

SILVER FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT-WIDE FACILITY PAPER SURVEY RESPONSES

May 19, 2014

Number of surveys submitted: **170**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Not Sure	Agree	Strongly Agree
Do you think it's a good option to modify the Schlador site for Eugene Field students?	45	10	25	43	38
Do you think it's a good idea to consider a capital construction bond to obtain the bulk of funding for modifications (with support from other sources including property sales, grants, District fund revenue)?	35	22	17	45	35
Do you think a capital construction bond should also include funds for needed maintenance and upgrades to all other District schools?	52	34	19	24	26

Do you have other ideas/suggestions for future use of the Eugene Field School site?

What will citizens of Silverton need/want located at the Eugene Field site and what will they support?

Get out of Eugene Field! Make the decision.

Do whatever it takes to not increase our taxes – bonds. Put current Eugene property up for sale now. Do not move locations until property is sold.

For years we have supported Silverton schools and today believe Eugene Field should be abandoned and kids moved to a new school.

Excess school district property should be liquidated first!!!

Sell it. You will do what you want, it doesn't matter what we think, you will do what we want.

Sell the property and allow the new owners to demolish a dangerous building.

Has the sale of the old Eugene Field property been considered in order to help pay for modifications to old high school?

No bond – Sell Eugene Field. Can E.F. be sold? Can other city services be relocated there, freeing up other property to be sold?

Sell it or put admin. there??? Not a good area for students – too much traffic, bad parking for mass quantities of people, etc.

Sell it! I also like the lower Robert Frost option #3.

Sell it.

Sell it! Would the City be interested in buying it?

Sell it off. Use proceeds for schools only.

Sell it “as is”.

Sell it!

Sell it.

Sell it or tear it down. No usefulness as is.

Sell it to get money to improve other facilities.

Bulldoze Eugene Field School and make area a park.

Tear it down and build an indoor water park and a parking lot, or an indoor soccer.

Could you knock down Eugene Field and rebuild on the same spot? That might satisfy those who are sentimental about the school. I don't think the street traffic is heavy enough to worry about.

For sale!!

Sell it and be done with it! I see it improper for any school district use.

Sell it to Bi-Mart. They want to come to town.

Put Eugene Field up for sale ASAP.

Property sale.

I'm 70 years old. I attended Eugene Field kindergarten. Twenty-five years later, my daughter attended. She told me after school one day that she saw smoke coming from a light fixture in the ceiling. (Who knows why she was looking at the ceiling and not the teacher ☺). Forty years after my daughter's attendance, the building still stands but at great risk to those within it. My first thought (and a priority) is move the children to Schlador St. and tear down EF. If it's a hazard now, why would someone else want hazardous space? I have no ideas at the moment of using the vacant lot(s) this would create but what about a food cart area? Farmers Market? Something that

would benefit the whole community. Don't turn it into a shopping mall . . . or get a Bi-Mart to build . . . or possibly an antique mall (move all those downtown stores to one area). Let's just get the kids out of there for now.

If it is too expensive to repair, then it's too expensive to keep. It should be sold.

Sell it! That money can go toward maintenance and upgrades to all other District schools.

Develop and sell or lease.

Sell it! Use it for the District Office?

I think the Eugene Field School site and property should be put on the market and sold.

Sell Eugene Field. Move to Robert Frost. Use money for remodels. Schlador site should be for junior high school! Eugene Field should be sold. Use money for upgrades needed at Schlador Street. Move Robert Frost kids to Mark Twain. Move Mark Twain to Schlador Street and put Eugene Fielders at Robert Frost. Simple – No bond needed!

Sell it and any other property not being used.

Sell the property for commercial as is!!

I feel the City needs more parking and ??? Eugene Field students to Robert Frost, Robert Frost students to Mark Twain, Mark Twain students to Schlador site.

Modify or replace with a new Police Dept./City Hall. Seems like very good location don't ya think.

Have the Police Station move there and build big roomy offices where they can at least find all their paperwork. Also the Water District place.

Police Department's new home.

Courthouse, Police Station and Community Hall. The best little towns have a central courthouse with park.

SACA, Police Station, Art Association, YMCA, Silverton Together.

Police Station – perfect location. Community Center. Historical Society? Move and sell current house.

