

**REFERRED BY YAMHILL CARLTON
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 MEASURE 36-161**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
MEASURE 36-161**

**YAMHILL CARLTON SCHOOL BOND TO
IMPROVE SAFETY AND SCHOOL FACILITIES**

QUESTION: Shall the District issue \$23,000,000 general obligation bonds to make upgrades and additions to schools, improve safety, and energy efficiency? 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: Passage of this measure provides funds to finance capital costs at school facilities. Specifically:

- High School projects include competition gymnasium, locker rooms, and ancillary athletic spaces, a black box theater/performing arts classroom, as well as additional classroom spaces. Remodeling of the science and art classrooms in the existing high school and upgrades to the locker rooms in the existing gymnasium building. Demolition of the maintenance building and the relocation of modular classroom.
- Upgrades to parking lots, interior finishes, roofing, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and exterior of the buildings at all schools.
- Intermediate School projects: expansion of the library media center, modernization of the science classroom/new prep room, remodeled computer lab, and locker rooms improvements. Upgrades to the Heating and Ventilation systems.
- Elementary School work includes the addition of two classrooms, expansion of the cafeteria; acquisition of adjacent property for new parking lot. Heating and Ventilation system upgrades.
- Bond issuance costs

Bonds would mature in 26 years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

If approved, this measure would finance capital construction improvements at the High School, Intermediate School, and Elementary School. Improvements include:

- High School work would include a new building housing classroom spaces, athletics, and performing arts. Includes competition gymnasium, locker rooms, and ancillary athletic spaces, a black box theater/performing arts classroom as well as alternative education and flexible technologies classroom spaces. Remodeling of the science and art classrooms in the existing high school are also included as well as upgrades to the locker rooms in the existing gymnasium building. Demolition of the maintenance building and the relocation of modular classroom.
- Upgrades to parking lots, interior finishes, roofing, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and exterior of the buildings at all schools.
- Work at the Intermediate School would include expansion of the library media center, modernization of the science classroom including a new prep/storage room, and a remodeled/expanded computer lab and locker rooms remodeling. Upgrades to the Heating and Ventilation systems.
- Elementary School work includes the addition of two classrooms and an expansion of the existing cafeteria; acquisition of adjacent property to build a new parking lot. Heating and Ventilation system upgrades are also included.
- Pay bond issuance costs

Bonds would not exceed \$23,000,000 and would mature in Twenty Six (26) years or less from issuance. Estimated cost is \$2.29 per \$1,000 assessed value.

For a homeowner in the district with property assessed at \$100,000, the average annual cost in property taxes for this measure is ESTIMATED to be \$229.00.

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

*Information furnished by Charan Cline, Superintendent,
Yamhill Carlton School District*

**YAMHILL-CARLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Vote **YES** for Yamhill Carlton Schools; Let's Build a Future.

We the Yamhill Carlton Elementary School PTO endorse bond measure # 36-161. Please join us in voting **YES** for our children, schools, and community.

Your **YES** vote will:

- * Enlarge the cafeteria, this will result in more classroom learning and instruction time as all students will eat in the cafeteria and not have to take their lunches back to their classrooms.
- * Provide a Community Room. The enlarged cafeteria will be used for evening activities.
- * Add two new classrooms. The rooms will accommodate full day Kindergarten. This is state mandated in the fall of 2015. These classrooms will integrate the life skills class into the main building. This will enrich the daily life of students and staff.
- * Ease traffic flow and add more parking. Additional lot space will be added to improve traffic flow at our school creating safer and easier pick up and drop off.
- * Provide Critical Upgrades these include: installation of improved heating, and air quality systems, network upgrades, wall and flooring updates.

These are just a few of the improvements your **YES** vote will help bring to Yamhill Carlton Elementary School. This is why the YCES-PTO says **YES** to bond measure #36-161. Your **YES** vote can restore pride in our schools and provide all students an enriching educational environment for their future.

