

**Facing an unnecessary \$9.8 million school bond referendum in St. James November 4?**

Property taxes already too high?  
Intimidated by their "do it for the children" sloganeering? I consult to defeat new school bond levies.

Record of defeats to date: 12 out of 13, saving local taxpayers \$175 million.

In the last 18 months three of my clients defeated their bonds by an overwhelming "No" vote of 69.1% (avg). Also, when the proponents are defeated by a greater margin on their next attempt they often give up or greatly reduce their request.

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**If you are interested but still not convinced, consider...**

- Everyone in the community wants their children and grandchildren to receive a good education. Yet, we should not let them manipulate community guilt about "the kids" in an effort to increase your taxes to pay for an unnecessary new school.
- If one relies on "hope" or the successful prior defeat of a similar proposal as the means to defeat it this time, this could underestimate the proponents resolve and organizational work and will likely lead to your loss and its successful passage. Just ask the Marshall, MN farmers who learned this painful lesson last February.
- Unorganized opposition will in time, lose, and the proponents will increase your taxes once again. Organized opposition most often wins and keeps winning. As well, some of my past clients who did step forward locally and led the opposition committee often make new friends in the community they didn't know they had prior to the election.
- In our debt-burdened economy there couldn't be a better message to send to our children than that 'we should not buy what we can not afford, just because someone will loan us the money'. It often gets us in trouble down the road.
- Minnesota allows individuals to donate up to \$500 anonymously to such a committee effort. Other states like Iowa only allow up to \$25 anonymous donations.
- If you believe in this cause but are not able to lead and yet know of others in the community who are already speaking out against it, make sure you hand this flyer to them, too, and soon. It could be of benefit to us all. By the way, I have seen consultant fees for proponents run five times what I charge and this doesn't count the architect's fees who often tells the local school board that the current buildings are beyond "prudent" repair. Prudence for whom? Most often it is not prudent for the architect.
- Finally, if one agrees that an opposition effort needs to begin, you shouldn't take long responding to this. A good campaign takes two to three weeks so I should meet with those who want to oppose it as soon as possible. I do most of the work while the local committee officers have the final say on everything produced for the campaign. Feel free to pick up the phone and call me or send an eMail and I'll call you.

—Paul Dorr

"Paul Dorr helped us here in the Redwood Falls area - of which most were farmers - to fight and defeat a school referendum. He understands the plight of agriculture based citizens and was very professional in making the recommendations on advertising for our campaign so that voters would take notice and understand the issues at hand. I highly recommend Mr. Dorr in any such efforts you may be attempting in your area. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 507-644-3183."

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