

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Why are there two separate bond issues?** The decision was to allow voters a choice on two separate issues. The first bond issue is concerned with academic facilities and the need for classrooms to accommodate growth. The second issue is concerned with extracurricular activities and the need for current facilities for those activities. By having two separate bond issues the voters will be able to express their opinion on each issue separately without their vote affecting the other issue.

**How much growth does the district foresee in the next five years?**

In the past year including both the city and district boundaries the proposed homes have increased from 250 to almost 1000. Although we are not able to predict exactly how many building permits will be issued, we have seen an increase of 110 students in the district over the past three years and since 2000 there has been an increase of 30% in Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The projections for future growth are for 3.0-3.5% per year, although that rate could be much higher.

**Why build a 4-6 intermediate rather than a middle school?**

The committee looked at all options, however discovered that the district does not have the property value and bonding capacity to build a complete middle school or high school at this time. By limiting the current middle school to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade there will be room to accommodate future growth there.

The new intermediate will be designed to accommodate extensive special education needs for both K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade required by the federal American With Disabilities Act. A new intermediate building opens rooms at the current elementary to handle future growth in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and unassigned rooms at the new intermediate building will handle future growth at the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade level.

**Why build at the current elementary site?** Building on the current elementary site allows the district to share many programs between the K-3 and 4-6 building such as special education and administration. The district does not currently own any land and building on the existing site means the district does not have to find and purchase land for the proposed 4-6 intermediate building.

**Why add rooms to the existing high school?** The high school is currently full and can not accommodate future growth. Since construction in 1996 several rooms are now utilized for special education and testing as part of the requirements of No Child Left Behind. The high school will then be able to provide service for both high school and middle school students required by the federal American with Disabilities Act. It is estimated that over 10% of instructional areas nationwide are used for these requirements. More rooms will be needed as the state increased graduation requirements for both math and science.

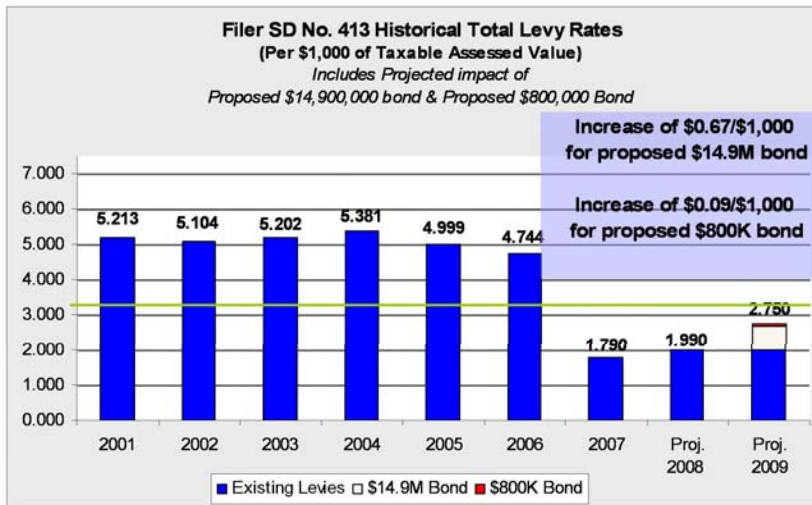
**Why is maintenance part of this bond?** Without a plant facility or supplemental levy that most districts in the region and 80% of the districts in the state have the district has only enough funds to complete minor repairs. The evaluation by JUB engineering indicated that major roof repairs are needed at the current elementary building. In addition there is a need to accommodate the use of the middle school by the public by paving part of the west parking lot. Hollister School also has roofing issues that need to be addressed.

# PROPOSED COSTS OF THE BUILDING LEVIES:

## HOW THE LEVIES AFFECT YOUR TAX

| Tax impact of increase over 2008 on: | \$14,900,000 Bond |                 | \$800,000 Bond |                |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                      | Monthly           | Annual          | Monthly        | Annual         |
| <b>\$100K residential (3):</b>       | \$ 2.79           | <b>\$ 33.50</b> | \$ 0.38        | <b>\$ 4.50</b> |
| <b>\$200K residential (4):</b>       | \$ 6.18           | <b>\$ 74.15</b> | \$ 0.83        | <b>\$ 9.96</b> |
| <b>\$100K non-residential (5):</b>   | \$ 5.58           | <b>\$ 67.00</b> | \$ 0.75        | <b>\$ 9.00</b> |
| <b>\$200K non-residential (5):</b>   | \$ 11.17          | <b>\$134.00</b> | \$ 1.50        | <b>\$18.00</b> |

- (1) Projected levy rate for Fiscal Year 2008.
  - (2) Projected levy rate for Fiscal Year 2009 with proposed bond.
  - (3) After homeowners exemption of \$50,000 (50% of home value) yielding \$50,000 taxable value.
  - (4) After homeowners exemption of \$89,325 (maximum exemption) yielding \$110,675 taxable value.
  - (5) Exemption does not apply to non-residential properties.
- Note: Homeowners exemption allows an exemption of \$89,325 on the home value or 50% of the home value (including 1 acre of land) whichever is less.



The tax rate dropped between 2006-2007 as maintenance and operation expenses were removed from property taxes and moved to the state. With the addition of \$.67 and \$.09 for both proposed bonds the new tax levy rate would be almost two dollars less per \$1000 than the 2006 levy rate.

