

**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE 36-147 ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT**

**WHY LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS SUPPORT THE  
NEWBERG SCHOOL BOND**

As Chehalem Valley business people we believe our schools are the foundation of a healthy economy. Schools prepare our students for college and the workforce. They are the foundation of strong neighborhoods and a vibrant community.

The state of local education is a major factor in whether our community is successful in attracting businesses and providing jobs in our area. Quality schools are also critical to the successful recruitment of employees needed in our businesses. Most importantly, we need quality schools to ensure our children and grandchildren have the opportunity to learn and compete in a very challenging global economy.

Measure 36-147 invests in our community by making major repairs to school buildings that are beyond the capacity of operating budgets. The bond supports classroom education by purchasing textbooks, classroom materials and upgrading technology.

Measure 36-147 is a smart fiscal investment. Taxpayers will pay zero interest on \$15 million of the bond, saving approximately \$4 million thanks to a federal economic stimulus program. Property owners will also see a decrease in their current tax rate if the new bond passes because a 1993 bond is retiring.

In the last three years, we have watched the Newberg School District continue to tighten its belt while improving student achievement. Supporting Measure 36-147 is the single best thing we can do to support our local economy and give kids the basic skills that businesses and our community need.

**This school bond is a good investment in our future.**

**PLEASE VOTE YES FOR MEASURE 36-147**

Board of Directors  
Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce

*Submitted by Sheryl Kelsh, Executive Director  
Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce*

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**VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

To be eligible to vote in the May 17, 2011, election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Yamhill County Clerk by not later than 5:00 p.m., April 26, 2011.

**YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:**

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You will be 18 years of age or older on election day.
- You are a resident of Oregon.

**YOU MUST REREGISTER TO VOTE IF:**

- Your residence or mailing address changes.
- Your name changes.
- You wish to change party affiliation.

**VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

When you get your ballot packet in the mail after April 29, 2011, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- A printed ballot on which you may vote your choice;
- A secrecy envelope with voting instructions printed on it;
- A pre-addressed blue trimmed return envelope in which to return your ballot;
- This Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet.

If any items are missing, contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office, at 503-434-7518 or 503-554-7850 from Newberg, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

**VOTING YOUR BALLOT**

To vote "yes" or "no" on a measure, with a blue or black pen simply fill-in the box next to the vote of your choice.

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at 503-434-7518 or 503-554-7850.

**RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT**

- Follow the instructions on the secrecy envelope.
- Fold your ballot along the pre-scored fold and insert it into the secrecy envelope.
  - **SEAL** the return envelope and **SIGN** the statement on the back of the envelope. **Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR YOUR NAME HAS CHANGED AND YOU HAVE NOT YET REREGISTERED, YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO DO SO. CONTACT THE YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.**

**BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO  
AN OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITE OR TO THE  
YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE  
BY 8:00 P.M., MAY 17, 2011**



**SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION  
NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**YOU MAY DELIVER YOUR VOTED  
BALLOT POSTAGE-FREE TO THE  
FOLLOWING OFFICIAL DROP SITES:**

Amity City Library 307 S Trade St. Amity Open 24 Hours	Carlton City Hall 191 E Main St. Carlton Open 24 Hours
Dayton City Hall 416 Ferry St. Dayton Open 24 Hours	Dundee City Hall 620 SW 5 <sup>th</sup> St. Dundee Open 24 Hours
Lafayette City Hall 486 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. (99W) Lafayette Open 24 Hours	Newberg Public Safety Parking Lot, Howard St. Newberg Open 24 Hours
Chehalem Park Pool 1802 Haworth Ave. Newberg Open 24 Hours	Sheridan City Hall 120 SW Mill St. Sheridan Open 24 Hours
Willamina City Hall 411 NE C St. Willamina Open 24 Hours	Yamhill City Hall 205 S Maple St. Yamhill Open 24 Hours
Courthouse- Jail Parking Lot McMinnville Open 24 Hours	Yamhill County Clerk Hours: 9:00AM-5:00PM 414 NE Evans St. McMinnville

**ELECTION DAY, MAY 17, 2011  
ALL DROP SITES WILL BE OPEN UNTIL  
8:00 P.M.**

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**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE 36-147**

**NEWBERG SCHOOL BOND TO UPGRADE  
SCHOOLS AND EQUIP CLASSROOMS**

**QUESTION:** Shall Newberg School District upgrade and equip schools, classrooms, textbooks and technology by issuing \$27,144,286 in general obligation bonds? 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:** Federal stimulus funds have been awarded to the District that are projected to pay substantially all the interest on \$15 million of the bonds, saving taxpayers approximately \$4 million in total interest cost.

