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Staff and Patrons,

The Westville School Board of Education voted on January 27th, 2020 to call for a bond election in the amount of \$7,750,000. The amount for construction is \$6,100,000. The interest is \$1,650,000. The length of the term is 13 years. The tax impact is 18.39% which is \$18.39 per \$100 taxes paid or \$183.89 per \$1000 taxes paid. The election will be Tuesday, April 7, 2020. The polls are open 7am to 7pm on Election Day. Early voting is available at the courthouse on Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3 from 8 am -6 pm. Last day to register to vote is March 13. Deadline to request absentee ballot is 5pm April 1.

The projects include a new gymnasium and classroom, new addition to shop and a classroom and barn addition in the agriculture building, and renovation of the existing elementary gym.

We need another gymnasium space because we have outgrown our existing facilities. We currently have 1145 students in Westville Public Schools. The gym is a classroom for PE, health and athletics. Our elementary students do not have access to PE every day at this current time. We have changed our schedule to divide boys and girls athletics because we currently do not have the gym and weight room space available for all students.

The remodel of the elementary gym will be for two reasons. We have outgrown our cafeteria and need to move our Pre-K, K and hopefully 1st grade to the gym for their eating time. It will then be used for PE and recess for elementary. By adding the new gym, we can move 9-12 and possibly 7th and 8th grade to the new gym, freeing up the current gym for the elementary as well.

The addition to the shop area and classroom as well as the outdoor arena will open up many opportunities for our agriculture education students. We have added

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another agriculture teacher this past year because of demand for more agriculture education classes. Agriculture is the biggest industry in Adair County and we want to give our students every opportunity to excel in that area.

The Board of Education and our administrative team do not take this request lightly. This is a big investment to make in our school.

The way these bond issues work is once we get our millage rate to a certain level, we can run future bonds with a very low or no tax increase. Communities and school districts across the state have been doing this for over 30 years. We made an initial investment 5 years ago and built a very nice building with 8 classrooms. We are a little behind and this investment will help us catch up.

I'm a proud Westville Yellowjacket, Class of 1993. I've worked here for 20 years and am in my eleventh year as Superintendent. It has been my honor to be the leader of this school district and give back to the school system that I owe everything to.

Feel free to call me with any questions. I will answer any and all questions.

Jacket Pride!

Thank you,

*Terry Heustis
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