Some of this supplemental budget compensates for loss of state funding. The grade school's \$1.59 million "A" ballot covers just

those costs necessary to maintain the facility. Sandy Union High School District offers a similar bargain in education with a \$2.1 million "A" ballot needed to maintain existing facilities and programs and a \$96,500 supplemental "B" ballot that covers some pretty pressing improvements. Renovation of old Rannow Stadium and the track — covered by ballot "B" — can't wait much longer.

Other worthwhile uses of the supplemental funds include a school counselor, an acoustic ceiling for the art classroom, an acoustic treatment for the library floor and development of new baseball diamonds on school property.

As with the grade school's levy, that's quite a bargain for the money. (VB)

Guest editorial:

Community School big asset

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In the Sandy Grade School parking lot sits a trailer, and on that trailer hangs a sign, "Sandy Community School." From this modest location more than 2,000 activities and events have been generated over the past eight years, serving nearly 25,000 participants.

Beyond scheduled classes, seeds of numerous community networks, resources and processes have been planted and brought to full growth. From the community school radiates beams of energy, activity, creativity and community cooperative efforts.

Since 1972 the community school presence in Sandy has been a pulse of life, of sharing and caring, a focal point of community unity and community education.

The community school has become such an integral and accepted part of our community and with us so long that perhaps we take it for granted — just as we often take our personal growth for granted.

Sandy Community School always has been a cooperative effort. Between 1972 and the present, funding has come from a variety of sources, including the Sandy High School District, the Sandy Elementary District, Mt. Hood Community College and the city of Sandy.

For a number of years Sandy Elementary District and Mt. Hood Community College shared a contracted agreement for mutual support. Beginning in 1979, however, a model, inter-jurisdictional agreement was developed through the leadership of Clark Lund, Sandy Elementary District Superintendent, and Roger Jordan, city manager.

The community-school inter-jurisdictional agreement provided for community school funding from the Sandy Elementary School District and the city of Sandy, with all administrative services to be contributed by Mt. Hood Community College.

The agreement arranged for a community school policy board comprised of school district, college and community representatives to oversee and govern the development of community school activities and processes.

It also provided for the continuation of something that has been an essential ingredient in the life of Sandy Community School from the very beginning — a broad-based citizen's advisory council, charged with giving "grass-roots" representation to program choices and identification of volunteers.

The inter-jurisdictional agreement is one of very few in the state of Oregon and has been cited as a model for school, city and community college cooperation.

In 1979 Clark Lund, Roger Jordan and Jim Duff, chairman of the community school policy board, were asked to present this unique agreement at a regional community education conference, held at Mt. Hood Community College and sponsored by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Again in 1980, the Sandy agreement was presented at a national community education conference at the University of Oregon as a model cooperative effort. The inter-jurisdictional agreement from Sandy Community School is an arrangement to be valued with pride.

Sandy has been blessed with outstanding community school coordinators. Evelyn Anderson was the first and provided much assistance in getting things started and forming the original advisory council. Judy Sheppard next guided the community school through its middle years of explosive growth and development, until Sandy Community School became a model of excellence in Oregon.

It became "official" in 1979, when Judy was named outstanding community school coordinator for a rural community in the State of Oregon.

Our current coordinator is Nancy Allyn, who in the past year has continued the commitment to excellence and has initiated even more new community dimensions.

Through her leadership and the able assistance of Carolyn Yandell, the community school policy board and the advisory council, continues to have one of the most comprehensive programs in the state.

Last spring and summer, Bill Weiler filled in for Nancy Allyn, while she was on maternity leave. On short notice he developed a summer program good enough to be featured in the Oregon Community Education Association bi-monthly publication.

There are many dimensions to an excellent community school. It provides educational opportunities for the community at a very low cost. Volunteer service makes this possible.

