

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

Ballot Title Caption: Bonds to build new, upgrade and repair facilities in Willamina

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Argument in Support
Argument in Opposition

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.

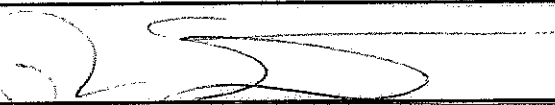
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