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School district seeks community feedback on facilities

Baker School District is seeking feedback from the community about ongoing facility questions in light of the recently defeated school bond measure.

“The loss in the Nov. 6 election was disappointing”, said Superintendent Mark Witty, “but it didn’t eliminate the problems that the bond would have addressed. The School Board wants to hear from patrons as to why the bond failed and solicit input regarding potential next steps in addressing facility issues.”

In January, a short, anonymous survey will be posted on the district website to elicit patron feedback. A link to the survey will also be posted on the BSD Facebook page. In addition, district leaders will meet with representatives of various groups, including the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee, to gather feedback about the bond measure, including suggestions on how to address overcrowding at the elementary and middle schools.

“The board remains committed to finding long term solutions that our community can support,” said Witty.

About Baker School District 5J

Nationally recognized Baker School District 5J (BSD) in Baker City, OR, is the largest of three rural school districts in Baker County, serving 1,700 students and employing over 235 educators and staff. District elementary schools include Brooklyn Primary School, Haines Elementary, Keating Elementary School, and South Baker Intermediate. Baker Middle School
and two high schools, Baker High School and Eagle Cap Innovative High School, are also part of BSD. Additionally, BSD sponsors two charter schools, Baker Web Academy and Baker Early College, each offering teacher-supported online education. BSD provides next generation education for the future of Eastern Oregonians and launched Baker Technical Institute (BTI), a career and technical program that partners with regional employers and industry experts to provide an innovative education in hands-on fields. BSD believes strong schools are the foundation of strong and vibrant communities and is committed to prepare students to become successful life-long learner.

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The Baker 5J schools exist to be the center of community vitality eliminating the barriers for gratifying individual educational experiences in order to have capable contributing citizens with character.