

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing in support of the Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools' 3.4 mills bond issue to construct a pre-K-5 elementary school, which is on the May 5 ballot. Your board of education listened to your community and scaled back this proposal from the November bond issue.

The new proposal both responds to the community's wishes and

meets the future educational needs of students.

If passed, the state of Ohio will contribute 45 percent of the total cost of a state-of-the-art elementary school. The new kindergarten through fifth-grade building will offer handicap accessibility, advanced safety and security measures, improved lighting, energy-efficient heating and cooling, improved fresh-air ventilation for a

healthier learning environment and up-to-date technology.

I urge residents of the Tuscarawas Valley Local School District to continue supporting high-quality schools and vote yes on this bond issue. Your students are worth the investment.

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