It enables the community to learn skills apart from the kindergarten through high school or community college curriculums. It taps well springs of hidden talent in the community, as volunteers come forth to freely share their special knacks, their skills, their folk knowledge, their professional knowledge and avocational expertise.

It gives citizens of all ages an opportunity and incentive to grow, learn and become involved — not compartmentalized in segregated groups, but in a mutually beneficial mix of young and old together.

A community school utilizes school buildings at night, when they would otherwise be closed and dark, reminding all citizens that schools are indeed community centers to be used by all.

The community school serves as a catalyst to bring many community agencies and services together in cooperative efforts.

The Sandy Pre-School began with mothers and toddlers gathering at the Community School trailer. Sandy Community Players — the only independent, viable theater group east of Portland — began with a group of interested persons who attended community school drama activities.

There is a close and mutually supportive relationship between the Community School and Sandy senior citizens, too. Community school provides a book exchange and serves as meeting place and resource center for citizens wishing to form a food co-op. Through the Community School, community forums have been held dealing with international issues such as the Iranian Crisis, national problems and local governmental concerns. Recently the Community School has begun a series of community concerts to provide performance opportunities for local talent and diversified entertainment for the community.

Perhaps the most astounding example of community development evolving from the Community School was the "Silver Threads Among the Gold" program that brought Sandy grade school children and elderly nursing home residents together. Beginning with a simple invitation to "Adopt a Grandparent," printed in the Community School brochure, the program grew beyond all dreams.

From "Silver Threads" grew the Mt. Hood Hospice, developed by Macy Brader and Pat Spradling and dedicated to community-wide support for assisting families through times of terminal illness and bereavement.

Out of all this community richness and growth and talent prompted by the Community School, honor has come to Sandy citizens. In 1978 Judy Sheppard won the "How Big Is One" award for education, presented by the National Association of Christians and Jews. In 1979, Judy was named the outstanding Community School Coordinator for a rural area in Oregon. Also in 1979, the "Silver Threads Among the Gold" program was presented at the National Community Education Association Annual Convention in Boston as one of the 10 Model Community School programs in the nation.

This month, Dorothy Shrum, one of the most remarkable community volunteers to be found anywhere, received an annual state award for Outstanding Contribution by a Community Member, presented to her by the Oregon Community Education Association.

So, that's the story of the little community school that grew — a story of a caring community and caring citizens linked together by a network of talent, energy, humanism and love.

School elections stir readers

Ballot endorsed

Tuesday, March 31, Sandy Elementary School District will hold its annual school budget election. The funds required for school operation will be presented in the form of two ballot questions, referred to as an "A" ballot and a "B" ballot.

The "A" ballot revenue is for the purpose of continued operation of existing, basic educational programs.

The "B" ballot includes the following programs: talented and gifted, student athletics and activities, two school counselors, outdoor education, community school, two replacement buses, aquatic center maintenance and a new district-wide kindergarten program.

We feel the kindergarten program is a needed and logical extension of a basic educational program.

We, the executive board of the Firwood Parent-Teachers' Club, strongly support ballot "A" and ballot "B". We encourage all to vote "Yes" on both ballots March 31 in order to continue the excellent education this district provides.

The Executive Board
Firwood Parent-Teachers' Club

Vote schools

This letter is to encourage every voter in the Sandy Elementary School District to vote on the school levy March 31.

Ballot A is to continue the existing quality education given by this district. Ballot B is necessary this year, due to cuts in the federal and state government aid to education.

Ballot B contains many programs that have been included in our children's education for several years. These include the existing programs for the talented and gifted, co-curricular athletics, outdoor school for sixth grade, a counselor and community school.

Ballot B also includes two new school buses, a grounds and maintenance tractor, exterior painting of the aquatic center and a new kindergarten program.

The addition of a kindergarten program to Ballot B was done after a lot of interest and input shown by the community.

I urge you to carefully consider the ballot measures and vote "Yes" on Ballot A and Ballot B to continue our quality education.

