First of all, I want to welcome everyone back to school for the 2014-2015 school term. It is always exciting to start a new school term and whether they admit it or not, I think our students also think so!

This year we have 218 students enrolled in grades K – 12, as compared to 211 to begin last year, therefore our enrollment is up 7 students. Here is a breakdown of our enrollment:

- K – 19 – (14 at Edgeley, 5 at Willow bank)
- 1st Grade – 13 – (11 at Edgeley, 2 at Willow bank)
- 2nd Grade – 17 – (16 at Edgeley, 1 at Willow bank)
- 3rd Grade – 20 – (20 at Edgeley, 0 at Willow bank)
- 4th Grade – 22 – (17 at Edgeley, 5 at Willow bank)
- 5th Grade – 21 – (17 at Edgeley, 4 at Willow bank)
- 6th Grade – 16 – (16 at Edgeley, 0 at Willow bank)
- 7th Grade – 19 – (14 at Edgeley, 5 at Willow bank)
- 8th Grade – 21 – (18 at Edgeley, 3 at Willow bank)
- 9th Grade – 11
- 10th Grade – 13
- 11th Grade – 15
- 12th Grade – 11

In addition to these enrollment figures, we also have 15 pre – school students enrolled in our pre – school program.

I now want to take some time to discuss an issue that will be occurring on September 30th, and that is a public referendum.

After many months of discussing long range planning for the school, and reviewing the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Cooling) needs of the high school, the school board decided to hold a referendum on September 30th.

When you vote on September 30th, there will be two ballot issues for you to vote on. The first issue is whether the school can sell up to $4.35 million dollars in bonds to finance the following projects:

- A new gymnasium that would seat between 900 - 950 people. This would include a 50' x 94' basketball court, locker rooms, bathrooms, concession stand and lobby. It would be connected to our existing high school with a 20' hallway.
- Three additional classrooms with a hallway that would connect the high school and the elementary school with a hallway. These three classrooms would be used for an Agriculture Education classroom, Computer Lab/Science Lab and an area to do individualized student instruction.
- The hallway connecting the high school and elementary schools would then create a court yard, enabling us to have outside classrooms.
- Upgrade our current security system by locking all exterior doors and having visitors buzzing to the office before entering the building.
- Remodeling of our current data office to convert to a technology coordinator office.
- Remodel our current concession stand to create additional special education classrooms.
- Approximately $600,000 in upgrades to our high school HVAC system. The current system, which was built in 1961, has become obsolete. This will allow us to have a functional air handling system and bring more fresh air into the school for our students.

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The second issue is whether the school can increase our current building fund tax levy of three mills to 9 mills. This building fund levy currently generates about $33,000 per year and is used to maintain our current building. It is very difficult to maintain our current buildings with only three mills of revenue, therefore we are asking to increase this to nine.

This is the final year that we will be taxing for our elementary school; therefore the school board felt that this was a good time to bring this project to the people.

If you are wondering what the tax implications will be for this addition, it is relatively easy to figure out. Please refer to your 2013 Tax Statement that you received from your county auditor, which are the last property taxes that you paid.

The school has various tax levies each year, such as:

► General Fund: This is the largest and is used for employee salaries, electricity, textbooks, and other day to day operational costs.
► Miscellaneous Fund: This is limited by law to 12 mills, and can be used to pay things such as student transportation, special education payments, etc...
► Special Reserve Fund: This is for special situations and how this is spent is governed by specific laws.
► Building Fund: This is used for general maintenance of the buildings and grounds.
► Sinking & Interest: This is used to pay off bonds after a referendum is passed.

Since this is a referendum, the tax levy that would be affected is the Sinking & Interest. Please know that the following information is only how this referendum would affect the sinking & interest fund. For the tax statement year 2013, the school levied 25 mills. The referendum that will be voted on September 30th would require us to increase our Sinking & Interest levy to 31 mills, or an increase of 6 mills. To determine the amount increase to your taxes, please follow the formula below:

Residential Property:

► True and Full Value x 50% (.50) Assessed Value x 9% (.09) Taxable Value divided by 1000 x 6 mills.
► For example, a house in Edgeley valued at $50,000, the Sinking & Interest tax increase would be $13.50 per year. ($50,000 x .50 = $25,000 x .09 = $2250 divided by 1000 = 2.25 x 6 = $13.50)

Ag Land:

► True and Full Value x 50% (.50) Assessed Value x 10% (.10) Taxable Value divided by 1000 x 6 mills.
► For example, the average acre market value for Ag Land in LaMoure County is $817.60. At this rate, the Sinking & Interest tax increase would be 25 cents per acre increase. ($817.60 x .50 = $408.80 x .10 = $40.88 divided by 1000 = .04088 x 6 mills = 25 cents per acre.)

