

As you know, the Elkhorn School District continues to grow at an alarming rate. We are finishing the construction of our 11th elementary school that will open in the Fall of 2018. In addition, we are currently seeking to acquire property to build another high school. This new construction and other necessary projects will prompt the need for a bond issue in the near future. In light of our current circumstances, we are not in a position to reduce the General Fund levy nor do we believe it would be in the best interests of our constituents.

You are absolutely correct that our Board is not wanting to add to the tax burdens of our patrons. The Elkhorn Board has always prided itself as being a good steward of taxpayer funds. What we would respectfully request is your support in the Legislature to fund State Aid so our Board of Education is not forced to raise or maintain the levy at its current level, even with the potential of larger than normal valuation increases. This is a shared responsibility, and the establishment of local school levies is directly influenced by the decisions made by the Nebraska Legislature.

Sincerely,

John Marasco, President
Elkhorn Public Schools Board of Education

CC Superintendent S. Baker
Elkhorn Board of Education