Building needs to be demolished. What about new Police Department location? City Hall?

Sell to City of Silverton for a new Police Department with adequate parking.

The City really should consider relocating their services – City Hall, Police and Fire to that site.

Charter school – preschool – community center.

I read that the city might be interested in the site (but not the building) for a police station. Deed it to them for \$1.00. Wouldn't count as "sale of district property" income, but would prevent some "double taxation" when they go for a bond to build a suitable facility on the site.

Trade the site to City for City property to retain for future school use. O.K., City might not agree.

Money would be better spent on a new school in a much better location. Perhaps City Hall and the police should move into that site.

Keep Park Street wing of school facing Nordic Hotel. Use/upgrade for use. Tear down rest and use land for Police Station and small town park.

It would be a wonderful central city park. Parking in the fenced field side across small road.

It should be sold as if it is such a hazard. The district does not need the liability.

Regarding Schlador site for Eugene Field School students – Need more information here. Sell it to City of Silverton for a new site for Police Dept. and City Hall. Or sell it to investment group and use this revenue to go to school funding.

Community Center; private sale for shops?

Tear it all down. Free parking for downtown. Field used as an off leash dog park. It's already being used that way.

Offer for antiques mall. They are very popular to many people and this building could hold many – one stop shopping. Or sell property.

Enlarge community arts center with rental space available for exercise/dance/theatre groups. Thank you for asking! ☺

A new community center right in the middle of town.

Community center, private sale for shops?

The old armory is too small for SACA now – move SACA? The community celebrations could be held at Eugene Field campus. Christmas time was very crowded upstairs at the Armory. Keep the playground for community use.

Modify Schlador site for Eugene Field School students only if the main structure (center), which is unsafe, is not used and replaced! For Eugene Field site, a community center or a shopping area. The police need a new place and this is centrally located.

Remove the school and put a lovely park in the entire block! Lots of flowers and small trees. Benches, a fountain, a few picnic tables. A memorial stating when Eugene Field was built and mentioning all the teachers who taught there through the years. Could have parking across the street to the north.

A city park with tennis courts, a tennis wall, four square, wall ball, running track circling location, bathrooms for park goers, basketball courts, soccer field. A sports park! Also public water fountains so people can get a drink of water. Have city park staff teach lessons in different sports to make revenue to offset cost.

Doesn't make sense to move emergency service into another location that is still in the floodplain (the reservoir). Community center would be fantastic.

Prime real estate – sell to commercial developer. 1) One time infusion of cash for Schlador site. 2) New owner will pay property taxes. 3) Jobs during and after development.

Downtown parking – maybe small stores with it.

It seems like we really need downtown parking. How about using the E.F. site for parking? Spaces could be rented out monthly thereby freeing up curb space.

City may want site for future use – police, etc., or just outright sell it to investors.

Make it into a park and keep part of façade and roof as pavilion with tables, etc.

Unless you do as first promised. Commercial use is highest and best use. Sell it!! Hopefully it will become an establishment such as what McMenamins does with old schools.

Bed and breakfast, McMenamins, antique/vendor site/stores.

It's a nice looking building. Keep the outside basically the same. Could it be sold and developed as a market or food establishment. Also it could be developed for an art use – something to draw tourists to town. Maybe a form of bed and breakfast – like a McMenamins.

Make it McMenamins.

Given the site's location near busy streets, the highest and best use is likely commercial. If the City will approve a zone change to commercial, explore selling the property. Use the proceeds to pay back remodel costs of Schlador site.

Doubt bond would pass. Would it make more sense to move Mark Twain students to Schlador Street and Eugene Field students to Mark Twain? Why can't the 2nd floor of Schlador St. be used? The Eugene Field building should be sold – hopefully without the expense of having to tear the bldg. down. Be hard for us to vote for a bond. As it is, assessment taxes completely drain our bank acct. each fall.

Definitely agree that Eugene Field needs to close. Not sure about Schlador site, but would support that option with my vote.

If we are going to spend money – we should expand RF so students don't need to change schools.

Even though remodeling is costly (and as long as it meets all safety 2014 codes) then utilize existing property (Schlador).

