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To the Wilson Creek School District Community:

We are extremely excited to announce that we are a recipient of the Small Rural Schools Modernization Grant. This is a state funded grant specifically to small, rural schools to update older facilities when they are unable to use voted bonds for the funding. As generous as this community has always been to the school, our total debt capacity is less than the amount of the grant.

We were awarded a \$5,000,000. grant to improve the air quality and ventilation in our main building. We are also going to upgrade the plumbing and electrical system and install a HVAC system. Our steam boiler will be replaced with an energy efficient boiler. This grant ensures the health and safety of our students, staff and community members without raising their taxes.

In addition to those upgrades, we were awarded a planning grant in order to attempt a second grant to address energy saving upgrades in our other buildings.

This spring, we were informed that we would not be funded as our grant was in 22<sup>nd</sup> place and they only had funding for 19 grants. After contacting several of our local legislators, and receiving tremendous support from them, they pushed to increase the amount of funding available. Many thanks go out to Senators Mark Schloesler, Judith Warnick and Shelly Short for their incredible support.

We don't yet know when the construction work will begin, but it could happen this summer. Stay tuned for updated information and pictures as the upgrades begin!

With anticipation for a busy summer,

Laura

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