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Friday, September 25, 2015

Dr. Timothy Glasspool  
Plum Borough School District  
900 Elicker Road  
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**RE: Act 34 Hearing for Regency Park Elementary School**

Dr. Glasspool,

I am in favor of rebuilding the Regency Park elementary school!

The path Plum School District is on under the guise of “where’s the money going to come from” and “ we have not raised taxes in nine years” is a slippery slope that ultimately will hurt our district and students.

Over time the cost of most goods and services increases. This is no different in a school district...Salaries, supplies, utilities, programs and technology all cost more. Failing to prepare for that or accept this fact has put us in a bad spot. Rather than raise taxes incrementally as allowed by law, the board has put the district in a spot where jobs and programs are being and will continue to be cut. This lessens the desirability of the district and weakens the education our students receive. What is worse is that the board is using the Regency Park school as a scapegoat, for its inaction!

Under Mr. Collela’s “plan”, our schools would be at 97% capacity. The district would have to re-district all over again. While our community grows (facts that the board president refuses to admit) the district fails to prepare for this by overcrowding our schools and putting a quality education in Plum at risk.

Despite the unethical fearmongering of the tax collector, the actual cost of even a one mil tax increase is only about \$10 per month per household. What an investment that is in our children’s education and our community! What’s more is that had the board made incremental tax increases, this would not be an issue. And to those that state that they are on a fixed income and cannot afford this, I ask if they can afford the other small cost of living increases in life? I would rather invest in the children of this community than cable TV.

A rebuilt Regency would strengthen Plum by giving our school district room to grow. It would keep a community strong with growing property values rather than decreased values and less tax dollars for the district. It would provide that all students in Plum elementary schools...yes, all children in Pivik, Holiday Park, and Center, have reasonable class sizes. They will not be, again, redistricted into overcrowded classrooms.

A rebuilt Regency Park elementary school is not a republican/democrat issue. It is not a Regency neighborhood vs. the rest of Plum issue. It simply is not an us vs. them issue. It is about doing what is right for our community and the children in it now and in the future.

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Respectfully,

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