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YAMHILL COUNTY, OREGON ARGUMENT STATEMENT FOR YAMHILL COUNTY VOTER'S PAMPHLET

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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.

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