We have put sample ballots in this newsletter for you to familiarize yourself with. We will hold two public informational meetings to explain what the tax implications will be of this project, and answer any other questions that the public may have. These meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00 pm and Monday, September 29th at 7:00 in the high school gymnasium.

If you have any questions, please give me a call or stop in for a visit or talk to a school board member. Thank you and please come out and vote!

[Signature]

[Name]

[Title]
OFFICIAL BALLOT

September 30, 2014

EDGELEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
LAMOURE AND DICKEY COUNTIES
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

QUESTION #1

Shall Edgeley Public School District No. 3 of LaMoure and Dickey Counties, North Dakota, issue its general obligation bonds in the amount not to exceed $4,350,000 for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other funds available, to renovate, remodel and reconstruct the school building; to construct additions to the school building for classrooms and a gymnasium; to upgrade and improve the heating, lighting and ventilation systems; to improve the school security system; and to otherwise improve and renovate school property.

Yes .............

No .............

SAMPLE

QUESTION #2

Shall the school building fund levy of Edgeley Public School District No. 3 of LaMoure and Dickey Counties, North Dakota, be increased from 3 mills to 9 mills as permitted by Section 57-15-16 of the North Dakota Century Code.

For Increasing the Limit of Indebtedness (Yes) .............

Against Increasing the Limit of Indebtedness (No) .............

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

Voters desiring to vote in favor of the foregoing propositions should mark a cross (X) in the space opposite the word "Yes." Voters desiring to vote against such propositions should mark a cross (X) in the space opposite the word "No."
Welcome to the brand new school year. I hope it is a safe and healthy year of learning for everyone. Educating your children is an important responsibility that I don’t take lightly. Thank you for the privilege of working with them. I love the beginning of the year with all the excitement about new courses and opportunities. I get to help students enroll in dual credit courses through ND colleges as well as independent studies through North Dakota Center for Distance Education. The sky is the limit now when it comes to course availability. Courses such as World Languages, Criminal Justice, and countless others are no longer limited to large schools. Take a look at the ND Center for Distance Education sometime if you are curious to see what courses might be available. Cost for ND students is usually $100.

I relay lots of information to students through email. This would include scholarship lists, college information, financial aid news, etc. Any parent wishing to receive these emails only needs to email me and I will add you to the list. My email address is Lucinda.malm@sendit.nodak.edu.

I am going to repeat information from last year from North Dakota Community Action because it is such good news. A program known as Individual Development Accounts matches $2 for every $1 students save toward college tuition. The purpose is to reward students who have good financial discipline and who save money regularly every year. Dollars are matched at a 2:1 rate up to $6000. For more information, go to www.capnd.org or call 1-800-726-7960.

I won’t have much scholarship information until this winter, but one scholarship that comes up in the fall is Home Builders Care of Fargo. This is for seniors interested in attending M State in Moorhead or NDSCS in Wahpeton to pursue a career in any program related to residential construction. The application may be accessed at www.hbcfm.com.

If you have any questions or would like to visit with me, feel free to email at any time. I am always willing to answer questions or give assistance. My work schedule has me here at Edgeley on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Call 701-493-2292 to speak with me.

Have a great month!!
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**Please Vote**
9/30/14

 Vote HS Lobby
9AM-7PM
A few reminders to all parents

Please call the school if you know that your child is not going to be in school. The office hours during the school year are 7:30-4:00 daily. It is the school policy to call if a student is not in school. If you have a student that rides the bus please, call the buses at 493-2374 and let the driver know that they do not need to stop at your house.

If you stop at the school, we ask that you please check in the office, we will be happy to have your student come to the office if you need to see them or give them a message. We try not to interrupt the classroom when the teacher is lecturing.

Please do not send your child to the school before 8:00am. There is very limited staff here before 8 and most doors are still locked. Teachers are here at 8:15 if your child needs homework help. Also we have changed the time that breakfast is available for students..breakfast will now start at 8:15.

With the start up of sporting events we want to remind parents of the safety issues of young children running in the halls and out of the gym. We are asking that you please help us keep them safe and do not let them run in and out of the gym during the game. If your child is in elementary school please do not leave them unattended at the school during these activities.

