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"Expect the Best"

Eufaula Public Schools

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A New Beginning

The Eufaula Board of Education employs Mr. Bill Wilson as superintendent of schools for the 2000-2001 school year. Mr. Wilson has served as superintendent for the Stigler, Harrah, and Okmulgee school systems. Mr. Wilson's professional accomplishments include thirty years of public school administration with service on state advisory committees for school finance and vocational-technical education. He has successfully completed a number of school construction projects. One local construction project is the Stigler High School Gymnasium. Mr. Wilson is from Quinton, and is happy to be moving back to the Lake Eufaula area. Mr. Wilson has stated, *"I know this school system has a bright future, even though there are a number of challenges facing the district. The Board of Education and I are committed to meeting those challenges."*



Board of Education Calls for December Vote

The Eufaula Board of Education, in conjunction with an overwhelming majority of teachers and support staff, have planned a district-wide vote in a joint effort to improve school facilities. "We are in desperate need of these facilities," says the new superintendent of schools. "The facts are plain, and the need is evident to those of us who walk the hallways and visit the classrooms. There is no more time left to argue about whether or not our school district is in need of major improvements. The fire marshal and OSHA have made that determination for us. The voters in the district have two choices. They can vote in support of the bond proposal and get on with the task of educating our children, or let apathy and mistrust dictate the future of our school and suffer those consequences. We are asking them to become educated voters. Call us for the facts. Facts we back with state reports and school law. Read the local newspaper, visit our school facilities, ask your children. I am confident the patrons in this community will agree, Improvement is Long Overdue."

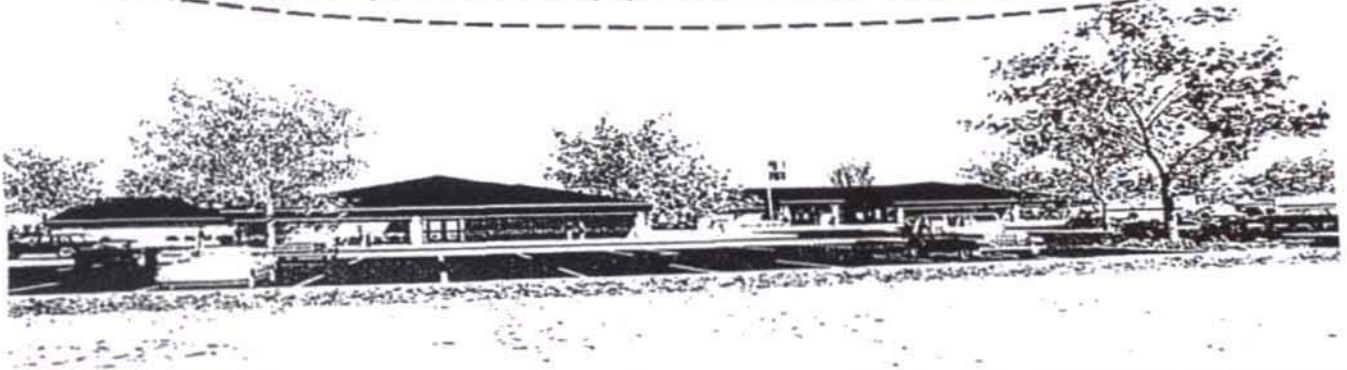
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Board Sets Plan for School Improvement

The Eufaula Board of Education, on advice from Superintendent Wilson, has approved a five year school improvement plan based on the anticipated voter approval of a December bond election. With proceeds from the bond election, and the 3.4 million dollars the school board has saved over the past ten years, Superintendent Wilson believes the following improvement of school facilities is possible. Wilson has stated with the passage of the Dec. bond election, and a continuation of a frugal school management style, the board can affect a positive change in school facilities for all students in the district by the end of July, 2005.

Our desperate conditions require an immediate response. Therefore, the Eufaula School Board has taken steps to initiate the construction of an elementary school as the first project of the district's Five Year Plan.



Facility Plans for Eufaula School District

- *Construction of a K-5 Elementary School Campus
- *Construction of a 9th grade classroom wing on the current High School Campus
- *Construction of a Middle School Campus
- *Renovation of Houston Homan building (1st floor only) for Administration-Transportation Center

