

Dear Kansas Tax Committee,

Last year USD #105 (Atwood/Rawlins County) High School was damaged by a fire. The damage was bad enough that the majority of the school was deemed a loss and unfixable. The school did not receive enough insurance money to rebuild, so in order to rebuild it will be up to the taxpayers. USD #105 BOE has asked the Rawlins County Commissioners to put a countywide sales tax to vote, in hopes of getting a School Bond passed later on. In the hopes of lessening the burden on taxpayers that live and own agriculture land in School District #105.

Rawlins County has 5 different school districts in it, USD #314 Brewster, USD #315 Colby, and USD #316 Rexford/Golden Plains. Each district has a little bit of ground that they receive some tax money from on the southern side of the county. These 3 are very minimal. USD #103 Cheylin (Bird City/McDonald) school district is approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of the western side of Rawlins County. USD #105 makes up approximately the other $\frac{2}{3}$.

The Commissioners and the Rawlins County BOE both understand that the county has 2 school districts making up the majority of the county. If the countywide sales tax goes through, we will have to come up with an agreement on how the extra taxes collected will be distributed.

The Rawlins County Board of Commision is in favor of letting the taxpayers voice their opinion by voting on this subject. We all know that USD #105 needs a high school. We believe it makes sense to let the voters decide how it will be paid for.

Rawlins County Board of Commision Chairman

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