

Little Axe Public Schools 2000 168th Ave N.E. Norman, OK 73026 (405) 329-7691

Jay Thomas Superintendent

Dear Patrons of Little Axe Public Schools,

10/22/2015

First of all, I would like to thank each of you for your continued support of Little Axe Public Schools. As I am sure you are aware, the school has grown significantly and, by all indications, will continue to grow in the future. With increasing enrollment comes increased need for classrooms. With the past history of severe weather in this area (May 10, 2010 and May 19, 2013 being the most recent) it is also necessary to take action to increase student safety.

After identification of needs and much discussion, a special school board meeting was held on October 1, 2015 to propose a school bond election on January 12, 2016 to ask for community support in getting two new safe rooms for the district.

The first will be seven classrooms attached to the elementary school. This building is large enough to safely hold all elementary students and staff in severe weather.

The other facility will be a multi-purpose facility attached to the gym as well as the west side of the High School. It will contain a lobby, locker rooms, showers and restrooms. The use of-these facilities will allow high school and middle school students and staff to take shelter in the event of a tornado. Also, the administration will ensure that someone is on call at all times to open the shelters for the community outside of school hours.

With the need of additional classrooms, additional space needed in the gymnasium, and, most importantly, with the safety of our students in mind, I formally ask that you consider the proposed bond issue on January 12, 2016.

More information can be found on the district's website at www.littleaxeps.org. If you prefer, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 329-7691 or by e-mail to jay.thomas@littleaxeps.org.

If you are not a registered voter, the deadline to register is between now and no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 18, 2015 at the Cleveland County Election Board, 641 E. Robinson, Norman, OK or your local tag agency. Blank forms can also be obtained at the Superintendent's office or at the Little Axe Community Center. Voter registration forms can also be found on line at: http://www.clevelandcountyelectionboard.com/voter-registration You may contact the Cleveland County Election Board (405-366-0210) for dates for early voting and also how to obtain an absentee ballot.

Again, thank you for your support of Little Axe Public Schools.

∕Sincerely, Jay Thomas Superintendent

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