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Within our growing, diverse community, we sow the seeds of opportunities to raise prepared, resilient students.

February 16, 2024

Chairs Girod and Holvey and members of the committee--

My name is Dandy Stevens and I am the superintendent of the Gervais School District. Today, I would like to share with you why the District's capital funding request of \$1 million to replace a portion of the high school roof and repair damages attributed to the failing roof is so vital.

Gervais is a small, rural town that serves just under 900 students. The district is 100% free lunch and 85% of our student body are students of color. In Gervais, there are no full-service grocery stores, coffee shops, restaurants, doctors, pharmacies, or even a gas station. The school district is the largest employer in town and its facilities are the only gathering spaces for the community. The structural issues and outdated facilities are barriers to providing suitable and equitable learning opportunities.

The district has not been able to pass a general obligation bond in 33 years. There have been eight failed attempts since 1997 with the most recent one failing in Spring 2023. Portions of the elementary school were constructed in the 1930s, the high school was opened in the 1960s with no major upgrades since then and the middle school is a hallway of modulars financed by a loan costing the district \$245,000 a year.

I'm asking for financial support to create a dry and safe learning environment for our students and it's my hope that by securing this \$1 million the district can then leverage this grant, along with the \$6 million OSCIM grant to create a shared sense of partnership and responsibility with our voters and pass a bond during the May 2024 election.

Thank you.

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Subject: Support for Gervais School District Capital Fund Request

Dear Capital Construction Subcommittee Members and Joint Committee on Ways and Means Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez:

My name is Teresa Alonso Leon, former legislator of HD 22 and former student of the Gervais School District. I am writing to express my strong support for the capital construction fund request submitted by the Gervais School District. The proposed project aims to replace portions of the original roof at the high school, which was constructed in 1962, and address damages caused by water intrusion over the years.

The Gervais School District has faced challenges in addressing this issue over the past 30 years, having sought general obligation bonds eight times, all of which unfortunately failed. As a young person (early 20's) I worked for the Gervais School District as an instructional assistant and remember all the work they did to pass a bond to remove asbestos that was found in the Gervais Elementary School building. Unfortunately, the bond didn't pass.

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In addition to the roof replacement, the district will need to address other related issues such as replacing ceiling tiles and repairing floor damage, which are compounded by the presence of asbestos. With your help we will be able to provide a comprehensive approach to safeguard the infrastructure and continue to maintain the health, safety and well-being of those within the school community.

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With appreciation,


Teresa Alonso Leon



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As a local business and part of the community we understand just how big of role the Gervais school district plays in this small community. For many students the schools represent a safe and supportive place to go learn and be with friends.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will consider the importance of this project for the Gervais School District and its community.

Warm Regards,

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February 2, 2024

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Thank you,

Roger D. Brown
City Manager Pro Tem

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To: Capital Construction Subcommittee and Joint Committee on Ways and Means
From: Molly McCargar, President, Pearmine Farms, Inc.
Date: February 5, 2024
RE: In support of Gervais School District Capital Fund Request

Dear Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez, members of the committee:

Please accept this written testimony, which expresses my strong support for the Gervais School District's capital fund request.

My name is Molly McCargar. I am a 4th generation family farmer at Pearmine Farms in Gervais, Oregon. In addition to being a business owner in the Gervais School District, I am also an alumni and former employee, served on the school board for eight years, and am a parent of four kids, two of whom have graduated and two still in school, and I am currently the varsity volleyball coach. My husband has taught and coached at Gervais High School for nearly 20 years. We have a vested interest in the Gervais School District and willingly support students in any capacity.

The school district's proposed project aims to replace portions of the original roof at the high school, initially constructed in 1962, and address damages caused by water intrusion over the years. Maintenance has been done over the years, but the roof is beyond repairs, and the inability to repair the failing roof due to the lack of companies willing to both undertake the repairs and warranty their work underscores the urgency of this capital fund request.

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Over the past 30 years, the Gervais School District has attempted to pass general obligation bonds eight times, failing in all eight attempts. The request for direct capital money from the legislature has become a dire emergency. Just this past week, the library and two counselor's offices in the high school had to be closed because water damage partially caused the roof to collapse. Now, staff and students are inconveniently relocated to other building areas that already lack necessary space. Learning in an environment where students don't feel safe and staff are concerned about their classrooms being disrupted is challenging. It is evident now more than ever that a comprehensive approach is required to safeguard the infrastructure and well-being of those within the school.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly McCargar".

Molly McCargar
President, Pearmine Farms, Inc.



