

School District forum includes public hearing on proposed \$31 million bond

On Wednesday, April 30, the Grand County School District will hold the fourth in a series of monthly forums addressing the physical condition and needs of our community's school buildings. This month's forum will be held at the Grand County Middle School's Band Room, 439 South 100 East. The evening begins with a public hearing at 6 p.m. to discuss the upcoming school bond election on June 24, and its effects on the private sector. The hearing is an opportunity for the public to voice opinions about the bond election.

If approved, the \$31 million bond would be used to construct an elementary school and high school/adult education vocational school, and provide additional repair funds for existing schools. Tours of the middle school and the adjacent high school

vocational center will be conducted at 6 p.m. and again at 6:30.

The April 30 forum presentation begins at 7 p.m. and will focus on high school vocational education, adult education and partnerships.

In 2007, a Facilities Assessment of all school district buildings was completed by MHTN Architects of Salt Lake City. This assessment led to a comprehensive planning effort by the District to address problems documented in the assessment. Monthly public forums have been held to inform the public of the problems, the master planning process and possible solutions. A January forum presented the findings from the assessment.

A February forum, held at Helen M. Knight Intermediate School, presented conceptual plans for a new

kindergarten through sixth-grade elementary school and the new vocational center, and featured tours of HMK. The March forum, held at Red Rock Elementary, presented information about school bonds and the tax impact on county residents, as well as the positive educational opportunities these changes would bring to our community. The school district has also developed a website at www.grandschools.org/masterplan to inform the public of the planning process.

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