Thank you,

Christina Slater, Kaitlyn Clements, Jennifer Hurley, Tiffany Reimann, and Shanna Kerr

2013/2014 YCES-PTO Board

Information furnished by Yamhill-Carlton Elementary School PTO

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Vote YES for our Children and our Community

There is a lot "right" about the Yamhill-Carlton schools.

When you visit them you will see skilled, dedicated professionals working to provide a sound, quality education for the children of our community.

You will see schools that have, unlike so many others, retained and expanded the arts and vocational programs.

You will see schools where athletic programs are inclusive. Athletes at all levels are encouraged to strive for excellence.

You will see schools with a rich history of serving our community for generations.

You will also see that we have neglected our investment in facilities. We have facilities that have deteriorated well past what would be acceptable for our own homes and businesses. We have facilities that aren't legal anymore (the gym), that have been labeled unsafe (the theater), and that are no longer useful (science labs)

We believe the responsible course is to vote **yes** on this bond measure. We can invest in new, quality infrastructure and therefore invest in our children, our community, and our future.

Why now? Because it's only going to get more expensive. The deterioration is ongoing, and over time will cost more to fix. Construction costs will almost certainly increase. Perhaps the most important factor is that interest rates are low right now. The bottom line is pay now, or pay much more later.

The two of us have volunteered in the Yamhill-Carlton schools for the last 13 years. We have seen the good and the bad, and know the need is there. Although our own children will have both graduated soon after any construction is completed, we believe this is the best for our community.

Let's keep the schools as the center of our community, with facilities we can be proud of!

Vote YES for our Children and our Community

Information furnished by Tara Patterson & John Donehoo

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The YC School Board Urges **YES on Measure 36-161**

Aristotle said, "at birth, man's brain is like an empty box that must be filled with knowledge." As parents and School Board members, we have experienced firsthand how that process of education—filling the box—is enriched when the community gathers to lend its support, vision, and resources.

Our Educators are dedicated and hardworking, but sadly, our facilities are inadequate to support our students' educational needs in the 21st century. We are at an important crossroads, and we ask for strong community support as we face the challenges of the future. Passing this Measure will help us meet our children's educational needs, and shape our schools and community for many years to come.

The upgrades included in this Measure will provide students with additional classrooms, a new gymnasium, arts, and a theater space. It will enhance student safety and energy efficiency, and help maintain excellence in our schools. This Measure will help us build modern educational spaces and let teachers focus on what matters most: each individual student. We are not satisfied with graduating students; we want to graduate America's future leaders.

Even while this Measure improves the lives of our children, it also enriches the life of the community. Strong public education helps us build a strong community by providing jobs, resources, and an educational foundation for tomorrow's citizens. Even for households that do not have children in public school, no single public service does more to assure the solidarity of a community or the future of a society than public education.

As a Board, we are inspired by our students—by their love of our YC schools and their vision for the future. Please help us make that vision possible.

Vote YES and help give our children a brighter future!

Carol West, Jami Eglund, Rick Yeo, Tim Pfeiffer, Ron Gelbrich

Yamhill Carlton School Board

*Information furnished by Richard J. Yeo, Vice Chairman
Yamhill Carlton Board of Directors, Yamhill Carlton School District*

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**The Yamhill-Carlton Booster Club urges a
YES on Measure 36-161!**

"In baseball and in business, there are 3 types of people. Those who make it happen, those who watch it happen, and those who wonder what happened."

- -Tommy Lasorda

The Yamhill-Carlton Booster Club's core volunteers strongly support the passage of measure 36-161 for our schools. Upgrades to all three of our school buildings are vastly needed. Currently, not one of our Yamhill-Carlton School District gymnasiums adequately supports our growing sports programs or meet the OSAA requirements. How do we expect our children to learn and grow in unsafe and inefficient facilities?

