

Prevention Month



Yvonne Iverson/Spilyay

Nearly 200 people gathered at the Community Center last Friday to take a stand against Child Abuse. Walkers received a t-shirt and marched from the Kot-Num area, Administration Building and CPS. They all joined at the Community Center for a short presentation and a lunch. Eagle Thunder was there with their drum throughout the lunch hour.

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School Bond Q&A

Who pays for schools in Oregon?

General School Expenses

In Oregon, money to run and staff our schools comes from local, state and federal resources. This money pays for:

- Salaries/benefits for teachers and staff;
- Classroom and building supplies;
- Textbooks; and
- Utilities, maintenance and overall operations.

School Buildings & Facilities

To fund school buildings and facilities in Oregon, school communities are expected to pay for buildings and facilities through local taxes. Construction funds do not come from outside of the district boundaries. School districts ask voters to pay taxes over time to repay bonds needed to construct facilities.

Are we paying for any school bonds right now?

Yes. Jefferson County property owners currently pay \$3.04 per \$1,000 of assessed property tax value from two bonds that expire in 2013 and 2022.

What happens when one of the current bonds is paid off in 2013?

The new proposed bond measure would replace the 2013 bonds. These combined bonds are projected to be slightly lower than our current combined rate (\$3.00 or less per \$1,000 of assessed property value). If passed by voters, the bond would fund a new K-8 school building in Warm Springs, a district auditorium and improvements to all school buildings, including some athletic facilities.

How do Warm Springs residents help pay for general expenses and school buildings?

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs pay taxes on property owned off the reservation. The sovereign rights of the reservation prohibits the district from assessing any property taxes on reservation lands. Because of this, the Tribal Council is asking reservation voters to approve paying for 50% of the K-8 project at Warm Springs.

READ to SUCCEED!

More literacy. More choices.

Impact Aid

Impact Aid is provided to the school district from the Federal government to assist the district in supporting federally recognized land. Impact Aid funds are used to support the operations of the district. They help to employ teachers and staff and ensure that we have appropriate programs. Without Impact Aid funds, the district would need to significantly reduce current staff and programs.

Memorandum of Understanding

The Warm Springs Tribal Council and the school board have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to share the costs and responsibilities of educating children who live in Jefferson County. This document is an important example of the growing partnership between the Tribes and school district and can be viewed online at www.jcsd.k12.or.us. Interested community members can also request a copy of the MOU by calling (541)475-6192.

Leadership Corner

A Message from Rick Molitor
Superintendent



As we move closer to the May elections, we continue to hear important questions about the upcoming school bond. Our goal is to help share and answer those questions so

community members can make informed decisions when they vote in May.

I hope this update is informative and helpful and I welcome your calls and emails. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your interest in our community and school district.

Referendum

On May 14th, Warm Springs residents will vote on a referendum to fund 1/2 of a new K-8 school building. All school district voters will be able to vote on the school bond that is on the May 15th ballot.

Why is an auditorium/community performing arts center part of the school bond request?

The District Facility Committee recommended to the school board the addition of an auditorium/performing arts center in the upcoming bond. The committee felt the impact of this building would be highly valued and a positive addition to students and community members.

Calendar

April

4/23

Late Start/2 hour delay
School board meeting/MHS
5:00 p.m.

✓ **Don't forget to VOTE!**