Reminder... check out the school web site at www.edgeley.k12.nd.us Here you will find links to EZ school pay where you can check your family lunch balance, you will need your child's lunch number to set up access. Also you can check your students grades and attendance on the on-line grades link. The parent username is your last name only, if you need to obtain a password, or forgot it, contact Joann at the school. Again for the 2014-2015 school year the Ranger Newsletter is also available on the website.

Thank you parents we had a great turn out for registration, if you were not able to pay your fees yet please do so as soon as possible.

Again this year we will be using Alert Now to notify parents if we dismiss early due to weather,or if there is something important going on in the class room that you need to be aware of.

It is very important that you notify the school if you have changed any contact information.

Remember the school referendum vote is Sept 30th from 9:00am to 7:00pm HS Lobby
For information regarding this upcoming vote please read Mr. Diegel's letter on the front of this newsletter. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Mr Diegel @ 493-2292.
APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS
NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS
(Rev. 513) G/Tools/SNP/Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Complete one application per household.

1. SNAP, TANF or FDPIR Benefits
   Enter the SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for ANY household member currently receiving benefits ________________________ (Social Security, Medicaid and EBT numbers are not accepted.) In section 2, list all children in the household, indicating their school and grade. Do not list any adult household member names or income information.

2. Households that do not receive SNAP, TANF or FDPIR Benefits:
   • List the names of EVERYONE living in your household. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet of paper.
   • Indicate if the household member is a foster child or receives no income by checking the box.
   • For each child attending school, list the name of the school and the grade.
   • List all income on the same line with the person who receives it. Record income under the correct pay period category. See the back of this application for additional assistance with income.
   • Print the last 4 digits of Social Security Number of the household member who signs the form. If this household member does not have a Social Security Number, check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box.

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Name of the Household Member who Signs this Form: ________________________  Social Security Number (last 4 digits) XXX-XX-______  □ I do not have a Social Security Number

Does your child have health insurance? Many children who qualify for free and reduced priced meals may also qualify for low-cost or free health coverage. For information or to see if your child may qualify, call: 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669) or online at www.healthystepsnd.com

The information provided in the application may be shared with Medicaid or SCHIP office to seek enrollment of children into the programs. You are not required to consent to the disclosure of this information; this will not affect your students' eligibility for school meals. Your information WILL be shared unless you check the box: □ Please do NOT share my information with the Medicaid or CHIP office.

Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities (Optional)
Mark one ethnic identity:
□ Hispanic/Latino  □ Asian  □ Black or African American  □ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
□ Not Hispanic/Latino  □ White  □ American Indian or Alaska Native

3. I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of Federal funds; that school officials may verify the information on the application, and the deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and Federal laws.

Signature of Adult Household Member

Print Name (last, first)  Mailing Address  Date  Home Phone  Work Phone

City  State  Zip
Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

"In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

### Calculating Farm or Self-Employment Income

Persons who are engaged in farming or who operate other types of private businesses may experience variations in cash flow or monthly income throughout the year. These persons may use their income tax records from the preceding calendar year as a basis for applying for the free and reduced price meals. The income to be reported is income derived from the business venture less operating costs incurred while making that income. Deductions for personal expenses such as medical expenses and other non-business deductions are not allowed in reducing gross business income.

Additional income from other kinds of employment must be treated as separate and apart from the income generated from your business venture. USDA DOES NOT recognize income the same way as IRS. USDA does not permit a loss from a business venture to offset earnings from wages or salary. Though your business may have suffered a net operational loss, for purposes of this application, it is not possible to have a negative income. The **least self employed income possible is zero (no income)**. For example, if you operated a business at a net loss but held another job where you received wages, your income for purposes of applying for free or reduced price meals would be the income from your wages only. The loss from the business cannot be deducted from the amount of the income earned in the other job.

A prior year loss from farming or other private business operation cannot be used to reduce the current year net income for determining free and reduced price eligibility. Wages paid to a spouse or other family member in the operation of a farm or private business must be shown as household income in Part 2 of the application.

### Income from private business operations is to be taken from your most recent U.S. Individual Income Tax Return - Form 1040. Use the lines from the 1040 that are identified.

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(Transfer this total to the front of the application under Farm/Self Employment Income. If the total is negative, it must be transferred to the front of this application as $0). A NEGATIVE CANNOT BE USED TO OFFSET ANY OTHER INCOME.

NOTE: THIS IS FOR THE CALCULATION OF FARM AND BUSINESS INCOME ONLY. ALL OTHER INCOME RECEIVED BY THE FAMILY MUST BE LISTED ON THE FRONT OF THIS FORM.