

SUPPORT RATON PUBLIC SCHOOLS VOTE ON SEPTEMBER 9TH

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Better education and safer schools affect everyone. Investing in our schools helps keep our children safe and ensures all of our students are on the path to success. Be part of the change and vote on the Raton Public School Bond to kick off much needed consolidation of Raton's Elementary Schools. Let's get the ball rolling and build a modern state-of-the-art school to serve our children for years to come.

Raton Public Schools Bond Election

9-9-2014
7 am - 7 pm, vote at:

- Longfellow Elementary School
- Columbian Elementary School
- Kearny Elementary School

VOTE RATON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOND

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2014

Raton Public Schools

7AM - 7PM at

- Longfellow, Columbian, & Kearny
Elementary Schools

FACTS | OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ARE IN POOR SHAPE. IT IS TIME TO INVEST

The existing elementary facilities are ranked as some of the worst in NM in terms of Conditions Ranking:*

- 11th Columbian Elementary
- 63rd Kearny Elementary
- 52nd Longfellow Elementary

57% of the cost will be borne by the State / PSCOC pending the bond passing. The District will request a waiver from the State / PSCOC for any costs above the District's bonding limits.



*Make Our Children
Your First Priority*

*Out of the 767 public school facilities in the 89 districts throughout New Mexico.

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RATON PUBLIC SCHOOLS | SITE SELECTION

We have begun planning/design and are committed to providing the Raton community with excellent facilities. Currently, feasibility studies for five sites are being conducted for the new 600-student Elementary School.

Site selection will analyze:

- Five identified sites as potential locations for the Consolidated ES
- Availability of utilities to sites
- Site access and potential traffic impacts
- Site potential for joint use opportunities with other public entities
- Potential improvement costs for sites to adequately support a Consolidated ES



BY VOTING YOU CAN HELP...

- Replace Elementary School buildings which average over 80 years of age
- Improve our children's security and safety within a modern facility
- Prevent expensive funding bottlenecks due to delaying improvements
- Save the District over \$100,000 per year in O&M costs and utilities
- Build the new school for just \$0.43 on the dollar due to the State matching funds now available
- Improve operating efficiencies through pooling of staff and transportation resources
- Allow only moderate local tax increases through a consolidated school system
- Modernize District facilities, thereby enhancing the learning experience and improving graduation rates...
 - ...Which will improve college opportunities for students...
 - ...Which will result in a more educated, capable workforce to attract new business to the region!

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FIVE DISTRICT-OWNED SITES:

- COLUMBIAN ELEMENTARY**
Size of existing school: 26,414sf
Site size: 3.5 acres
- LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY**
Size of existing school: 32,310sf
Site size: 5.2 acres
- KEARNY ELEMENTARY**
Size of existing school: 26,530sf
Site size: 4 acres
- RATON HIGH SCHOOL**
Size of existing school: 115,902sf
Site size: 54 acres
- HART AVE**
Size of existing school: none existing
Site size: 4.2 acres

OUR INVESTMENT WILL BE:

The chart below illustrates approximately how much this bond will affect the general obligation tax rate. For example, a property with a full value of \$100,000 and a taxable value of \$33,330 will pay (starting in 2016) 173.60 per year based on the rate of \$5.21 per year, per thousand of taxable value.

EXAMPLE	Impact	Per Month	Per Year
Full Value	Current*	\$5.68	\$68.10
\$100,000	Additional*	\$8.79	\$105.50
Taxable Value	Total*	\$14.47	\$173.60
\$33,330			

*Cost only associated with debt services for schools.