We cannot continue to ignore the obvious need to improve the educational environment for our children.

Our small community's future resides in the hands of the children of the Yamhill-Carlton School District. Please vote YES for this measure -for the future generations of YC students, and as an investment in your community's future as well!

VOTE YES - EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

The core members of Yamhill-Carlton Booster Club

Julia Magnuson, Wanda Weidner, Joel Morris, Tracie Looney, Kelly Van Horn, Maryalice Pfeiffer, Jane Harloff, John Kuehnel, & Danielle Findley

*Information furnished by Wanda Weidner, Booster Club President
YC Booster Club*

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**Yamhill-Carlton Christian pastors encourage a
"YES" vote for schools**

As faith leaders, we pledge ourselves to vigorously do our part in the education of people and want our schools to vigorously do their part. We strongly encourage people in our communities to adequately provide for a strong public school system with adequate facilities, AND to consider the need all people have for spiritual truth.

The Bible gives a very high value to the learning of wisdom, instruction, and knowledge. For example, Proverbs 8:10-11 says, "Choose [wisdom's] instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her." In the Bible, wisdom, instruction, and knowledge include elements of learning taught in the school system, ALONG WITH the theological and moral training offered by families and churches. And as the verses said, this holistic learning is more valuable than keeping wealth for ourselves.

Unfortunately, some of the classrooms and secondary buildings in our schools are not conducive to effective education. Compared to typical homes in our communities, some of these buildings are inferior in their environment and construction, or both. In some cases unsafe, unhealthy, and uneconomical situations need to be corrected. Learning about these needs puts our values to the test—how valuable do we think education is? When education is poorly valued by a community, shown by the poor quality of facilities, it "teaches" kids that their learning is not as important (or, even worse, that the kids themselves are not important!) compared to some of the other things we spend money on.

So, vote "YES," and we hope to see you in church!

Pastors:

- Shaun Strong
- Ken Watson
- Kevin Cope
- Erik Conklin

The views expressed are the personal opinions of the pastors listed, and not necessarily those of the local churches in which we serve.

*Information furnished by Shaun Strong, Lead Pastor
Carlton Community Church*

We urge you to vote YES on measure 36-161 supporting the critical needs for updating and expanding our schools. Students and teachers need a safe environment, one conducive to learning and complying with all state regulations.

As parents of a child in the district we have first hand experience with the desperate state that currently exists in our buildings. For those who don't have children in the schools it is important to make a commitment for the overall health of our community. One of the greatest incentives for retaining families in the community and encouraging others to move here is the quality of our educational programs. Upgrading our facilities will lead to higher property values and will be a critical factor in attracting new business to the area.

Ralph and Jo Weinstein

Information furnished by Jo and Ralph Weinstein

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March 13, 2014

To our fellow community members,

In the past, our school district was one that attracted new families into our small community, brought back past citizens to raise their children, and made families proud to be here for multiple generations.

Our school district is in a crisis mode. There is not enough physical space to accommodate state mandated full day Kindergarten, section of existing building systems and infrastructure have been assessed as "unsafe", and not one of our gyms meet OSAA requirements.

We feel this bond levy is important to the livability and future of our community, the learning environment of our children, and reestablishing pride in our schools.

We understand the financial pressures of these past few years have negatively impacted many households, but the reality is that not doing something now will cost all of us much more in the future.

Please vote YES on school bond measure 36-161 on May 20th, 2014

Sincerely,

Paula Terp, Mayor
Kay Echaury, Council President
Jay Disbrow, Counselor
Rita Gilmore, Counselor
Jo Weinstein, Counselor

*Information furnished by Paula L. Terp, Mayor,
Yamhill City Council*

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March 6, 2014

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Our school district is asking for our help to maintain and improve the school buildings and infrastructure, as well as build a new Arts and Athletic building between the High School and Intermediate School on the Yamhill campus. This levy includes other necessary improvements to all three school buildings.