Ann Marie Amstad

Nix kindergarten?

Though we are not totally against kindergarten in the public school, we are not totally for it, either.

I would like to qualify some assertions registered in last Thursday's Sandy Post. I am speaking from a position dealing with the private kindergarten, at least Sandy Assembly of

God's kindergarten. The reason we have had a kindergarten program is to:

1. Allow children a beginning in their education.
2. Enhance a strong moral and ethical value.
3. Develop a sense of responsibility with a loving and disciplined atmosphere.

These come to the community at no taxpayer expense. We will continue to maintain this service, regardless of a secular kindergarten program in the public schools, because we have seen the lack of

is for only the kindergarten portion, this figure is a little misleading.

We will work in continued cooperation with this district and strive to serve this community in the area of kindergarten and preschool programs.

I simply would ask the people of this district to make good, sound judgement without coercive force.

Rev. Dale Edwards, pastor
Sandy Assembly of God Church

school system.

Suffice it to say, from my point of view as a family man with business and civic interests, experience on budget committees and my present local school board assignment, I support the Clackamas County Education Service District and invite you to join me at the polls Tuesday, March 31. Our students deserve our support.

Gale H. Meier
Boring

Carnival big

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the Sandy area merchants who so generously donated goods for our annual Firwood School carnival.

I also would like to thank the many parents, teachers and students who donated their time and efforts to help make the carnival such an enjoyable time for all.

Most of all, I would like to publicly thank the Lord for His ever-present help and encouragement to me along the way. Many thanks to all of you for helping make my job a whole lot easier.

Kathy Norquist, chairperson
Firwood School carnival

For ESD

On March 31, you will be given the opportunity to vote for a worthwhile cause. I'm writing to remind readers that one of those measures, the Clackamas Education Service District (ESD) levy, is vitally important to the quality of education our children will receive. The ESD levy measure clearly deserves our support.

Clackamas ESD is a service district for the 28 school districts in our county. It provides educational services that our schools must have to be effective. Some of these services include career education, curriculum, attendance, counseling, printing and graphics, instructional films, computer instruction, data processing, standardized achievement testing, speech therapy, program for mentally and physically handicapped children, programs for talented and gifted, audio-visual repair and cooperative purchasing.

These services are cost-effective — something all of us as taxpayers can appreciate. The regional approach to services keeps cost low through volume-buying and by elimination of costly duplication of services.

Also, the ESD helps maintain local control of our schools. The ESD is not a regulatory agency. It is a service center for our schools. The school districts and school boards of the county decide what services the ESD furnishes, not some state or federal bureaucracy.

We need good people on the board. John Rowell is running for the position-at-large. He is experienced, due to having served several

years on the board before. He will do an excellent job.

I am voting "Yes" on the ESD levy and for John Rowell for position-at-large. How about you?

Harold F. Juedes

Board sought

Win or lose, my candidacy for Sandy Elementary School Board Position 1 has brought me great satisfaction.

This election has enabled me to meet a number of people who share my interest in education. I am indebted to the citizens of Sandy who have shared their ideas and opinions. I especially want to thank those of you who have helped me in my campaign.

During this last full week before the election, I would like to present the qualifications that I believe will enable me to do an excellent job as board member.

1. I have had prior experience with the board as a member of the school board budget committee. This gives me an understanding of education from an administrative point of view.

2. Teaching evening courses in computer concepts at MHCC gave me an understanding of education from a teacher's point of view.

3. I was an honor graduate at both the high school and university level. I also have a master of science degree. This gives me an understanding of education from a student's point of view.

4. My strong background in finance and accounting gives me a good understanding of the types of problems encountered in planning and budgeting.

5. My job brings me in daily contact with people in situations very similar to those encountered at board activities.

6. My last and most important qualification is that of being a parent with three children currently enrolled in district schools. For the past seven years, at least one of my children has been an elementary school student, and for the next seven years I will have at least one child in elementary school. My children in seventh, third and first grades provide me with strong motivation to do my best for the school system.

