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This year the school district is asking patrons to renew the existing plant facility levy that was first approved back in 1985. This levy has been at the \$400,000 per year, for a five year period, since 2006. The school district is asking to renew this levy with a 5% increase or \$20,000 per year, to cover the increasing cost of construction and school projects.

Why are we asking the community to renew this levy? The state of Idaho does not fund school facilities, (except for Lottery funds), so the local community bears that responsibility through bonds and levies. Bonds are used for large projects and new school construction, while a levy is used for smaller projects and ongoing maintenance needs.

Some of the recently completed school projects paid from the plant facility levy include:

Paving the 5th East road and pathway between the middle school and high school

Expanding the front parking lot of the high school

Upgrading the heating systems from coal to propane at Rendezvous, Tetonia & Victor schools

Purchasing a new school bus each year (the state depreciation funding would provide one new bus every 2-3 years)

Adding a modular classroom to Rendezvous, and remodeling space at Driggs elementary to create more learning areas

Future projects needed from plant facility funds include:

Roof repair at Driggs, Tetonia, Victor Elementary schools and Teton High School

Paving the bus areas at Driggs and Rendezvous schools



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Upgrading the heating systems at Driggs Elementary and Teton High School

Installing fuel-storage tanks at the bus shop

Upgrading the technology infrastructure and devices in all schools

Purchasing new school buses

Without this critical source of funding many school projects would be further delayed or not completed until a bond was passed. A more detailed list of school projects can be found on our website, under District, Financial Reports, Levy's & Bonds, 2016 Plant facility documents.

We are grateful for the support the community provides to your public schools. This is evident in the funding that goes towards projects, buses, classroom space, repairing and upgrading facilities and systems that benefit students and teachers. The community often uses the school facilities for sports, events, practices, games and activities throughout the year. The facilities are being maintained and updated through the funds from the plant facility levy.

Please get out and vote, the last day is May 17, 2016

If you have any questions please call, email or stop by the school district office:

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