The children attending our schools now are the future of our country. We feel it is in all our best interests to provide the very best learning environment possible for our kids.

This bond levy is very important for the schools, students and community members.

Please vote YES on school bond measure 36-161 on May 20, 2014!

Sincerely,

Kathie Oriet, Mayor
Ginger Williams, Council President
Scott Carl, Counselor
Scott Chitwood, Counselor
Gwen Jernstedt, Counselor
Brian Rake, Counselor
Carey Rhoads, Counselor

*Information furnished by Kathie Oriet, Mayor
City of Carlton*

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This Yamhill Carlton community has supported my family for over 5 generations. I want to have a voice in the livability of our town and education of my grandchildren. The schools are worn out from lack of funds to do even minor repairs, out of date with state imposed regulations and in some instances just plain unsafe. Our children deserve an environment conducive to learning and building life skills. Our school system is the artery that feeds our community- we cannot afford to let it bleed dry. I am voting yes for measure 36-161

Steve Dumdi

Information furnished by Steve Dumdi

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Dear residents of the Yamhill Carlton School District,

On May 20th we will have the opportunity to change the lives of our students and educators for decades to come.

Our current facilities, simply from age, are reaching the end of their useful life. If an investment is not made soon they will of course fall further into decline.

The condition of our current structures and their limited usefulness are apparent to anyone who takes the time to tour the campuses. It does not go unnoticed by the students. We have seen increasing migration of our students to other districts that offer quality facilities for education, the arts and athletics. When they leave the state funding that follows them leaves also. It does not go unnoticed by our current teachers or prospective teachers. We have a terrific staff of teachers, many of whom have taught for a decade plus but we are now having difficulty attracting new educators to the district when they compare our facilities to others in the region.

Our students who do achieve at a high level do so in spite of what our facilities offer not because they are supported by them.

Repairing and replacing our aged facilities lets our youth and educators experience first- hand the meaning of investment in community, the meaning of giving back. A healthy and competitive educational environment will stimulate greater achievement by our students and a sense of pride knowing that the voters in their district chose to make a financial sacrifice to prioritize their opportunity for academic, art and athletic growth. The responsibility will then fall on these students, and their respective teachers, to respond. We know they will.

Please join us in voting YES on the May 20th Yamhill Carlton School Bond, measure 36-161.

Karen and Ken Wright

Information furnished by Ken and Karen Wright

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We are proud to say we were raised in Yamhill and graduated from YC High School. It was the perfect place to raise our daughters. Please join us in a YES vote for kids on measure 36-161 on May 20th.

We have lived here for 60 years and are proud of our schools. They have produced many successful graduates from both Yamhill and Carlton. There is a nostalgic caring to preserve the old as we move forward.

We remember Mr. Elliott and Mr. Juenemann feeding the boilers at school with sawdust. Schools were not new at that time. The boilers have since been converted to oil heat but are in desperate need of upgrades to assure efficiency and a constant comfortable learning environment.

We remember watching basketball in a gym housed in the main building of the high school and watching the construction of the "New Gym" being built in 1964– now 50 years old. Locker rooms and restrooms facilities need to be updated. This gym now does not meet OSAA regulations. It was built before the rulings of Title IX requiring equality for girls to compete in sports.

This bond will extend the life span of our buildings as well as some new additions. Critical upgrades will repair things failing due to age. The mortar is falling out of the brick at the high school. Heating systems and roofing at the elementary and intermediate schools would be upgraded.

Yamhill Carlton School District has worked hard to provide quality programs to keep our kids up to date with technology and the educational programs to be successful in life. Invest in our kids and our communities. Join us in voting YES on measure 36-161.

