

As Mayors we believe that the citizens of Wasatch County agree that our high school is becoming crowded and that additional growth is only going to compound that problem. We agree that we want the best education possible for our students. We agree that we want to pay our teachers appropriately for doing invaluable work.

So, is a \$150 million dollar bond the best solution? A “yes” vote tells the school board you believe it is. A “no” vote simply tells the school board you would like to see other options. Let us explain.

At a recent Interlocal Government meeting, Superintendent Sweat was asked why they didn’t add on to the current high school. For less than \$10 million Corner Canyon High School is adding on to their school which is the same building and floor plan, the same 4 grades in the school and the same student body size as Wasatch High School. Superintendent Sweat explained that the Wasatch School District has the philosophy of building more smaller schools rather than fewer large schools. There are two other school districts in the state that share this philosophy. Voting “yes” to the bond lets the school board know you agree. Voting “no” lets the school board know you believe there may be other options.

When asked why Midway Elementary is being torn down and not added to and updated, the response was that it is 44 years old, and the school board believes a new school is the better approach. Based on social media posts there are issues with the sewer, there aren’t enough classrooms and the library, kitchen and cafeteria are outdated or too small. We learned that Midway Sanitation District had not been informed that there was an issue. The sewer problem can most likely be remedied by simply putting in a bigger sewer line. Again, at the Interlocal meeting, we were told that a new kitchen would be approximately \$1 million dollars. The school board felt a new school was a better use of funds. Voting “yes” to the bond lets the school board know you agree. Voting “no” lets the school board know that you believe there may be other options.

We believe that the focus needs to be on letting the school board know how you, the taxpayers, want to deal with the growth issues our school district is facing. Your vote will do that. The Superintendent and School Board have some very difficult decisions to make. Cast your vote and let our democratic system inform these critical decisions.

Signed,

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