Passage of this measure would provide funds to:

- Upgrade school facilities including replacing roofs and boilers, flooring and outdated electrical systems
- Install energy updates by replacing low efficiency lighting, windows, heating and ventilating systems
- Update technology for student learning
- Purchase textbooks and classroom materials
- Build classroom space for online and alternative learning programs
- Renovate and furnish existing space for classrooms and high school cafeteria
- Install security systems, cameras and intercoms
- Pay associated bond issuance costs

Bonds would mature in 10 years or less from the date of issue and may be issued in one or more series. Repayment is structured so new residents will assist in paying bond.

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

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT  
MEASURE 36-147**

**This Newberg School District measure is on the ballot due to:**

- **Facilities Report identifies major repairs and energy efficiencies**

A 2010 Facilities Task Force reported that major repairs such as replacing roofs and boilers would be required at some schools. The report also stated that the installation of energy-efficient lighting, windows, heating and ventilating systems would reduce utility costs.

- **Taxpayers projected to save substantially all of the interest on \$15 million**

The school district has been awarded an allocation of subsidized bonds in which it's projected that the federal government will pay substantially all of the interest on \$15 million in bonds. This would save Newberg taxpayers approximately \$4 million.

- **Tax payers would pay less than their current property tax rate.**

The Newberg school tax rate decreases when the 1993 bond that built Antonia Crater and Chehalem Valley Middle schools retires in 2012. The combined new and existing rate would be lower than the current rate.

- **Building now would lower financing costs**

Current interest rates would allow the district to finance construction projects at a lower cost than if construction occurred at a later date.

**The bond measure would:**

- **Address maintenance and repair of school facilities** including replacing roofs and boilers, heating and ventilating systems, flooring and electrical systems, and track and field repairs.
- **Install energy upgrades** by updating electrical systems, lighting, windows, heating and ventilating systems.
- **Update and equip classrooms** by purchasing textbooks and classroom equipment, replace aging technology, renovate existing space for additional science and technology classrooms, and build classroom space for online and alternative learning programs.
- **Increase school security** by installing additional cameras, replacing intercoms and security systems.

**This bond would cost:**

The bond would not exceed \$27,144,286 million. Property owners would pay approximately 95 cents for \$1,000 of assessed property value over the life of the bonds, which is 10 years or less. (\$190 per year on a home assessed at \$200,000.)

Because the 1993 bond expires, the combined new and existing rate would mean a reduction of 85 cents per \$1000 of assessed value, or \$170 less per year than the current tax bill on a home assessed at \$200,000.

Levy rates may vary depending on interest rates, growth in the District's total assessed value and other factors. Repayment would be structured so new residents would assist in paying the bond.

*Information furnished by Paula A. Radich, Ed. D, Superintendent,*

**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE 36-147 MEASURE IN SUPPORT**

**SUPPORT OUR CLASSROOMS**

During these challenging economic times, our district's highest priority is to protect the classroom. Our goal is to maintain a quality education for all our students. Over the past three years our classrooms have not been immune to budget reductions – elementary class size grew by two students in two years and secondary school classrooms grew by three students. We've lost teaching positions, days of school and voluntarily reduced our pay to save teaching positions.

The Newberg school bond to repair schools and support and equip classrooms is a much-needed step in protecting this community's longstanding investment in education.

Measure 36-147 will support students by:

- Providing up-to-date textbooks for math, science, social studies and reading.
- Replacing old technology and supporting greater access to online learning will help struggling students increase their learning and their opportunity to earn a high school diploma.
- Equipping science and technology labs in our middle schools
- Adding five classroom spaces at the high school by converting a large shop space to relieve overcrowding.
- Building new classrooms for online learning and alternative education programs
- Increasing safety and security at all schools

This school bond does not go to teaching salaries, utility costs and other operational costs. Bond funds will be used for repairs, textbooks and technology so that more general fund dollars can be directed to the classroom to maintain academic programs and stabilize class size.

Teachers in our schools come to work every day ready to help every student be successful. We know this is a difficult economic time for many in our community. Due to a bond retiring next year, the tax rate will drop. Passage of this bond will be a reduction of 85 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value from what property owners currently pay.

The Newberg Education Association asks for your YES vote to protect the quality of education in our classrooms.