Tim & Maryalice Pfeiffer
10400 NW Moores Valley Rd.
Yamhill, OR 97148
503-662-4463

Information furnished by Maryalice & Tim Pfeiffer

Theatre encourages collaboration and community; it teaches students the importance of listening and waiting one's turn. In theatre, students learn to take positive risks, conquer fears, and build self-confidence. And in theatre, everyone's contribution is important and everyone is welcome; they work together for the better good of the group, develop social skills, and learn valuable life lessons.

How can we not support a program that gives students so much?

Yet, the HS Theatre students of the YC School District must deal with a building that is over 50 years old and is actually a converted auto shop. They must huddle together under blankets backstage for winter performances, because there is no heat, and a garage door allows wind to sweep in underneath it. They must deal with poor ventilation; try to overcome the noise of rain falling on a tin roof during performances, and skirt around pervious set pieces in the wings because there is no storage. They must squeeze a 5-10 person orchestra in the space the size of a passenger van. The theatre techs are expected to deal with an outdated electrical system that cannot properly support today's lighting systems. They must contend with rats and birds in the rafters and in their costume area.

The students involved in the Musical at the Grade School must build an 8' extension to the stage every year to fit their production on. They must put up temporary lighting and sit in the hallway because there is no room for them in the wings.

Despite all this, students at YCSD have worked extremely hard and produced high quality shows that audiences have enjoyed for many, many years.

Isn't it time to give them a space that is safe, comfortable, and truly worthy of their effort and quality performances?

I urge you to vote in favor of a new Performing Arts Center for the YC School District.

Respectfully,
Brenda Longton

Information furnished by Brenda Longton

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The schools are the center of my life at Yamhill Carlton. I spend at least eight hours a day going to class, studying, practicing, competing, and yes, socializing with my friends. I work hard so that I can go on to achieve my dreams, but I wish I had better place to do that work.

The teacher's work hard at Yamhill Carlton High School, but the building is dingy. The carpet in the hallways is worn down, and looks like it should have been replaced 5 years ago. The science room where I have my biology class is falling apart. The formica is peeling off of the countertops and there is no gas for doing labs. But it is better than my brother's science classroom at the Intermediate School. The roof leaks and the teacher has to catch the water in a trashcan.

I have participated in two plays since coming to YC and the theater is ridiculous. It is housed in a metal building adjoined to the woodshop, and was clearly never intended to be a theater. It is freezing in January, and boiling in October. Backstage is not arranged for a theater, and costume changes are cramped and cold.

As an athlete, I find the facilities frustrating. The showers rarely work, and there are not enough toilets for the number of athletes. The room itself is visibly old and worn, and I hear the boys' locker room in even worse. When we go to other schools and see their locker rooms, or other schools come to us and see ours, it is hard not to feel ashamed, even as our programs become more successful. The gym is unsafe, the runoffs illegal. When an athlete, one of my peers, goes out of bounds they often hit the wall. The building isn't even a rectangle.

Please support the YC school bond, and the current and future students of Yamhill Carlton High School,

Erin Kathleen Cline

Information furnished by Erin Cline

Now is the time to upgrade school buildings in Yamhill and Carlton!

YC students are daily faced with facilities that do not serve their purpose anymore: leaky ceilings and inadequate heat, outdated science labs, and a gym that will be out of compliance with state athletic standards soon.

My family travels with the soccer and basketball teams to nearby schools where the communities have updated their classrooms and facilities. It's not lost on YC athletes that some sports facilities at YC are badly worn out and dangerous places to play. Research suggests that student achievement and pride is adversely affected by daily exposure to ailing and dilapidated school facilities.

When we travel to schools like Banks, Dayton, and Forest Grove, YC athletes see inviting updated facilities that show strong support from the community. Some of the YC buildings date back to 1946! Tour the YC schools; you will see the needs!

Our industrial arts and manufacturing programs are thriving at YC, but the buildings are not suited for the demands of these programs. When the Oregon Department of Education last did an accreditation of the YC District, they concluded the academic programs were awesome, but the facilities were on the edge of failure.