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Warm Regards,

Dear Capital Construction Subcommittee Members and Joint Committee on Ways and Means Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez:

My name is Timothy S. West. I am a lieutenant for the Gervais Police Department, State Coordinator for D.A.R.E, and a board member for the Oregon School Resource Officers Association (OSROA). I have been a Law Enforcement Officer for over 23 years, with the last two and a half years being in Gervais.

I agree with the above letter wholeheartedly. I also served as a Student Success Officer in Gervais and was able to work closely with the students and the fine staff. I noticed the conditions firsthand and know the District Staff is doing what they can with what they have but could use the assistance of this grant. Your support could go a long way to helping the Gervais School District provide a safer and healthier environment for the youth of this community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy S. West". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Timothy" and last name "West" being the most prominent parts.

Sincerely Lieutenant Timothy S. West

Leimbach Farms

February 9, 2024

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Warm Regards,


Matthew Leimbach
Owner

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It is crucial to emphasize that the Gervais School District serves as the largest employer in the city, contributing significantly to the community's well-being. Not only do they provide education, but they also play a vital role in emergency support, operating warming centers and clothing closets. This underscores the district's importance beyond the classroom.

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Warm Regards,



Diana Bartch
Mid Columbia Bus Co., Inc.



Rita Armstrong
Mid Columbia Bus Co., Inc.



February 1, 2024

Subject: Advocacy for Gervais School District Capital Fund Request

Dear Members of the Capital Construction Subcommittee and Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez,

I am writing to convey my unwavering support for the Gervais School District's application for capital funds. The central objective of this proposal is to replace sections of the high school roof, dating back to 1962, and address damages resulting from persistent water intrusion.

Over the past three decades, the Gervais School District has grappled with this challenge, having attempted general obligation bonds eight times—unfortunately, all met with failure. The urgency of this capital fund request is underscored by the scarcity of companies willing to undertake the necessary repairs and guarantee their work, highlighting the critical need for intervention.

In addition to the roof replacement, other concerns, such as the replacement of ceiling tiles and the repair of floor damage compounded by asbestos presence, necessitate a comprehensive solution to ensure the resilience and safety of the entire school infrastructure and community.

As a parent, my primary concern is the security and safety of my child's learning environment. It is crucial that every child experiences a space free from mold and mildew, with optimal classroom temperatures that neither necessitate additional layers nor subject them to extreme heat. Confidence in the structural integrity of the overhead roof should be assured, without the constant worry of loose ceiling tiles.

(I am deeply grateful for the positive strides my 12-year-old son Max, who is autistic and non-verbal, has made within this district. Witnessing his growth has been heartening. However, I believe that the potential progress for Max and all students could be significantly enhanced if the learning environment was less distracting and more conducive to their educational experience.)

I respectfully urge you to endorse the Gervais School District's capital fund application for the high school roof replacement and associated remediation efforts. Your support will play a pivotal role in improving educational facilities, cultivating a healthy learning environment, and ensuring the overall well-being of both students and staff.

Thank you for your dedicated attention to this matter. I am confident in your recognition of the significance of this project for the Gervais School District and its community.

Sincerely,

**Heather Lagaso
President
Gervais Community Progress Team
(971) 325-7694**

Parent/Community Member
Letters

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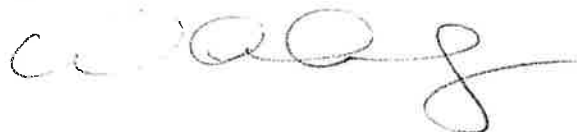
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Evon Parnell

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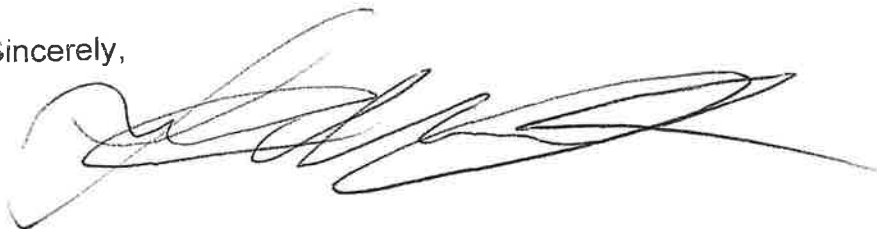
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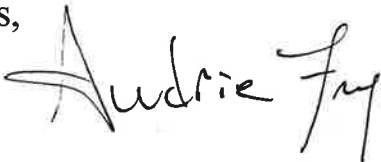
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