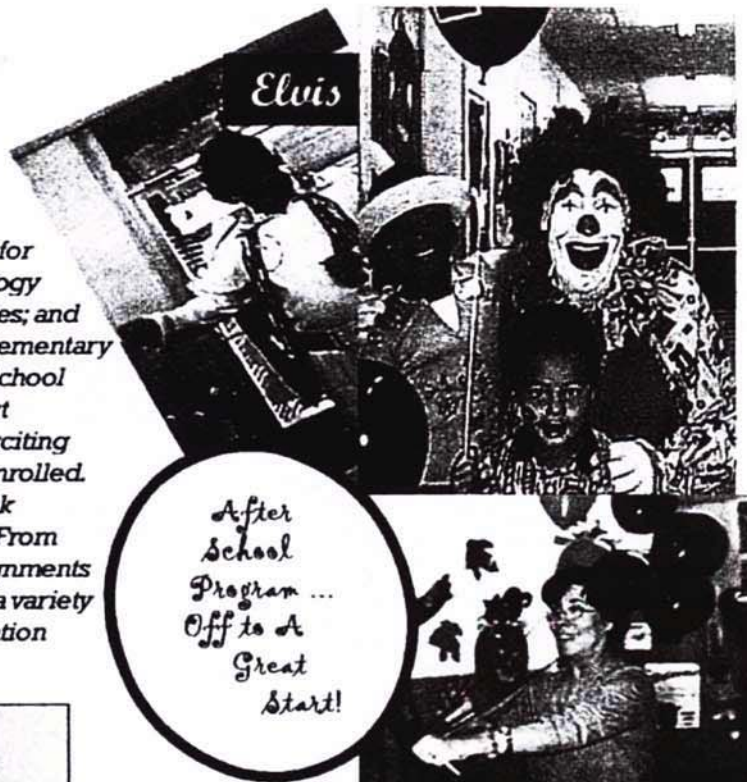
FACILITY PROJECTIONS TIMELINE

Completed by July 2002	Completed by July 2003	Completed by July 2004	Completed by July 2005
K-5 Elementary \$4,000,000	Middle School (6th Gr) \$1,000,000	Middle School (7thGr) \$600,000	Middle School (8th Gr) \$700,000
Furniture \$250,000	Furniture \$150,000	Furniture \$100,000	
High School Wing \$600,000	Admin/Trans Center \$100,000		
Furniture \$150,000			

Total Bond Issue
Needed to Complete
the Five Year Plan:
\$1,250,000

Innovative Programs Supported by Federal Funding

The district's Federal Programs Director, Bea Baker, has received three federal grants roughly totaling \$750,000. The district received a Title III Grant, providing computers for all three elementary computer labs; A Goals 2000 Technology Grant, providing training and software assistance for the sites; and a 21st Century Grant, providing two computers for each elementary classroom and financial support for the very popular After School Program for students in grades K-9. Carol Conatser, project coordinator for the 21st Century grant, has organized an exciting program with over three hundred and eighty five students enrolled. After the school day ends, the students enjoy a healthy snack prepared for them by our district's school cafeteria cooks. From there, students have time to complete their homework assignments before choosing an After School activity. Activities include a variety of arts and crafts projects, physical activities, and participation in the Accelerated Reader program.



Good Ole' Days Return to Houston Homan Jr. High

Houston Homan Jr. High School recently averted a near tragedy. Old wiring carrying 230 volts of electricity developed a direct short that could have sparked a tragic fire. Only through the quick actions of maintenance personnel and the building principal, Chris Whelan, was the situation resolved with no one being injured. The direct short in the electrical wiring left Houston Homan without air conditioning for several days. Students at Houston Homan experienced what schooling was like 'in the good 'ole days.' Classes continued to meet in rooms with temperatures exceeding the 90's. It is unfortunate that those conditions are not uncommon for many of our students and faculty members throughout the district's aging facilities.

Comparison of Oklahoma's Better School Districts' cost per thousand dollars of assessed property for new construction:	
Eufaula residents pay *	\$ 0.00
Stigler residents pay	\$ 8.00
OKC Area:	
Harrah residents pay	\$22.00
Yukon residents pay	\$24.00
Edmond residents pay	\$25.00
Deer Creek residents pay	\$34.00
Tulsa Area:	
Broken Arrow residents pay	\$29.00
Unon residents pay	\$33.00
Bixby residents pay	\$20.00
Jenks residents pay	\$32.00
*In a ranking of Oklahoma Schools, Eufaula residents are tied for dead last in local tax support for local schools.	

With passage of the Dec. election, Eufaula residents would pay \$7.91 dollars per thousand.

Eufaula High School

The 2000 Ironheads, led by Coach Roberts, has brought new life to Friday night football games. The team is having an exceptional winning season. Star running back, Avery Shine, thrills fans each week with his remarkable football savvy. Avery is a Senior at Eufaula High, and has verbally committed to play for the Undeafated and Nationally Ranked Oklahoma Sooners!

Eufaula Ironhead Band, under the direction of Mr. Toler, won the Class 2A Sweepstakes Competition held at Broken Arrow's Tiger Field in October. This win keeps the Ironhead Band eligible to repeat as Class 2A State Champions.

Students attending Eufaula High School have the opportunity to participate in the school's first golf program. Billy Bumgarner, a retired Eufaula educator and coach, will lead the Ironhead Golf Teams. The teams will play their home competition at Arowhead Golf Course.