

**CURRENT NEEDS & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Why include improvements at the elementary (parking) and middle school (auditorium)?**

Included in the bond is funding to improve the congestion, primarily after school, at the elementary/intermediate. Parking and traffic flow has been an issue for many years. This plan will involve both adding parking space and making changes to provide a better flow for drop off and pick up of students. It will also assure ADA access.

At the middle school the auditorium seating diminishes each year as a certain number of seats are removed to be used as parts to repair broken seats. The seats themselves need to be replaced as they are outdated. Lighting, acoustics, and other aspects such as flooring, painting, etc. will also be addressed. The end result will be the opportunity to provide quality performances experiences.

**Why add rooms to the existing intermediate school?**

When the school was built there were empty classrooms, currently there are no available rooms if an additional class were needed. The intermediate is the newest building in the district and will most likely utilized longer than any of the existing buildings. By adding more than four rooms at this time the building could accommodate another grade level if that is needed in the future as the district expands.

**WILL THE BOND INCREASE MY TAXES?**

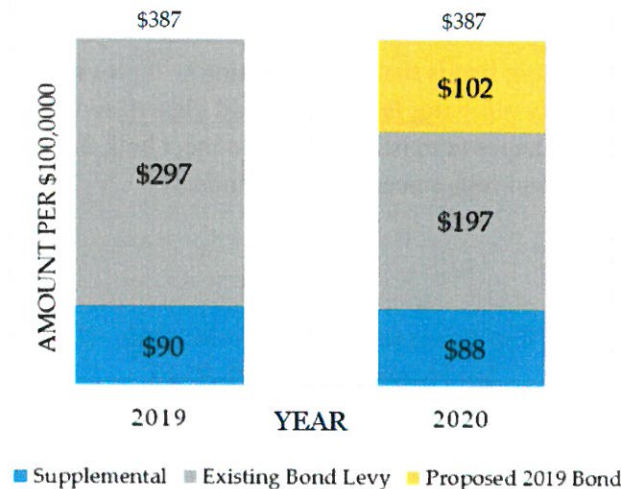
**No**, the only way property taxes would increase for individual taxpayers would be due to increased county valuations of their property.

Due to the structuring of the bond payments demonstrated on the graphs below and other reasons listed below the levy rate will not increase. If the 9.9 million bond is approved the levy rate will remain the same.

The key reason the tax levy rate will not be increased is due to the flexibility to adjust our current bond; however, other factors (listed below) contributed to our ability to maintain the current tax levy rate.

- The District refinanced its 2008 Bonds in 2017, providing savings of over \$1,035,000.
- The District paid down a portion of its 2017 Bonds in 2018 creating additional savings of \$846,000.
- The District will receive an annual subsidy payment from the State, of 18% of the principal and interest to repay the proposed 2019 bonds.
- Future tax rates assume modest market value growth of 2.5%, 2019-2024; 1.5%, 2025-: 1.0%, 2030 2031 & after.

The total cost for the current year 2019 is \$387. If the proposed bond for 9.9 million is passed the total for next year 2020 will also be \$387. This is accomplished by adjusting the structure and reducing the current bond cost to allow for the \$102 cost for the new bond.



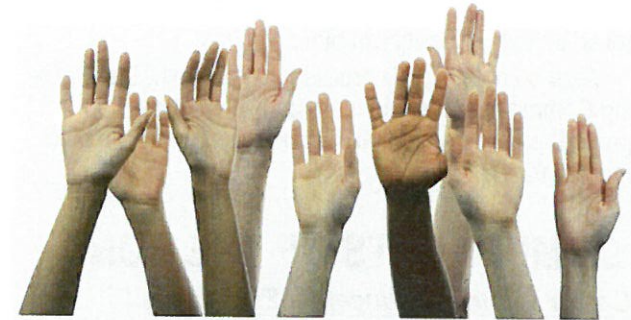
**FILER SCHOOL DISTRICT #413**

***Bond Levy***

**Renovated & Expanded**

**Ag Shop /Tech Bld.**

*Intermediate School Additional Rooms,  
Elementary School Expanded parking,  
Middle School Auditorium Improvements.*



**WHO CAN VOTE:**

All registered voters living within the Filer School District boundaries. Patrons can register at the polls if voting requirements are met:  
(1). must be a U.S. Citizen, (2) have resided in the School District for thirty (30) days prior to voting day, and (3) be at least 18 year old.

**Filer Bond Election**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

**Voting from 8:00am—8:00pm**

**At any of the following schools:**

**Filer Middle School  
Hollister Elementary**

## TO OUR PATRONS

Over a year ago the Steering Committee comprised of about forty community members led by Jim Hughes and Julie Koyle first started meeting with the architectural firm which the committee recommended and the school board hired to develop a long term facility plan.

To assure that the community was involved in the process, several community meetings were held as well as various surveys completed to examine various options and solicit what the community wanted. Over a dozen different options were examined during this more than a year time frame. In addition, multiple trips were taken to look at facilities in other districts.

After completing this process last summer, the Steering Committee recommended (and school board approved) passing a resolution to be voted on by the community, for the following:

### COMPONENTS OF THE BOND

#### Career Technical Education Expansion.

This project would renovate the existing facility and expand the current Ag Bldg. to provide more space and options for existing programs. It will also double the overall size, allowing new programs to be added in the future.

#### Filer Intermediate Expansion.

This project would add rooms to the existing building. Currently, the building has no open rooms.

#### Filer Elementary Site Improvements.

This project will primarily work to make changes to increase parking and improve the traffic flow at the school.

#### Filer Middle School Auditorium Improvements.

This project would primarily replace seats; however, it will also upgrade lighting and other functions of the auditorium

#### Future Land Acquisition.

This project would primarily look to purchase land for future expansion

### Why expand the Career Technical Building?

The various programs in our career technical building have to share space, limiting the classes they can offer.

When we hired a **second Ag/Science teacher** we were not able to provide a classroom for the teacher. Currently the lack of storage limits space for additional equipment and the ability to reach equipment in storage during class.

The expansion will **double the size of the building** including an additional classroom and restrooms. The additional space will allow new programs to be offered in the future which is not currently possible. A grant was acquired for a Floral Program, however there is lack of space for that program so its implementation was limited.

The expansion will also **renovate the existing space** so that classes have larger labs to accommodate more students. The current labs are not able to accommodate both the current and new curriculum. Lockers will allow students to store their tools etc.

This expansion will increase STEM learning. ( Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Expansion will provide increased hands on opportunities for students to **apply their math and science** learning.

The bottom line is that this expansion will provide flexibility **allowing teachers to add classes** and make changes to existing classes to meet both the current and future needs of their students.

If you have questions please contact either  
Jim Hughes 208-731-8143  
Julie Koyle 208-280-1340

### What is Career Technical Education (CTE)

Our current Ag. Shop or Tech Building is considered by the state to be a Career Technical Building. There are various programs housed there including

Animal and Veterinary Science  
Ag. Welding/Fabrication  
Small Engine Repair  
Horticulture/Greenhouse Management  
Floriculture  
Construction  
Engineering Technology Education

The expansion of this building will increase the opportunity for students to enter a career or career pathway with the skills necessary to enter the workforce or postsecondary education after graduation from Filer High School

This resolution was presented to the school board and **approved unanimously** after they heard the reasons stated in this brochure explaining why the District is able to sell these bonds **without raising the current tax levy rate.**

#### **Contact your School Board for questions**

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Zone 4	Fred Jaynes	326-4426
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