

**SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE 36-164 ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT**

**REFERRED BY WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT 30J
MEASURE 36-162**

Fifty years ago our parents and grandparents financed the construction of Sheridan High School. It is now our turn to uphold their vision of quality education by extending the life of their investment.

The school district has demonstrated good financial management through the refinancing of a previous Faulconer-Chapman School bond, saving taxpayers money. This new refinancing opportunity would bring essential upgrades to Sheridan High School without increasing taxpayer burden. The cost of this bond is \$1.02 per \$1000 of assessed value, representing savings similar to those from the previous refinancing of the Faulconer-Chapman School bond.

The current high school heating system is inefficient, and during cold snaps classroom temperatures can dip down into the 40s and 50s, which makes learning extremely difficult for our kids. The district recently installed new boilers in the high school, but due to the 50 year-old pipes and radiators in the classrooms, the system is still largely ineffective. This bond would pay for the replacement of those pipes and radiators, making the entire system much more energy efficient. The replacement of single-pane windows would also make the building more energy efficient. The money saved from increased efficiency could be put to better use in our classrooms.

School safety is a topic prominently featured in the news these days. This bond would also pay for remote locking doors at both school locations, meaning that if there is a threat in the neighborhood, the main office could lock all of the building's exterior doors with the press of a button. This improvement alone would greatly increase day-to-day safety for our students and staff.

It is our responsibility as a community to provide for the education of our children and to honor our parents and grandparents by sustaining their investments. The children of our community deserve a twenty-first century education, and this bond represents the opportunity for us to help provide them with that education. **Vote YES for Safe Sound Schools for Sheridan.**

*Information furnished by Belinda Ogle
Safe Sound Schools for Sheridan Committee*

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**BONDS TO BUILD NEW FACILITIES AND
ADD FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM**

QUESTION: Shall Willamina School District build new facilities by issuing general obligation bonds for \$2,000,000?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: If approved, this measure would provide new facilities and make facility improvements. Specifically, this measure is expected to finance:

- * Add new modular classrooms to the elementary school by replacing modular purchased in 1978.
- * Add new wood/metal/agriculture shop with additional classroom space.
- * Add fire suppression sprinkler system, including pump, line and pond improvement.
- * Pay for site improvements for the above projects and bond issuance costs.

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed ten (10) years. The overall tax rate for bonds is estimated to be approximately \$0.64 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
MEASURE 36-162**

- The Bond Committee and the Board of Directors recognize and are aware of the current economic climate;
- The Bond Committee and the Board of Directors recognize and are aware of the current conditions in our schools;

If approved, this bond would:

1. Acquire new modular classrooms for use in grades 5-6. These would replace existing modular buildings that were built in 1978.
2. Build a new wood shop/metal agriculture shop with an additional classroom for use in grades 7-12.
3. Provide funding for required and approved fire suppression plan.

**NO ARGUMENTS WERE
FILED IN SUPPORT OR IN
OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE**

*Information furnished by Gustave Forster, Superintendent
Willamina School District*