I favor saving E.F. School because of its historical value. There are many possible uses for the building. The district could sell it to a party willing to fix it up for their purpose yet retain its historical value.

To tear down all of Eugene Field and get rid of it all would be a big mistake. That is historic and part of Silverton. Without a portion remaining you lose memory/history of Silverton.

Build a new school to meet the community needs for population and technology.

Eugene Field to Robert Frost / Robert Frost to Mark Twain / Mark Twain to Schlador Campus.

Eugene Field to Robert Frost, Robert Frost to Mark Twain, Mark Twain to Schlador. Maybe too simplistic, but would make sense in the long run.

Robert Frost better? Let RF kids move to Mark Twain and Mark Twain kids go to Schlador – size appropriate.

Move Eugene Field kids to Robert Frost; Robert Frost to Mark Twain; Mark Twain to revamped/improved Schlador.

I thought Schlador site was to be a junior high? Why not finish the school there? Or put 7th and 8th grades in old high school, 4, 5, 6 at Mark Twain, K-3 at Robert Frost and use Eugene Field as district headquarters. Or sell to City for new City Hall!

Schlador needs to be refitted for junior high and then Robert Frost and Mark Twain as elementary. There is plenty of land surrounding Robert Frost.

Why not put the older kids at Schlador and move E.F. kids to Mark Twain or Robert Frost? I think Schlador would be better utilized as an intermediate or junior high.

Wouldn't Schlador be better as a junior high?

The old high school would not make a good K-3 school. (Lots of reasons.)

It would be nice if a bond included funds for needed maintenance and upgrades to all other District schools, but it would fail whole project. Remodel Schlador for 6th, 7th and 8th. Mark Twain – 3rd, 4th and 5th. Robert Frost – K, 1st and 2nd. Eugene Field is a historic icon of Silverton. City of Silverton should purchase on contract with school district.

The use and need for the high school students to use the same locations, locker rooms and athletic fields is a big concern.

Until a good sales offer comes along, use as district office and charter school location.

It is sad that for the past 20 years, the school board has wanted to tear down Eugene Field. It has shown through lack of maintenance.

Maintenance should be a part of operating budget!

To add two maintenance staff. One Maintenance I staff to help maintenance employee and HVAC electrician.

If you cannot upgrade it for school use knowing the cost, then how can you justify using it for other facilities in order to recoup the money to help pay off bond?

Interesting that Schlador site is good enough for Montessori and District Office but couldn't use?? I feel that schools should have been maintained all along. Where is the good stewardship of our money? We all need to work within the budget we have.

Keep the school there? How can you possibly think that after we are on the hook for a \$60 million and new high school to save our students from the dangerous Schlador St. campus we would spend more to move students back in?

Economize and tighten up, condense so programs and repairs will fit into budget and the current building will work just fine. Facilities do not need to be the newest and best to teach well. Children do not require this. Adults get greedy.

It's time Silverton became responsible with \$. The HS was a joke. I know I cannot afford higher taxes – taxes, water sewer rates are insane! I'm a disabled senior that is considering moving as I can't afford any more. Money here is NOT spent wisely.

In regard to option to modify Schlador site for Eugene Field School students, it's O.K. to do it, but economy is never in the picture. Be responsible for our taxes!! In regard to consider a capital construction bond to obtain the bulk of funding for modification, if you can cut the bond in half of what it was. I was in construction my whole career. Things I see being done by schools that have nothing to do with education anger me.

I know it is a mess but I think the people are being taxed to death!! That is the main objection and there doesn't have to be the very best in each school. Wise use of the middle classes' money is also an issue!!! Kids need good schools but not palaces.

Remodel per Pfeifer proposal, raise thru salary freeze, streamlining, reduce costs, etc. FIRST.

Fix it! Why wasn't it taken care of over the years? Where did the money go? Who benefits from a future sale of the property? Fix it!

Fix the Eugene Field School and use it. Use the existing site. Just fix it with funds you already have.

Fix immediate problems for now. Fiscally we are not ready for more debt.

Not sure. Don't want it torn down. Seems like it could be remodeled and used for a couple of grades as Silverton is growing and will need more school space. My writing doesn't look like it, but I went to school there.

A new school. I don't see a problem with present location. Speed is low and most people are careful.