# FILER SCHOOL DISTRICT #413

**Bond Levy #1-**  
**New Intermediate School,**  
**High School Additional Rooms,**  
**Hollister, Filer Elem., & Filer Middle School Maintenance**

**Bond Levy #2-**  
**High School Athletic Project**



## Filer Bond Election

**Thursday, October 11, 2007**

**Voting from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm**

**Filer High School, Filer Middle School,  
 Filer Elementary and Hollister Elementary**

## TO OUR PATRONS

For the past nine months, Filer School District has involved members of the community, teachers and staff, administrators, architects, and board trustees in helping to determine future student enrollment and in developing a long-range plan that prevents over-crowding. We are presenting to you, the patrons and parents of our school district, the needs of our District and a PLAN for the safety and well being of our children.

1. Build a new intermediate school to house 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>, grade students.
2. Build 8 additional classrooms at the high school.

### The proposed bond issue #1 will:

1. Relieve over-crowding by providing 25 new teaching stations at the intermediate school and 8 teaching stations at the high school.
2. Provide the required special education classrooms at the intermediate school and share them with the adjacent elementary school plus provide special education classrooms at the high school.
3. Provide a multi-use facility for the intermediate school physical education while also serving as a district practice facility eliminating early morning or late night practice times and providing for community use. The facility will also provide bleachers for both games and school programs.
4. Save money for the patrons by constructing the new building on property already owned by the school district.
5. Set aside money to purchase land for a future school site to accommodate future growth.
6. Set aside \$100,000 for Hollister School to repair the roof over the gym, kitchen, and classroom.
7. Set aside \$75,000 to pave part of the west end parking lot at the middle school to accommodate both school and community use.
8. Fix the roof at Filer Elementary according to the JUB engineering study.

## BUILDING FEATURES

### **BOND LEVY #1**

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>), additional High School classrooms, Hollister, Filer Elem., & Filer Middle School Maintenance

The new facility will consist of educational space for grades 4-6. Characteristics of the school are as follows:

#### Classrooms

- (4) 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms
- (4) 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms
- (4) 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms
- (3) Unassigned classrooms
- Computer lab
- Music Room
- Multi-purpose facility with full-size basketball, (2) volleyball courts and table storage
- (3) Special education classrooms
- (1) Title/ELL classroom
- (1) Physical & Speech Therapy
- Media center Administration areas
- Food Service/Kitchen/Cafeteria

### **BOND LEVY #2**

#### HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROJECT

Relocating the football field to the high school and upgrades for other programs will include:

- Community restroom facility
- Concession building
- Lights for night games
- New aluminum 800 seat bleachers
- Team rooms for home and visiting teams
- new press box with filming platform

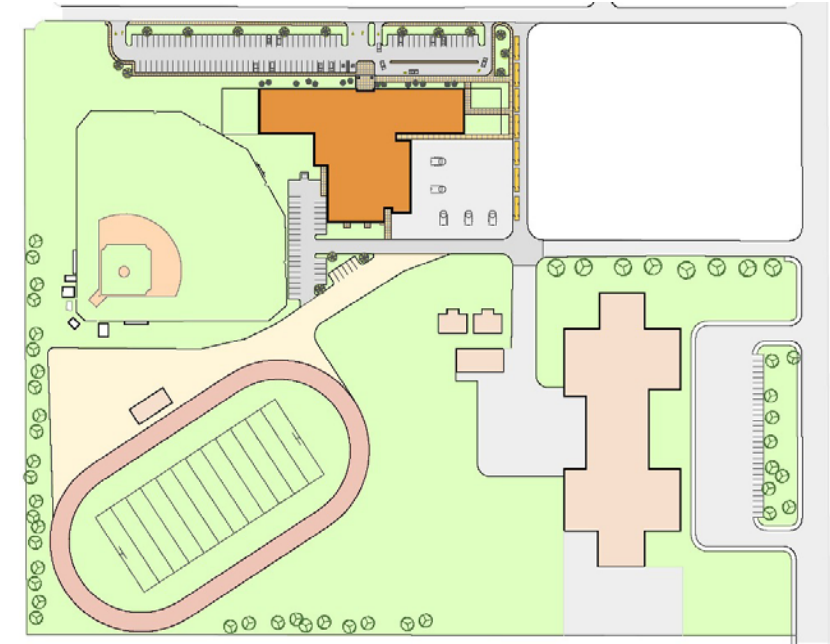
## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONT.)

**If the district did not have out of district students would we need the new facility?** The past year the school board reduced the class size for out of district students and in the spring limited the number of out of district students per building. These changes closed both the high school and middle school to out of district students and virtually closed the entire district. Many former out of district students have moved into the district and the number of out of district student this year has been reduced over 5% and is below the 2004 numbers. Although the district receives approximately \$5000 from the state for each out of district student Filer School District will continue to reduce the number of out of district students with the new growth and in the future there will be few if any out of district students.

## PROPOSED PLAN

Approval of the bond will allow for project completion no later than Fall 2009.

### SITE PLAN



### **TAX ON A PERSONAL RESIDENCE MAY BE DEDUCTIBLE ON YOUR STATE AND FEDERAL INCOME TAXES WHEN YOU ITEMIZE.**

If you are a senior citizen, disabled person or widow/widower you may file a circuit breaker property tax exemption with the County Assessor's Office, which will reduce your property tax.

#### **REMEMBER:**

- This building program is designed to provide a sound, no-frills and basic energy-efficient facility.
- The total bond issue amount proposed includes site development, all construction, fees and permits, classroom furnishings, and landscaping