



To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction.

I request your support for a Capital Funding Request for the Pine Eagle School District.

Pine Eagle is a Pre-Kindergarten to 12th Grade Charter School in Halfway, Oregon, serving 247 students from Eagle Valley, Pine Valley, and along the Snake River in Oxbow. This region is one of the most rural areas in Baker County.

Recruiting teachers and staff for the area has become increasingly challenging in recent years. Housing is limited, and available homes within the district tend to be priced well above the range affordable for teachers and young families. Over the past five years, the district has offered positions to teachers who later had to decline due to difficulty finding housing. Currently, Pine Eagle owns two district residences for staff, which provide stable housing for the district's staffing needs.

To address the housing shortage, two duplexes will be built on one acre of a 13-acre parcel owned by the district. Pine Eagle is requesting a Capital Funding Request of \$876,000 to fund this project. The funds will cover the cost of building materials and services. Each duplex will consist of two three-bedroom, two-bath homes with a garage.

Students in the Pine Eagle Building Trades program will collaborate with local contractors. These partnerships offer in-kind services, including student instruction, mentoring, internships, and job shadowing.

This project is shovel-ready. All infrastructure, including Electrical, Water, Sewer, Fiber, and Road construction, is complete. Please support the Pine Eagle School District Capital Funding Request.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shane M Alderson".

Shane M Alderson

Baker County Commission Chair