*Submitted by Jonathan Dykema, President  
Newberg Education Association*

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**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**NEWBERG SCHOOL BOND: Four money-savings reasons to vote YES**

1. **Save \$4 million on interest**
  - Newberg is one of four school districts approved to finance \$15 million of the bond at 0% interest. This federal stimulus program ends this year.
  - The less interest schools pay, the further bond funds go to needed repairs, textbooks and classroom equipment.
2. **Your property tax rate will go down**
  - A 1993 bond will retire next year
  - The combined rate for new and existing debt is estimated at 85 cents LESS per \$1000 of assessed value.
  - Your YES vote will still lower your tax rate.
3. **Lower utility costs by increasing energy efficiencies**
  - Bond will replace inefficient heating and ventilating systems, single pane windows and inefficient lighting.
  - Schools will save thousands of dollars in operating costs.
4. **New residents will help pay bond costs**
  - Newberg continues to grow.
  - The bond is structure so new residents moving into the school district in the future will assist in paying for this bond.

VOTE YES TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS . . . and still save money.

Learn more at [www.newberg.k12.or.us/district/bond-information](http://www.newberg.k12.or.us/district/bond-information)

*Submitted by Lynette Hammon, Co—Chair  
Citizens for Newberg and Education*

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**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT  
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**Building the Foundation for Excellence –  
Community Members Support Measure 36-147**

The Newberg School District has the job of providing a high quality education that will prepare the youth of our community to become productive, proactive citizens. We in turn, need to support their efforts and give them the tools they need to get the job done.

**The school bond measure will:**

- **Stretch our Dollars.** The fiscal realities of today mean that we must be smart about how we meet the educational needs of our community. Acting now will allow us to take full advantage of the unique opportunity our community has to secure \$15 million dollars at zero percent interest. This is an excellent way to stretch our dollar during tight times.

- **Protect our Current Investments.** By maintaining and repairing our existing classroom, science and technology, physical education, and athletic facilities, we protect our current investment in these facilities. This lets us focus limited resources on classroom support and improvements that help us provide the building blocks needed for a strong foundation for excellence. This will help us meet our vision for our children's future.

- **Build a Strong Community.** A strong school system and well-maintained facilities are important to our community. They foster pride in our community, help us attract businesses and high quality workers, protect property values, and make our community a great place to work and live. Our school facilities serve our community's needs and are venues that enable groups within our community to serve others.

Join us in voting **YES**  
to **SUPPORT BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

**PLEASE HELP US HELP OUR CHILDREN!**

**Community Members in Support of Our Schools**

<b>Ron Wolfe</b>	<b>Bruce Hamilton</b>
<b>Stacie Wolfe</b>	<b>Scott Springer</b>
<b>Lisa Hazenberg</b>	<b>Cheryl Gardner</b>
<b>Larry Adams</b>	<b>Ryan DeLashmutt</b>
<b>Maurice Chandler</b>	<b>Todd Bos</b>
<b>Ellouise Chandler</b>	<b>Valerie Hamilton</b>

*Submitted by Valerie Hamilton  
Citizens for Newberg and Education*

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**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**A YES vote protects our investment in school facilities**

We're your neighbors who work in our public schools every day – custodians, secretaries, maintenance and grounds workers, cooks and educational assistants. When our 5,200 students are not in class, citizens are using school buildings and grounds for education, recreation and community gatherings. Constant use requires regular maintenance, but shrinking school operating budgets are inadequate to pay for major repairs.

**This bond measure is a way we can support our schools without an increase in what property owners are currently paying.** From our point of view, it does two important things:

1. **Protects our investment in school facilities**

We can't stretch shrinking school operating budgets to pay for major building repairs without jeopardizing the classroom. Replacing boilers, roofs and inefficient electrical systems are beyond what operating budgets can manage. This measure will make major maintenance repairs that protect the investment our community has made in our schools.
2. **Reduces operating costs by increasing energy efficiencies**

As energy prices continue to climb, school buildings are becoming more expensive to operate, taking more funds from classroom instruction. Installing energy controls on heating and ventilating systems and replacing inefficient windows and lighting will save the school district thousands of dollars in operating costs. Those savings can go directly to support student learning.

Our local schools are important community institutions for all of us. Please join us in protecting our investment in school buildings and reducing energy costs --- without an increase in what property owners currently pay. **Vote YES on Measure 36-147.**

Newberg Chapter 17  
Oregon School Employees Association / American Federation of Teachers

Executive Board  
Jack Strickler, President  
Ellen Finley  
Jason Van Pelt  
Sarah Barnard

*Submitted by Jack Strickler, President  
Oregon School Employees Association / AFT*

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**Why should people with grown-up kids support our local schools?**

We are residents of Newberg and Dundee whose kids are gone from home and no longer attend public school. As retirees and empty nesters, we scrutinize every new tax because everything we save means we have more to live on, especially those of us already retired.

