

Letter of support for the Ukiah school district

The Ukiah City council

The Ukiah city council is providing this letter of support for the Ukiah school district to help convey the need for financial support for our school. The Ukiah school was founded in 1923 and just recently had its centennial. The building itself has been maintained to the best of its ability, however most major updates were in the early 1980's. The building is in need of some critical updates and can use your support.

In 2024 the school tried for its first General obligation bond but sadly it failed. The amount of money needed to provide the necessary updates and repairs is more than our small community manages to support. With a 2.7% bond it would have been in the top 5 bonds in the state. That amount with the help of the OSIM grant was just too high for the small number of people in the town and the real economic realities they face.

The school building is an integral part of the community and surrounding area. It provides many needs in the community. It's the only building in our area that can support large groups so it is where most of our community functions are held. We hold fundraisers, summer programs, it houses the vacation bible school when in town and has held funeral and wedding ceremonies. This last summer it was the base of operations for the Tower Mountain complex fire for over a month; an unfortunate reality for all rural forest based communities.

The State of Oregon has a strong history in supporting the vitality and capacity of its rural towns. This is a project that needs that level of commitment and support.

We hope you see the importance of our building and the needed support to start the necessary repairs to continue to house and support the children and community.

The Ukiah city council thanks you for your consideration and support.



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Mayor
City of Ukiah