



MONTROSE R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT



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It is an undeniable fact that our school district patrons has been an integral part of helping guide and teach our students. When the school has called upon the community for help, whether it be a renovation of some aspect or raising funds to support the sick or injured, you have been there as a foundational support for our school.

It is at this time that the school must ask for your help again. We have a failing roof. We have windows that not only leak air, but also gaps and cracks that have warped over time allowing exposure to the outside elements. We have a boiler system that is nearing the end of its productivity. There is a need for updating poor lighting throughout every classroom. Lastly, the school district is lacking in our efforts to provide a safe and secure building for our students, your children, even your grandchildren.

We are looking to increase the tax levy by \$0.80/ \$100 on the August 5th, 2014 ballot. This may appear to be a lot, but the overall increase to your bill, at the end of the year, will only reflect approximately 1% of your real and personal property tax value. For example, if we look at your house which is assessed at \$100,000, you would be looking at approximately \$100 more per year. If you attend the meeting at 6:30 pm on Wednesday May 21st 2014, in the Montrose R-XIV gymnasium, the bond committee will be able to share, very closely, to what you will pay in total.

The school board, administrators, and faculty would not be asking for any bond to pass if it were not the last available option. We understand and value the work that goes in to bring a paycheck home to your family. However, we simply cannot afford to do this on our own. The money the school district has, needs to be allocated to pay reoccurring bills, textbooks, supplemental learning materials, and keeping up to date with daily needs. With the passing of the proposed bond, you are ensuring that our students and faculty will be able to receive and have access to the resources that will keep our students college and career-ready for the 21st century.

We are calling upon, you, the Montrose R-XIV patrons to be here once again for our students, teachers, and school. Your pride and support will ensure that our school is safe, secure, and filled with academic progress for the future and to keep our Bluejay tradition alive! A vote of YES on August 5, 2014 will help ensure new, energy efficient, windows, new roof, heating and cooling throughout, and improve a safe entry point for all students, staff, and community members.

If you have any further questions about the bond or want to see, first-hand, the conditions of our school, please call the school to set up an appointment.

OUR NEXT STEP IS WITH YOU...

Thanks,

Ryan Middleton