This last qualification is the most valuable. During the years when I have been involved with the school as parent, I have had the opportunity to learn a lot about the quality system we have developed here in Sandy. As a board member, I would work to maintain and improve the quality.

It would mean a great deal to me to have the opportunity to serve you as a board member. My time always would be available to hear about your ideas as well as your needs.

Harold Hayward
23675 S.E. McCabe Road

Rowell for ESD

The citizens of Clackamas County would do themselves a good service in electing Mr. John Rowell to the Clackamas County Education Service District (ESD) Board of Education. Mr. Rowell is a resourceful manager that has enabled him to achieve longstanding success as a businessman.

Previously, he served for 15 years on the Sandy Elementary School Board and five years on the county ESD board of education. He has proved himself well qualified in these combined years of service. He is known as one who is perceptive in his thinking, is a listener and has the capacity to assess and resolve complex issues.

Mr. Rowell holds genuine interest in the structure that produces effective educational services and programs. This emanates from his background as a businessman who is concerned for the value received of service or program in relation to the expenditure of public monies on them.

A vote on March 31 for John Rowell is a vote for sound management of educational services at the county level.

Clark Lund, superintendent
Sandy Elementary District 46

For Rowell

On Tuesday, March 31, Clackamas County voters will vote on the Clackamas County Education Service District budget for the 1981-82 fiscal year, as well as an at-large board member. Due to the quality, economic and educational value and non-duplicating nature of these services for our county's school students, I find myself very supportive of this county program. I invite you to be also.

Because of the need for a strong board to direct the Educational Service District program, I am supporting the candidacy of John Rowell. John is a long-time resident of Clackamas County, a family and business man who is most interested in an economic and effective

Legislator's report:

Salem lawmakers discourage business

by KEN JERNSTEDT
State Senator, Dist. 28

Efforts to boost the economy in depressed areas of the state are not being helped by the anti-business bias of a number of members of the state legislature. I am particularly concerned because eastern Oregon has been the hardest hit in a state which has been hit hardest by our national economic nightmare.

Those of us who have been recruiting new business and industry and have been seeking economic diversification are finding our efforts thwarted.

Why? Because the Oregon Legislature has a well-deserved reputation for giving the shaft to business, industry and agriculture.

A good example of this is the recent rejection of Oregon by two firms that had expressed interest in locating in our part of the state.



Each of the firms scratched Oregon off the list, when they learned that a Plant Closure bill had been introduced (HB2550).

This bill drew the attention of national columnist William Buckley recently.

"Its grandfather, introduced in 1979, was taken to the old folks'

home in committee, and was allowed to die quietly, but the current version has got organized labor and the usual Barry Commoner types hollering about it . . ."

The measure was aimed at mill closures, but would apply to any business that employs 50 people at a single working place.

They would have to give notice a year in advance that they would be closing and would have to compensate employees and the community for future losses. How such a business could afford to pay the affected local government 85 percent of the tax paid in the previous year or how it could find the money to pay fines (up to \$10,000 per employee) is left open to imagination.

The deplorable thing about this bill is that it takes a punitive approach to providing jobs, attacking the employer instead of trying to help him.

As Buckley sees it, "There are, of course, opponents to the bill, and no doubt reason will prevail. But it is a sign of retrograde intelligence that a bill such as this one should even require opposition."

HB 2550 has not yet been scheduled for hearings. The House Labor Committee is spending all of March and part of April on HB 2600, which changes the name of the Workers' Compensation Department to the Workers' Recovery Department and extensively revises workers' compensation laws.

Business reaction to HB 2550 has been so resoundingly negative that it may never get to a hearing. Therefore, I was not too surprised when another bill, SB 830 dealing with closures, appeared this week.

It changes the advance notification from one year to six months and removes the onerous penalties,