

School Article 7 – Equipment/Facilities Capital Reserve Funds from Water Well Funds

The purpose of this article is to allow the School District to place \$55,997 received in repayment for the water easement to Town of Raymond, into the Raymond School District Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) (established in 2006). An easement between the School District and the Town allowed the Town to use School property to drill Well #4 and to install pipes connecting with the existing Town water supply. The District used funds from this CRF, and the Town had agreed to repay that \$110,000 over a period of 5 years (1) at \$22,000 per year. This year, it was agreed that the Town could contribute more than that amount. There is no additional tax impact as funds are received as a repayment.

A YES vote will allow this Town repayment of \$55,997 to be placed into the School District's CRF for Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement.

A NO vote will not allow any of this repayment to be placed in the CRF for Equipment, Facilities Maintenance and Replacement.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- To return funds to the place from which they were borrowed.
- Think that a designated use for these funds would be appropriate.
- To better fund this CRF which is underfunded for projected needs.
- To plan ahead for higher cost repairs and avoid tax spikes.

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- To spend the funds in other ways.
- To return the funds to the taxpayer.

References:

1. "Declaration of Well Water System Permanent Licenses, Rights, & Easements" 5/1/2018
2. Presentation by School Administration to the Capital Improvement Plan Committee, 1/21/20.