



Gordon-Rushville Public Schools

Community Facility Meeting
January 21, 2026 @ 5:30 PM in the GRHS Gymnasium

- JEO Information
 - District Information
 - GRHS Facility Tour
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Current Buildings

GRHS

- Three Story - approximately 100 years old
- Addition - approximately 60 years old

GRMS

- Main building - approximately 100 years old
- Addition - approximately 30 years old

RES

- Main building - approximately 85 years old
- Addition - approximately 15 years old

GES - approximately 60 years old

How we arrived here

- 1) Certified Staff were surveyed regarding facility concerns and needs in 2023
 - 2) Administration looked at survey results and prioritized information
 - 3) Board Facilities Committee met to review the survey results and the district began to develop a draft 5 year plan
 - 4) Public meeting June of 2024 to provide input regarding the draft 5 year plan and tour of HS track
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How we arrived here

- 5) Results from June 2024 Public Meeting indicated support for a comprehensive facility assessment.
 - 6) JEO conducts facility assessment in 2025
 - 7) Overview of facility assessment presented at a public meeting in October 2025
 - 8) Building tours in November and December 2025
 - 9) District Facility Meeting again in January 2026
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Tax Asking, Valuation, & Levy Overview at GRPS

	General Fund	Special Building	QCPUF	Total Tax Asking	State Aid	Total Valuation	Total levy
21-22	8,236,807	101,010	51,015	8,388,832	53,009	919,981,123	.911848
22-23	8,383,838	101,010	119,394	8,604,242	55,450	937,087,927	.918189
23-24	8,083,882	101,010	119,394	8,304,286	818,398	1,031,365,547	.805174
24-25	8,040,404	252,525	175,960	8,468,889	808,246	1,201,189,278	.705042
25-26	8,172,879	243,434	237,404	8,653,717	795,495	1,270,991,964	.680864

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Change 21-22 to 25-26 (5 years)	.7761% decrease	\$142,424 increase	\$186,389 increase	3.157% increase (.63% per year)	\$742,486 increase	351,010,841 increase	-23.09 cents

Special Building Fund and Depreciation Fund

	Special Building	*Depreciation	Qualified Capital	Total
21-22	\$39,139	\$539,943	\$173,224	\$752,306
22-23	\$10,536	\$437,459	\$172,847	\$620,842
23-24	\$565,508	\$773,658	\$173,462	\$1,512,628
24-25	\$5,264	\$882,272	\$228,091	\$1,115,627
Ave.	\$155,112	\$658,333	\$186,906	\$1,000,351

*Approximately \$275,000 total over past four years to purchase one bus and two suburbans. (Ave. = \$68,750 over four years)

Area School District Levy Comparison - 2025-26

School District	Total Valuation	Total levy
Valentine	1,913,660,772	.4639
Gordon-Rushville	1,270,991,964	.6809
Cody Kilgore	270,205,009	.8024
Hay Springs	238,089,956	.8742
Hemingford	868,502,082	.7932
Chadron	762,000,941	.9611
Crawford	312,633,024	1.0889
Bridgeport	819,691,032	.9531
Alliance	1,450,228,126	.8737
Bayard	418,371,338	1.0917

Information found at the NDE website:

<https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/statistical-information-for-public-school-districts-levy-and-valuation-information/>

Levy Impact of a Potential Bond

Numbers are initial estimates based on 2025-26 valuation of \$1,270,991,964.
The total current levy for 2025-26 is **.6809**.

Bond Amount	\$1,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$80,000,000
20 year	.0061	.1534	.3068	.4910
30 year	.0050	.1259	.2518	.4028
Total Levy 20 year	.6870	.8343	.9877	1.1719
Total Levy 30 year	.6859	.8068	.9327	1.0837

Estimated Taxpayer Cost of a Potential Bond

Taxable Value of Property and Estimated Required Bond Payment for \$25,000,000 @ 20 years

Numbers are initial estimates based on 2025-26 valuation of \$1,270,991,964.

