

D38 (Cont. from page 1) Over the past year or two, with tracking their effect on student performance. although the district continues to offer an excellent

education and retains its accreditation with distinction, the scores in the district's assessments have begun to slowly decline. The efforts of teachers, staff, and parents have made it possible for the district to maintain its standing, but the situation is not sustainable.

Superintendent John Borman also commented on the removal of an algebra lab and a student assistance center at Lewis-Palmer High School when he was principal there. He added that in the course of many presentations he has held in the community, he is confident that the public is now aware of the need for additional funding and that their trust in the board

has been restored. Ferguson said that there is no way of knowing if this is a good time to place this measure on the ballot, but the board knows that now is when the funding is needed, to use community funds to support the district. He said he is confident that Borman's efforts to educate the community about the situation have been successful. He emphasized that the district needs these funds immediately.

The board voted unanimously to place on the ballot a tax increase of \$4.5 million in 2014 and annually thereafter to be used for educational purposes, including providing students with skills to make them successful in college and the workplace,



Above: Board Vice President Mark Pfoff comments on the need for the override. To his left is board Secretary John Magerko. Photo by Harriet Halbig.

providing leading-edge instruction and technology, restoring teachers and programs for students needing support, recruiting and retaining high quality teachers, providing funds to restore teaching positions to provide optimal class size, and provide funds to enhance the safety and security of the students and staff.

Board member John Magerko commented that it is important to note that this funding is not to be used for any capital repairs or purchases. He said that the issue is necessary not just to catch up to where the district had been, but to move forward.

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