**Yet, we'll be voting YES for Newberg Schools' Bond. Why?**

- **We need to protect the investment we've made in our schools.** Replace the roofs, boilers, the old wiring and inefficient heating and ventilating systems. Turn existing space into additional classrooms, especially for science and technology. Make sure our future workforce has current textbooks and technology in good working order.
- **Over half of this bond will be financed at zero percent interest.** The school district is approved to finance \$15 million of the bond at 0% interest through a federal stimulus program. If the bond measure is approved, we'll save over \$4 million in interest alone.
- **We'll be paying less than what we currently pay in property taxes.** The school district tax rate decreases when a bond retires in 2012. The rate of the new and existing bond together will be approximately 85 cents/\$1,000 lower than what we are currently paying.

Our schools are a sound investment for our neighborhoods, our kids, and for empty-nesters. We owe it to today's children to ensure they get the education they need to compete in tomorrow's workplace, just as our parents and grandparents and many community residents did for us.

We're VOTING YES for Newberg Public Schools and so should you.

Leroy Benham  
Sam Farmer  
Bill and Margie LeMaster  
Kathleen Macken  
Diane and Mike Ragsdale  
Fred and Millie Robinson  
Nick and Kathy Tri  
Julie and Walter Want  
Judy and Roger Worrall

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**A YES VOTE SUPPORTS THE CLASSROOM**

We're worried. As less and less of the state budget goes to support K-12 education we've seen class size increase, teaching positions cut and not enough textbooks to go around. We don't want the quality of education in our schools to suffer.

**How will the Newberg Public Schools bond help the classroom?**

- **Purchase textbooks.** Schools are required to adopt updated textbooks but budget cuts have severely impacted the district's ability to purchase new textbooks. This measure would provide funds for updated math, science, social science and reading books.
- **Replace old technology.** 71 percent of the computers in district classrooms are over five years old. That may not seem significant until you consider technology is a critical tool in the classroom that allows kids to remain competitive in today's global economy. The bond would start replacing the oldest technology in schools and provide funds to begin incorporating newer technologies for learning into the classroom.
- **Provide classroom space for updated programs.** Existing middle school classrooms will be renovated for science and technology programs. Five much-needed classrooms would be created from the former wood shop at the high school. The bond will also provide classroom space for online and alternative learning programs.

Bond fund can only be used for bond-related costs such as construction, repairs, purchasing textbooks, technology and classroom materials. Bond funds cannot pay for operational costs such as teacher salaries, utilities and supplies. **When bond funds are used for textbooks, technology and repairs, more general fund dollars go to the classroom to maintain academic programs and stabilize class size.**

Your YES vote will help maintain the quality of education our community's children deserve. Join us in voting **YES to SUPPORT THE CLASSROOM.**

**Parents for Quality Education**

Donald Albright  
Denise Bacon  
Christine Beecher  
Kevin and Denise Brooks  
Dan and Kristie DeHaven  
Margaret Dye  
Lynette Hammon  
Jennifer and Peter Matteson  
Diane Nave  
Shari Schneider

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**Newberg Schools Bond Measure:  
The right investment at the right time.**

In the last eight years, the school district Budget Committee has seen K-12 education funds dwindle in favor of prisons and human services. Newberg Public Schools have reduced costs, found efficiencies and stretched limited funds to maintain classrooms and school days. Balancing the budget has meant:

- Class size has increased by two or three students
- Three school days lost
- 34.5 administrative, classified and teaching positions lost
- Reduced staff compensation
- Budget for major repairs, textbook purchases and technology replacement sharply reduced or eliminated

**What do we get by passing this bond?**

- School buildings in good repair
- Textbooks and technology for all students
- Utility cost savings from increased energy efficiencies
- More general fund dollars to maintain academic and elective programs

**What makes this the right time?**

- **Schools are still facing deep cuts.** As Oregon slowly recovers from a poor economy, our schools are facing another \$1 million in budget reductions for the coming school year. That's equivalent to eight days of school or 15 teachers.
- **Zero interest on \$15 million of the total bond.** The school district was awarded federal stimulus program funds that will pay the interest on \$15 million, saving taxpayers approximately \$4 million in interest costs.
- **Lower property tax rate.** The property tax rate for combined new and existing debt would drop approximately 85 cents per \$1000 of assessed value due to a bond retiring.

We understand that these are challenging economic times. But we also know that this is a way our local community can invest in maintaining quality schools.

We urge you to VOTE YES on the school bond

Newberg School District Budget Committee Members  
Melinda Van Bossuyt, School Board Chair  
Mitsi Vondrachek  
Jim Chogyogi  
Mark Ankeny  
Debbie Hawblitzel  
Todd Thomas

Judy Croft, Budget Committee Chair  
Kari Salzberg  
James Ferrell  
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Eric Oathes  
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Job Rabinowitz

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Newberg School Board of Directors*

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