Valuation	Levy	Annually	Monthly
100,000	.1534	\$153.42	\$12.79
500,000	.1534	\$767.12	\$19.18
1,000,000	.1534	\$1,534.23	\$127.85
5,000,000	.1534	\$7,671.17	\$639.26

Estimated Taxpayer Cost of a Potential Bond

Taxable Value of Property and Estimated Required Bond Payment for \$25,000,000 @ 30 years

Numbers are initial estimates based on 2025-26 valuation of \$1,270,991,964.

Valuation	Levy	Annually	Monthly
100,000	.1259	\$125.89	\$10.49
500,000	.1259	\$629.43	\$52.45
1,000,000	.1259	\$1,258.86	\$104.90
5,000,000	.1259	\$6,294.30	\$524.52

GRPS Five Year Enrollment Trend

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Five Year Trend	% Change
GRHS	138	152	127	125	122	-16	-11.59%
GRMS	119	101	114	114	116	-3	-2.52%
GES	193	184	168	156	159	-34	-17.62%
RES	112	113	125	126	117	5	4.46%
Dist.	562	550	534	521	514	-48	-8.54%

GRPS Enrollment Projections?

Enrollment decline has slowed over the past 10 years. Difficult to accurately project future enrollment. Projections below are based on five year average of student enrollment decline from 21-22 to 25-26.

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Dist.	562	550	534	521	514

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31
Dist	505	496	487	478	469

GRPS Academic Performance - 3-8 NSCAS

	Dist. NSCAS ELA	State Ave.	Dist. NSCAS Math	State Ave.	Dist. NSCAS Science	State Ave.
2021-22	45	47	43	46	66	66
2022-23	56	58	57	61	64	70
2023-24	61	59	62	58	77	74
2024-25	61	59	65	58	84	80

GRPS Academic Performance - 11th Grade ACT

	ELA	State Ave.	Math	State Ave.	Science	State Ave.
2021-22	67	46	61	44	64	48
2022-23	53	46	37	42	47	49
2023-24	73	45	62	42	62	49
2024-25	71	43	63	41	57	48

GRPS District Attendance Rate

	GRPS	State
2020-21	93.43	94.3
2021-22	92.91	92.28
2022-23	93.24	92.5
2023-24	93.41	92.59
2024-25	93.9	92.8

Facility Considerations

- Short and long term viability of current facilities
 - Greatest concerns are the three story high school building, older section of Rushville Elementary, and high school science classrooms.
 - Is it more financially responsible long term to update oldest buildings or abandon and build new structures to replace those areas?
 - If we choose to update oldest parts of the building, there is always the possibility of unknown costs associated with renovation that are impossible to plan for and could be costly.
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Facility Considerations

- Traditionally, costs for construction (actual bids) in our location have far exceeded estimates given during planning stages
 - Example: Lift to cafeteria was estimated to cost approximately \$170,000 and the only bid for the project came in around \$365,000.
 - It is difficult to accurately predict costs in our area
 - Travel and/or lodging for crews
 - Subcontractor service availability
 - Electrical, plumbing, masonry, etc.
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Facility Considerations

- What is the most efficient use of space in the district?
 - Would consolidation of buildings offer savings over time?
 - Staffing is the largest cost savings
 - Normal maintenance of facilities is next
 - Community improvement in general and viability of rural communities in general.
 - Economic development?
 - Attraction of new residents?
 - Development of five year and long term facility maintenance plan
 - Based on community input
 - Significant facility needs exist
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Facility Considerations

- Potential efficiency of scale
 - Small “patchwork” projects may cost more in the long run as they are less competitive for contractors to bid
 - The district has done a good job of maintaining facilities; however, we are approaching concerns that are more difficult to continue to “patch” effectively(ex. Three story plumbing, HS Science Classrooms, HS Track, Rushville Elementary Plumbing and Roof, etc.)
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Facility Tour, JEO Presentation, and Community Feedback

We would like those attending to take a brief tour of the facility and track (Weather Permitting)

We will reconvene in the gym for the JEO presentation

There will be a survey available for attendees of the meeting to gather input regarding ideas for facility improvements

Please Complete the Survey

Questions related to this evening's presentation to help us gather information regarding moving forward.

Thank you for attending!
