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**KFCS' District Newsletter**  
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**What About Me?**

We have been getting many questions recently related to what is proposed in the November 4<sup>th</sup> bond issue for schools other than KU. The answer is all schools will be improved through bond funds should there be a successful fall vote.

About \$1.8 million dollars will go for these improvements at the K-8 buildings. First, and most important, safety systems will be added to all the schools. This includes electronic entry systems. It will also include mechanical warning systems in all schools. In addition, to be addressed at all schools is the technological infrastructure in all buildings. This will allow our technology to run more effectively to support student instruction.

Other key components that will be added will be improvements to the heating, cooling, and ventilation at Mills and Roosevelt. There will be roof repairs and replacement at Conger, Pelican, Roosevelt, and Ponderosa. Roosevelt and Mills will also have asbestos removed and new flooring installed. Finally, asphalt repair will be done at Ponderosa and Pelican.

As a review, the following will happen at KU should there be a successful bond vote:

- It would extend the life of KU by 40 to 50 years
- It would replace all KU infrastructure
  - ✓ Heating, cooling, and ventilation systems
  - ✓ Plumbing
  - ✓ Technology
  - ✓ Electrical Systems
  - ✓ Lighting
  - ✓ Windows and Doors
- Remodels all internal KU spaces
- Improves KU exterior brickwork
- Right sizes the KU building
- Expands KU performing arts areas
- Creates additional KU gym space
- Seismically strengthens the whole KU facility
- Upgrades the technology infrastructure

For more information on the upcoming bond vote please check out this web link:  
<http://www.kfalls.k12.or.us/Schools/KUHS/bond/bond.asp> or call us at 541-205-6538.

Please remember to vote. Every vote is important.

**Other News:**

- KFCS' enrollment is up by 43 students this year. Much of that is at KU which is up 28 students. KU is the only one of the three large high schools in the area with an increase.
- We had good news this week when all our schools received proficient or better scores on their state report card. This means all scored between levels three and four with KU, Conger, Roosevelt, and Pelican scoring 4's and Mills and Ponderosa scoring 3's. No schools were in a "needs improvement" status.
- One cannot help but wonder how even this positive report would have been better if student attendance was better. There still are far too many students who miss 10% or more of their school days during the year. This has a great impact on their learning. It also is a reason for the high number of dropouts in our area. This year there is a district-wide focus on improving attendance. Anything you can do to help will be gladly accepted.
- Did you know: Should there be a successful bond issue on November 4<sup>th</sup>, the district will bid the high school remodel work out in six bid packages? Why is this important? The reason is this will allow more of our local construction and trades companies to have the bonding capacity to do the work. This means local jobs for our community and a boost to our local economy. Preference in all the bidding processes, should there be a positive vote, will go to local workers. The county school district has shown this is possible. We will follow their example.

Please forward this to anyone you know who might have an interest in the information.