Yes, it should continue to serve as an elementary school for another 20 years.

Why is it unsafe? Grants are available for earthquake and safety upgrades. Voters already turned this down.

Remodel Eugene Field building. Good central location!

Yes, reconstruct it – rebuild it. It’s a great place for small children to walk to library, gardens, city hall, etc. Children can easily access it to downtown.

Eugene Field School should be renovated and preserved for K-3 students.

Eugene Field School downtown is wonderful!!! I feel strongly that the in-town location of Eugene Field School is a real plus and has a very possible future just as it is an elementary school, upgrade and remodel as needed but keep open.

Best location for a school. Students can walk.

Think Eugene Field should be brought up to standard. A new school will not improve education.

Make it a safe site for kids by having its entrance on the other side of the building – away from the street.

Keep it as an elementary school K-3. Just upgrade it, revamp it, tear it down and put up a newer building in its place, but for heaven’s sake, don’t let it go.

Schlador site would be a good place to transfer students to while remodeling Eugene Field. Buy the empty lot adjoining the school. Use it for physical education and recess along with the lot already in use. Utilize the play area for additional classrooms. Get rid of “Bible School” trailer and Bible School. The road used for buses should be closed to all traffic other than buses. It then could provide safe access to adjoining play area.

I suggest doing what the rest of us have to do when things are tough – make it work!

I do not want any more taxes!

What % of Silverton High grads obtain a four-year college degree? The answer would be alarming. What is needed is a trade school.

You have, and had, plenty of buildings in the district. Did a terrible and are doing a terrible job of being stewards of the taxpayers’ money. You closed and sold Monitor School. Scotts Mills is way under its capacity. Your goal (the administration) has always been to build a giant school in town and bus kids in, rather than bus them out. The interest on the \$40 or \$50 million would more than pay for the bussing and maintenance. Administration gets a F; school board a D-.

Other comments.

I personally know some of you on the school board. Have business – you’ve done planning on how to keep your business running successfully. If the schools were your business, by the way you are planning and condemning them, you would go broke. The reason you were elected to the school board is because the people thought you were business minded. What was the change in your thoughts of business?

Use more practical ideas.

You know the Eugene Field facility has been deemed structurally unsound, yet we continue to allow kids to use it daily. Last year my son was in the modulars and was NEVER sick. He missed 1 day all year. This year is entirely different. I can't pinpoint it 100%, but I find it coincidental how many respiratory problems he's had this year and he is inside. At what point do you do what is best for the kids and staff? No building/structure is ever meant to last an eternity. Is the Schlador building safe and sound or will it just end up being another incurred expense in short time? Regarding a capital construction bond – possibly, but it needs to be very thoughtful, the people have continued to be “hit”. Regarding a bond to include maintenance/upgrades for all other District schools – Not 100% on this. You have other district schools that continue to only serve a small population. Is that really cost effective?

Eugene Field must be replaced – probably with a brand new facility if Schlador St. doesn't work – at Robert Frost site?

Eugene Field to Robert Frost / Robert Frost to Mark Twain / Mark Twain to Schlador Campus. Eugene Field is “not” safe on updated.

Modify Schlador site for Mark Twain School students. Block off 2 story portion. Bring over mobiles from Eugene Field so you can house 6th – 8th graders. Better gym for middle school sports. Size workable as is for older students but not early elementary students – less remodel needed. Mark Twain students should be moved to old high (6th – 8th) school. Robert Frost students should be moved to Mark Twain (4th – 5th grade). Eugene Field student should go to Robert Frost because it is already size appropriate for the younger age. Robert Frost also has the safest access for younger students (K-3).

What happened to moving Mark Twain students to old high school; Robert Frost students to Mark Twain, and Eugene Field students to Robert Frost? Logistics?

Why not use Schlador Street for Mark Twain kids. They could make better use of the current fields, etc. If the other kids moved up they would also have doable exercise areas.

How about dividing the Robert Frost kids between Robert Frost and Mark Twain? Move the Mark Twain kids to the Schlador campus which would be upgraded to meet their needs as physically larger kids, unlike K-3.

Move 6th, 7th and 8th grades to Schlador site. Add 3rd to 4th and 5th grades at Robert Frost. Use Mark Twain for K thru 2.