We have the chance to pass this ballot now, while interest rates are low. The plans for this bond have been developed carefully by community members, school personnel, and engineers.

These upgrades will also give the community more spaces to use for civic events. These facilities will serve as an emergency center in times of natural disasters.

My two kids will have missed the excitement of learning in updated YC facilities, but this is about future students who deserve suitable classrooms and gyms.

Don't be fooled: this bond is also about the economic engines of two small Oregon towns. Communities that show pride in their schools benefit from new families moving in sparking revitalized commercial growth.

Vote "Yes" on Measure 36-161.

Information furnished by Steve and Jane Harloff

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Any teacher who is dedicated to students knows that that there are things we can control and things we can't control. We can control the way we treat our students, what we expect out of them, and how safe and supported they feel in our classrooms. The teachers of the Yamhill-Carlton Schools do everything we can to be sure that our classrooms, hallways, and playing fields are places where students learn and grow. Unfortunately, we can't control the quality of the buildings. Our facilities are simply worn out and inadequate. The buildings and grounds do not provide an entirely safe or functional environment where our students can do their best. Leaky roofs, dry rot, inefficient and inconsistent heating, along with classrooms, gyms, and cafeteria space too small and not suited to our needs and numbers of students - these are all essential issues that are beyond the control of those of us who work in the school district.

Luckily, the May 20 Bond addresses those needs, and the Bond gives voters the chance to control the future of safe and quality education in Y- C Schools. The bond will give our students spaces built for the unique needs of our programs from arts to athletics. It will extend the life and efficiency of existing buildings. It will create new space for academics and activities. Finally, the bond will address the basic needs of our students for adequate cafeteria and "common" space to eat and gather outside of the classroom. Quality facilities are necessary for our students. We can easily tell our students that we value their education; we can show them that we value their educational experience by providing buildings and spaces where they can do their work.

We urge you to take control of the future of education in the Yamhill Carlton community. Please join us in voting YES on Measure 36-161 for your Yamhill Carlton Schools.

*Information furnished by Susie Schulze, YCTA Representative
Yamhill Carlton Teachers Association*

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Community Groups Urge YES vote on Measure #36-161

As members of Carlton Together Cares (CTC), Yamhelas Community Resource Center (YCRC), and Yamhill Carlton Athletic Team Sports (YCATS), we are proud to support and serve the members of the Yamhill and Carlton area by providing youth and adult programs throughout the communities. We **urge you to vote YES on Measure #36-161** which will allow more CTC, YCRC, and YCATS programs to serve all members of the community.

- **A YES Vote on Measure #36—161** expands facilities that allow us to continue offering programs to children, families, and community members. With the use of YCSD facilities we are able to provide programs at low cost making them available to all community members. These include: afterschool & summer programs, art & music classes, and numerous athletic programs (soccer, volleyball, football, wrestling, basketball, track, cheer, baseball, and softball) which keep our kids active and healthy. During winter seasons over 30 teams are sharing two gym spaces sometimes even being forced to practice at 6am. Our youth need these programs and we need a facility for them.
- **A YES Vote on Measure #36—161** will ensure classroom space for vital, educational community programs. Preschool is essential for preparing our young children for Kindergarten and Elementary School. There are 40-50 preschool students each year at YCES, without the facility expansion there will not be a location for this critical program.
- **A YES Vote on Measure #36—161** provides space for community meeting areas for senior citizen recreational and educational classes. With a new gym and arts center we could offer senior fitness classes, fine arts classes, writing, and crafting classes. Medicare and Medicaid enrollment and support programs could be held at the school.

You are able to make a defining statement on your ballot with a YES vote showing your support!

The Board Members of:

**Carlton Together Cares
Yamhelas Community Resource Center
Yamhill Carlton Athletic Team Sports**

*Information furnished by: The Board Members of
Carlton Together Cares, Yamhelas Community Resource Center,
Yamhill Carlton Athletic Team Sports*

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