



REPUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #309

"The Republic School District will cultivate a safe, challenging environment for achieving maximum potential and student success."

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The School Board took into consideration all factors when they made the decision to propose a bond to build a new junior/senior high school. In order to pay for the new school, we will be utilizing a combination of local taxes and state-matching funds.

The state-matching funds come from the capital budget. The capital budget is funded primarily through the fees and revenues that the state generates from its public lands. These include timber sales, grazing fees, shellfish leases, and mineral leases. Due to the large amount of public lands that Ferry County has, these state-matching funds are large, but are generally used in other parts of the state. If the bond is passed, these tax dollars, many of which are generated locally, will be used here in Ferry County; taxpayers who reside in the Republic School District would receive the benefit of these state-matching funds.

In order to access state-matching funds, not only does the school being built need to qualify for the match, the state also requires that the District spend a minimum amount of the money on construction. While this may seem wasteful, the state does this to ensure that the projects that taxpayers are investing in are built to certain standards. Our proposal is to design a safe entrance to the school, modernize the shop, and build a new auditorium, oversized gym, and modern classrooms with all new HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems.

The total cost of the new school will be \$14,583,000. The cost to local taxpayers will be \$6,900,000. The state match will be \$7,683,000.

We value your input and invite you to attend our final Informational Bond Meeting which is scheduled for October 25th at 6:30 PM in the Multipurpose Room.