Is building at the Robert Frost site an option? As a parent I would love having those grades close together. And, congestion would not be such a big issue as it would be at Schlador St. To build there, Schlador St. would need to be punched through to 214.

I think a bond is a good idea to build a new school and incorporate existing old high school gym in that plan. Build a new K-4 school! Use property at Schlador Street, gym and keep some playing fields. Tear down rest of “old” high school.

Isn't funds for needed maintenance and upgrades to our schools already part of budget? I would move the junior high to the Schlador site and Robert Frost to the

Mark Twain site, putting the primary at Robert Frost. This plan would much better meet needs of the different age groups.

I feel the Schlador site is more suitable for junior high students. One issue at a time! People nearing retirement, my husband and I included, cannot afford a huge bond measure. I believe that is why the last one failed.

I agree that modifying the Schlador site is a good idea. I will work to support a new school there. Using the existing Schlador St. building is NOT a good idea. Give the kids and staff what they need and deserve – a new building. Our community supported our kids with a new high school. We got a good deal there! Now we need to step up to support our early learners. Hanging on to the EF relic for sentimental reasons is not only short-sighted, it is dangerous. We can do better for our kids!

Also get rid of all other real estate the District owns. Use this money for cleaning up Schlador St. classrooms for 6th and 7th graders. My last count there's approximately 15 classrooms on ground floor that can be used. Lose the private school on James Street. Move the football room out to the old Ag. Room. This school still has potential with a little TLC.

If/when the present E.F. building must be vacated, sell it and the property to provide money for a sensible, economical other site plan. Please use brains instead of more tax, more spending demands!!

You lied to us saying the school was so bad couldn't fix, had to build a new High School. Why now is it O.K. to modify? No more lies. You have made us not to trust you. All along it was get rid of Eugene Field one way or another. Once a new High School we can finally get rid of E.F. Have you quit your lies – How do we know?

The school district lies consciously. Neglected Eugene Field School for too long – to force a closure of that school. We oppose closure.

Do not mislead the people as you did the cost and bond usage – regarding the high school! In regard to consider all available district property to move Eugene Field School based on economy, safety and community input – Schlador site may be the best location for replacement – Yes, a no brainer. No, to a bond election. In collaborating with Community Roots Charter School and developing an Action Plan for future use of Eugene Field School Site – Good. Thank you “committee” for your time and efforts on this important issue!

Sale of surplus property to pay for modifications of Schlador site. No to a bond!! Grants and General Fund. I paid \$2,595.00 in taxes and bonds!! No more.

Your current bond levy for the high school is already a financial burden for property owners. Now is NOT the time to add additional bond demands.

What part of “No” don't you understand? Taxpayers are maxed out and can't afford more school spending.

We just said no to the bond. It's time to listen to the community instead of pushing your agenda.

I will not vote for an increase in property tax. It barely went down this last year. Not nearly a decrease as stated in mailings last time. What has happened to the Monitor School? It sits empty!!

My main gripe is how everything was handled in the past. The Pine Street school should never been built. They could have bought the property back of the high school and given them a good price and been much cheaper! They could have added on at the old high school. They also had the H.S. kids convinced that the gym was not safe. Now they want to put grade school children there.

The last \$50 million bond fund was used to build a school that was totally unnecessary. Its design and construction was far beyond the needs of a small middle class community.

If the Schlador campus was unsuitable to update for continued use as a high school, what makes it suitable to update as an elementary facility? Don't think it is fiscally wise to combine the \$\$ needed for maintenance and upgrades of other district schools with construction \$\$ for a bond as those should be paid with shorter term financing to save interest.

I realize the task force was diverse; yet it was still only 14 people. I don't think you have accurately represented the public in your incessant "out with the old because it's old" rhetoric. I do not believe it should be a foregone conclusion that we will give you money to close Eugene Field.

Is our feedback important to you? If this is true, let's see everything more out in the open – validated facts and figures on the possibilities. As a teacher (for 40 years) I've always been frustrated by trying to get a truly clear picture from a school board. I volunteer at EF and I feel it absolutely necessary to get people OUT of there. The space – the ventilation – the plumbing – yuk! If Schlador is appropriate for grades 1-3, why did the high school leave? I feel you should put out a bond and build the appropriate K-3 school on property you already own. There must be some other use for Schlador w/o huge renovation.

