

Dear Mr. Green,

I am writing on behalf of the bond for the new high school. I have attended Woodland schools since the very first day of Kindergarten and in 2005 my peers and I were told that we would be graduating from a new high school. As we all know, the plan fell through even after the school district purchased land on Dike Access Rd. As a result, the increasing population of Woodland students began to out-grow the high school. Not only is there tight travel in hallways, there are also a lack of actual classrooms. As a sophomore, half of my classes were in the outdoor portables. Also, one of my science classes which required lab work, was held in a regular classroom and we had make-shift lab stations. This made it more difficult to carry out experiments and created a less stimulating environment. The students of Woodland High School deserve a better facility in which to obtain a quality education. Although I am currently a Running Start student at Clark College and the new high school won't directly affect me, I am very thankful that the motion has passed. I have six younger siblings, many of whom will benefit from the new school environment. Growing up in Woodland has been a major blessing and I can honestly say that I have been gifted with brilliant teachers and a strong education. I am beyond pleased with the School Board for helping convince voters to follow through with these plans, and would like to thank you directly as the Superintendent. I am looking forward to hearing about the new school from my siblings and know first hand how excited the students of Woodland schools will be. Woodland has always been considered one of those "small towns" where everybody knows everybody else, and although this still holds true for most of us, the community is growing and by building a new high school we are supporting our town and encouraging education.

Sincerely,

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