

**ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT
MEASURE 36-158**

There is an old saying that goes, "Happiness is having more wants than needs." This saying is at the heart of the Willamina School Bond Measure.

The "Strong Schools-Strong Community" bond committee started talking last spring about putting a bond on the Nov. 5th ballot to address the needs of the district; not the wants.

The projects to be funded by the bond are in the following order of need:

- 1) Construct four elementary classrooms
- 2) Construct a wood/metals/agriculture shop with two classrooms
- 3) Construct baseball/softball/little league fields
- 4) Make significant repairs to track
- 5) Construct a covered stadium

The bond committee insisted the money will go ONLY toward the 5 projects identified above. If there are funds left over after the projects are complete those funds will be used to buy down the bond amount. In other words, the next priority is to the community, not other projects on the district's wants list.

Over the last 10 years, Willamina School District has experienced a budget crunch that every other business and household has also faced. Their solutions were well publicized. The District has gone from 4 schools on 3 campuses to 3 schools all located on one campus. Everyone that either attended or had children that attended those closed schools miss those old campuses, me included. But now we are on the most beautiful campus in the state!

Due to our moving and consolidating, we have equipment in storage, not being utilized to offer classes like wood shop, metals, and CAD (Computer Aided Design) simply because there is no space. In addition, the school district is currently renting the fields to play football, softball and baseball. We have been unable to host a home track meet since 2004 due to track damage.

This is everybody's community, your children and our future. Let's take pride in being **that** community where we stand together, support, and truly believe that strong schools = strong community.

*Information furnished by Bart Baldwin, Co-Chairman
Strong Schools Strong Community Bond Committee*

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The Willamina School Bond Committee chose the slogan "Strong Schools-Strong Community" as a reflection of our desire to provide the best educational opportunities for our students, and strengthen our community. Schools are at the heart of most small towns, providing a strong sense of pride. I am proud of our schools, but recognize the need to make improvements to better serve our students.

The Willamina Bond Measure will fund the following projects in this order:

1. Add classroom space for grades K-6.
2. Construct a wood/metal/ag shop with two additional classrooms
3. Construct baseball and softball fields for students and Little League participants
4. Repair the track
5. Construct a football stadium with covered seating on the current school campus

Bond funds will only be spent on the projects listed—any money leftover will be used to pay down the bond. These projects reflect the current needs of our district. The additional classroom space will replace modular classrooms that are near the end of their lifespan. The shop will provide opportunities for students to learn the job skills in demand by today's employers. The shop building will allow the district to use the wood shop and Computer Animated Drafting equipment currently in storage due to a lack of shop space.

The projects related to sports will also strengthen our schools and community. Willamina has not hosted a home track meet since 2004 due to the poor condition of our track. When the baseball and football fields are relocated to the current campus, the community will have a central location to gather and cheer on the Bulldogs, as well as participate in Little League and other sports events.

We've come a long way as a district in the last five years—a new multipurpose building, new middle school complex, and increased efficiency by having all students on one campus. Let's continue strengthening our students and our community—VOTE YES on Measure 36-158.

*Information furnished by Ron Smith, Co-Chairman
Strong Schools Strong Community Bond Committee*

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As a graduate of Willamina High School, long-time community member, and Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde I encourage Tribal and community members to support the passage of Bond Measure 36-158.

Many Tribal and community members have walked with the School District on its journey to improve education and athletic opportunities for students in our communities. The District has the unique experience of serving two communities, Willamina and Grand Ronde as well as members of the Tribal Nation of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The geographical location of the District has provided its challenges and the Tribe and District have worked together to overcome several of these challenges.

The District has had a goal and a mission to centralize school district buildings and facilities and to offer first class facilities and classrooms for athletic and academic achievement. The Tribe is supportive of the District and its efforts. The Tribe has demonstrated its support of the District's efforts with Spirit Mountain Community Fund Grants and the purchase of the former Grand Ronde Elementary School Building. Such funding has allowed for some expansion on the Oaken Hills Campus, however the plan has reached an impasse due to the lack of funding and a Bond has become necessary.

I am personally asking you to please take just a few minutes and cast your vote in support of Bond Measure 36-158. Strong Schools – Strong Community. As a Tribe we believe are kids are our future and one of the most important things we can invest in. The students in our communities need your support and your vote.

Hayu Masi!
Thank you!

*Information furnished by Reyn Leno, Chairman
Strong Schools Strong Community Bond Committee*

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WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL ELECTION

**COUNTY OF YAMHILL
VOTERS' PAMPHLET**



NOVEMBER 5, 2013

**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 AT
503-434-7518, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

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VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote in the November 5, 2013 election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Yamhill County Clerk by not later than 5:00 p.m., October 15, 2013.

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 October 18, 2013, 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, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

VOTING YOUR BALLOT

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.

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.**

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REFERRED BY WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT 30J MEASURE 36-158

BONDS TO BUILD NEW, UPGRADE AND REPAIR FACILITIES IN WILLAMINA

QUESTION: Shall Willamina School District build new facilities, and upgrade and repair existing facilities by issuing general obligation bonds for \$5,000,000?

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 X1 of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: If approved, this measure would provide new, upgraded and repaired facilities. Specifically, this measure is expected to provide funds to:

1. Add four new modular classrooms to the elementary by replacing modular(s) purchased in 1978.
2. Add new wood/metal/agriculture shop with additional classroom space.
3. Add new baseball and softball fields including a little league field with concessions and bathrooms.
4. Add new football field lights and covered stadium.
5. Repair substantial damages to the track that have prohibited the District from hosting a track meet since 2004.
6. Pay for site improvements, furnishings and equipment for the above projects and bond issuance costs.

Bonds would mature in not more than 21 years.

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT MEASURE 36-158

- 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;
- The Bond Committee and the Board of Directors recognize and are aware of the operational efficiencies and savings that would happen if this bond is passed.

If approved, this bond would:

1. Acquire four new modular classrooms for use in grades K-6. These would replace existing modular buildings that were built in 1978.
2. Build a new wood shop/metal agriculture shop with two additional classrooms for use in grades 7-12.
3. Develop new baseball and softball fields, installed with proper drainage, complete with a concession stand and restrooms. In addition to adding a little league field. Installing these fields would save the District money by not paying rent for the fields the District currently uses at the West Valley Community Campus.
4. Add new football field lights with a covered grandstand. This would also save the District money by not paying rent for the fields the District currently uses at the West Valley Community Campus.
5. Repair significant damage to the existing track. The District has not been able to host a track meet since 2004 due to track damage. The District currently hosts "home" track meets in Sheridan.

Estimated Monetary Savings, if approved:

- A savings of approximately \$84,000 in field rental at West Valley Community Campus.

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

**IMPORTANT: YOUR BALLOT WILL
NOT BE COUNTED IF IT IS NOT
RECEIVED IN TIME**

NOTICE

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

**Sheridan City Hall
120 SW Mill St
Sheridan
Open 24 Hours**

**Willamina City Hall
411 NE C St
Willamina
Open 24 Hours**

**Yamhill County Clerk
414 NE Evans St
McMinnville
Open 24 Hours**

**Courthouse-
Jail Parking Lot
McMinnville
Open 24 hours**

**ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013,
DROP SITES WILL BE OPEN UNTIL
8:00 P.M.**