Schlador Street site wasn't built for Eugene Field age students. In regard to a capital construction bond to include funds for needed maintenance and upgrades to all schools – Only if we are given \$ breakdowns on each item and no generalities.

The school board should drive by Salem Heights School in south Salem. The school looks better "now" than when I attended it in the 60's, "AND" it is over "100" years old! By the way, it is on a very busy road.

Do a simple remodel on old high school. Do not take it down.

If the old high school wasn't safe for H.S. students, why is it now safe for younger students?

This is not the time to ask for families to fork out more money in taxes. The economy puts all of us in the tight-wad mode. So we are definitely against excess spending.

There are enough existing school buildings and sites already. Absolutely nothing to increase taxes.

If you would be faced with upgrades on either Schlador or Eugene Field, what have you proved? I can't see where you have curtailed costs. Why don't you take the costs of upgrades and build a new school. It will cost all of money one way or the other!!!

I think you're doing the right thing making this a single issue vote on Eugene Field only.

I think it would be better if the bond included maintenance for other schools; however, the larger bond amount may prevent passage by voters. In this event we are right back where we started and still dealing with Eugene Field. For me, the most important issue is to get the children out of Eugene Field as soon as possible.

How many years until the same issues come up if we use the old high school? Will the multi-story areas be used at all?

One of the most difficult pieces of growing up for all children is to deal with transitions – some more than others, but a challenge for all K-12 students. Our district in-town system involves 4 transitions when it should be 3 at the most. I think that the board should find a way for children to successfully stay within one building for at least K-5 / 6-8 / 9-12. Truly I believe this could improve the number of students who successfully complete all levels of education and should be a priority for our district. When something is broken and then repaired (for years) inadequately, the solution usually involves rebreaking and resetting so a healthy outcome is achieved. Quite putting a Band-Aid on a broken leg!

Overall pleased with school district. Remodeling old high school not a good idea for K-3. Possibly O.K. for 7-8 grades. Build new school for K-3. Forget about using Eugene Field School. It is beyond use or repair.

If the Schlador site is used, traffic will be a big issue. Putting a road (extend Schlador Street) through to 214 may be necessary.

I believe you need to have the outlying schools' deferred maintenance be a part of any plans you ask for.

Knowing the age and lack of stability of that building has for habitation, I believe it should be demolished. In the event of a severe earthquake, it would crumble and injure or kill anyone in the building.

Education is important but should be tempered by reality. How many on the Task Force were over 70, retired and on social security. We're trying to make ends meet.

Color printing is wasteful. Buy own newspaper. Could have provided envelope instead, pros have plenty in stock!! Built new high school on wetlands, which are sinking again. Paid 30% more for black chain link fence vs. regular chain link. Poor decisions cost \$. I can't afford anymore!! We were told can't remodel old high school; why we "had" to have new high school. I cannot afford to pay for anything else. I am tapped out. City's mismanagements led to doubling of my water/sewer bill; plus add'l. park, street, etc. "tax" each month. I am on fixed income, doesn't keep up with raising costs of everything. I, family, friends will vote NO.

Seems that we have too many district facilities? Consolidate so that more of the budget goes to actual teaching / positive student outcomes.

Sell other properties and get grants to redo Eugene Field. Schlador campus needs just as much remodeling!

Try asking our community for donations of time and materials to accomplish as much of the Schlador building preparation as possible. Our community has many experts from building construction to computer networking. I can see this story on the 5:00 news leading to more support.

I like that drivers have to slow down as they enter Silverton's core. I like that the children's presence gives us a sense of community. I like the look of the building. With some care it could be brought back.

The positive benefits of 1) Seeing children taking healthful, daily walks "field trips" to library, city hall, park, community center, etc. is very unique. Most towns have their schools located outside of historic district. 2) Young students should not be exposed to new style, sober institutional looking buildings. 3) Single story layout very safe in event of fire, earthquake, access by public, emergency services. 4) Task force is unduly biased by unsubstantiated "concerns" and perceived needs.

