

## **FAQs about the Naselle-Grays River School 2013 Facility Bond**

**1. How much will this actually cost me?**

That depends on how much property you own in the NGRVS taxing district and your income tax rate. For every \$100,000 of assessed value of property you own in the district, the base cost increase is expected to be \$6.08 a month. If you are in the 25% income tax bracket that cost would be only \$4.56 a month. If you are in the 35% tax bracket the cost declines to \$3.95 a month.

**2. I hear the Youth Camp might close, if it does will it then cost me a lot more because there would be fewer tax payers in our District?**

The Youth Camp has been threatened with closure for decades. Right now there is actually a plan to expand it. No one knows what the future will bring but there are good signs that it won't be closing any time soon. Further, the property tax implications if the Camp was to close are not likely to be significant. Many Camp employees do not live or own property in our tax district. Further, a large number of them don't even pay property tax in our County because they live in rentals at the camp.

**3. So why do we need a new gym?**

The best way to understand would be to spend a rainy day at the school and watch elementary school students and high school students trying to share the gym for PE classes. And then to see elementary school kids having "recess" to burn off steam at their desks in the classroom because there is no space in the gym for them. Another reason is that building a competition quality gym will give our school the opportunity to host more sports games and tournaments, providing our students with more opportunities to play games at home and our athletic program the opportunity to increase income from hosting tournaments. Lastly, it will mean that our kids will be able to have practices in their own gym, instead of places like the Youth Camp, save the cost to 'bus them' simply to have practice, and get them home earlier instead of having to stay for late practices.

**4. I hear that there is a plan to expand the fitness facility for students and make it available to the community to use?**

Yes, that is true. The details on the design of the improved fitness facility/weight room are still to be worked out, but that is the plan. The facility is already available to the community to use, its just not widely used because the facility is so limited. The current plan is to improve it so that it does provide greater opportunities for community fitness use as well as student use.

**5. If the gym space is expanded as planned, will the community be able to use the gym more?**

Yes, that is also true. The school already offers use of the gym to the community 6 nights a week and on Sunday. But it is only possible to provide community time when it is not in use by school sports practices and events. Constructing the new gym will increase the availability of gym space.

**6. What if I'm retired and on a fixed income and can't afford to pay for the bond? If you are over 61 and have a yearly income under \$35,000 you are qualified for an exemption on your property taxes and you will not pay for the bond.**