Rent space from the Post Office for teacher parking in rear lot. They wrong headedly kept for postal vehicles while providing dinky bottleneck parking for patrons. They even had to redo it twice to provide a turn lane onto Water Street. Nice planning dufus . . . which only further put the squeeze on the already too tight parking and mail drop off area. Or buy property from old photography business and use for parking.

If you remodel Schlador for Eugene Field, the remodel should look nice. It should be "new" in its look.

If the Schlador St. site was not good enough for the high school, then it's not good enough for elementary school.

When the bond for Silverton HS passed, my taxes doubled in one year. That same year, I also paid on Molalla HS bond, which has since dropped off (matured). I realize a new school is needed, but I'm not in favor of higher tax.

Who is going to guarantee support from other sources happens? Where is the playground for the kids at the Schlador facility?

You know – I travel a lot and America seems to be the only place in the world that preserving our heritage isn't important. Money doesn't grow on trees. I won't vote for ANY bond measure unless – and I don't trust you – it involves upgrading plumbing and wiring, etc. and leaving the integrity of the structure alone.

Just don't go overboard on up our taxes. It seems you want to do more than necessary at one time. Spread it out.

How about Robert Frost property / behind it? Any option there? Would be nice to have all grade school students together.

I am strongly against money to change street to 2-way. We have such a limited amount of \$ for water, sewers, street repair and schools. Our high taxes apparently discourage businesses coming here. Please – no money to change to 2-way.

How many times do the taxpayers have to tell you no. No doesn't mean no it means let's try another angle.

NO more taxes!!!

Schlador site for Eugene Field students – Why is this the only option? Why not add K-3 to Robert Frost? Wasn't that the intention when it was built? Move 7 and 8 to modified Schlador St. Sell Mark Twain. Great housing area.

We need more information as to what some of these options will cost.

Do a cost study of modifying Schlador versus building new (possibly at Robert Frost). Compare construction costs with Salem schools! It seems our costs are way too high.

You should have learned your lesson last year with the vague “we'll figure it out as we go” bond measure. Keep it targeted. Eugene Field solution only! Forget the nebulous “extras” (Question #3 above)!!

Stop plaguing us with your extravagant bond issues. Spend just 4 or 5 million and bring the school up to code.

The handpicked “committee” by superintendent and same recommendations voters turned down and weekly marketing and publicity spin are transparent and offensive. The committee has very low credibility! Your letter was dated February 10, mailed then received April 5 with announced discussion of committee input set for April 7. This is outrageous and disingenuous – sleazy attempts to stack the deck.

When creating a bond amount be frugal – public trust is paramount – i.e., Do not budget for “state of the art – top of the line” items such as the beyond ridiculously expensive Home Ec. Ovens or faculty lounge rooms of Silverton High School.

Too much extravagance is used when new schools are built – i.e., the new high school is a good example. Hidden back off too far. Lots of waste of space outside and inside. Schools are for learning. Not someone's ideas of fancy buildings.

I am a retired school nurse – pre-school thru 12th grade. I strongly feel that every school district should have pre-school and all-day kindergarten thru 12th grade and adult ed. Offering vocational training and ESL.

Modify the Schlador site for Mark Twain students. Do what you originally said at the first bond: 1) Close Eugene Field. 2) Move EF students to Robert Frost. 3) Move RF students to Mark Twain. 4) Move MT students to old H.S. 5) Close Evergreen. 6) Sell both EF and Evergreen! Stop listening to yourselves and start listening to the public.

All other schools budget every year for maintenance. That should be in each budget every year – not an additional fund. We are retired and the additional taxes will be a bug burden to us. Seniors over 65 years old should be exempt on school taxes like some other states have. These families with big cars, houses have too much money and just want more!! Children don't need fancy schools for education – only parents think so!!

Include what upgrades/maintenance and which schools – spell it out! Including other schools with updates/maintenance is a good idea to get more involved in voting for support – but – spell it out – which schools and list what upgrades.

I saw a school building in Minnesota, a school building much like E.F. School, that was converted into a post office, a grocery store (the gym) and apartments . . . near Fosston, MN.

People are having trouble with their own bills! Not a good time to ask for more. Maintenance should be kept up at all schools.

A duct tape approach like a Schlador site renovation is short sighted. We should build a NEW school; looking to meet our students' needs 20-30 years down the road. Less expensive to bite the bullet and do it right the first time rather than kicking the can down the road.

Decision about location of elementary students should take account of long-term needs of Mark Twain students as well. Understand that these efforts this time around are more focused, but let's keep big picture / other needs in mind.

Even if a capital construction bond is needed, it may be a tough sell after recent hikes in utilities, park fees, etc. Although it is not directly relevant to S.F.S.D., taxpayers are angry about millions wasted on Cover Oregon and CRC. Tough year to pass anything.

No mention of costs which adding another school bond to taxes is not feasible. Just adding another burden upon taxpayers. Especially for people on a limited income. No thank you!

We all want possible costs first to all of these proposals before considering options.

My main concern is if a bond is put in place how can we make sure the money is spent wisely and the plan stays the same. When the new high school was built, the taxpayers were duped and lied to! It was very frustrating.

I would not vote for any bond measure because your bonds are famous for hidden agendas. Feel sorry for the kids!!

I heard there was property donated to the schools somewhere on East hill? I've heard that people were having allergy problems. Volunteering – I have lots of allergies and volunteered there 4 years with not any more problems than I normally have. Why carpet? It collects lots of dust. Things should have been considered 40 years ago. Why the waste of putting new on old of the Silverton Union High School? What an unnecessary waste. They should have built (where) when they tear down the old high school across from the Eugene Field School playground. Also there's the land that was sold to the Senior Center. Eugene used to be 1st through 6th grade.

I feel it is difficult for voters living outside city area to vote for a bond which does not affect their children who go to other Silver Falls elementary schools. Giving a portion to these schools could help sway their decision.

9-12 was moved from Schlador to the new campus because of the unsafe and failing structure and now you want to move K-3 from one bad place to another? Really?

Where's the sense? You have plenty of space to build a bigger, better school on the current Eugene site. So the playground will be a bit smaller – whoop-de-do!

In my opinion there should be a Bond Election in November 2014, covering only the following: 1. Demolition of 2 and 3 story portions of Schlador St. school building. The old wood shop and bus storage building and the old greenhouse facility. Keeping the grounds maintenance building intact because it's so centrally located to all of the school properties in town. 2. Tie existing single story portions of old buildings together with a single story classroom/offices and food service building. Continue use of outside walkways for old sections providing inside walkways only for new section. 3. Use this facility for 7th and 8th graders. 4. Removal of parking next to track only keeping parking next to Gym, tennis courts and District offices for sporting events. 5. Make very minor changes to Robert Frost buildings and use for K thru 3rd grades. 6. Move 4th, 5th, 6th graders to old Mark Twain campus doing moderate remodeling, playground and bus loading modifications. 7. When putting out for bond, spell out each and every item and cost and do not gild the lily. 8. Last and most important. Put Eugene Field and Steelhammer properties on the market as soon as the bond is approved and be willing to sell the small playfield across the street at Eugene Field separately. Use the sale proceeds from any and all sales from any and all properties for district wide maintenance and improvements. Don't use general funds for anything other than regular operating expenses. 9. Put nothing else in the bond request information other than what is spelled out in 1 and 6.

Keep the focus on Eugene Field. Limit the bond \$ request to the Eugene Field School closure and relocation and I think it will have a higher likelihood of passing, even though other sites obviously need attention/repairs.

My son went to Eugene Field and on to college because he was prepared. Today I have my doubts if this generation is getting the best education.

I was a student at the original Pine Street high school. It was cheaply and poorly constructed. If the school district is going to save money in the long run, it needs to build and maintain with quality and timeliness.

We need a bigger YMCA. There's not enough stuff in this town for kids to do. No more peanut free schools.

Modular buildings would be a good (temporary) fix for students, instead of waiting to close the school in 2016-2017!

The Task Force has done a great job. Let's do this. Should have been done years ago.

Thanks for sending this out and caring.

Thank you for sending out all the information and this opportunity give feedback.

Good luck!

I have no problem increasing taxes over a period of time to improve and provide a structure safe for our children to learn and thrive in! Why is it so difficult for city council members to understand the lives of our teachers, students, children are at RISK! Are they waiting for a mass causality event to occur. This school should have closed years ago!