



It's Elementary . . .

. . . Remember to VOTE! Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Passage of Union's bond proposition will not raise taxes.

What is the February 24 bond issue all about? It's simple. In fact, "It's elementary," Elementary #12 to be more precise.

There are other, equally crucial items on the ballot, but a new elementary school for the northeastern portion of the district is the largest brick and mortar project in the \$17-million proposal...and it does not take Sherlock Holmes to see why.

We simply have more elementary school students and program needs than we have classroom space. A new elementary school in the northeast part of our boundaries will begin to address elementary and program growth issues throughout the district.

It takes little, if any, sleuthing to discover why the other items on the February 24 ballot also need your support. All are crucial to providing facilities and tools for the academic welfare, safety and enrichment of students at every grade level throughout the district. All this, without higher taxes!

\$17-Million February 24, 2004, Bond Issue Overview

Land, construction, furnishings and equipment for a new elementary school.	\$ 9,500,000
Textbooks and library books for all schools.	845,000
Computers, software, equipment and related technology for teachers and classrooms throughout the district	820,000
Repairs and renovations to sites districtwide.	1,960,000
Equipment for food services.	245,000
Phase II construction of the plaza between the Fine Arts addition and stadium	175,000
Wrestling and track facility remodels at the High School.	450,000
Operations, transportation and support services equipment; safety equipment; musical instruments; athletic and spirit uniforms; contingency and fees.	3,005,000
Total:	\$17,000,000



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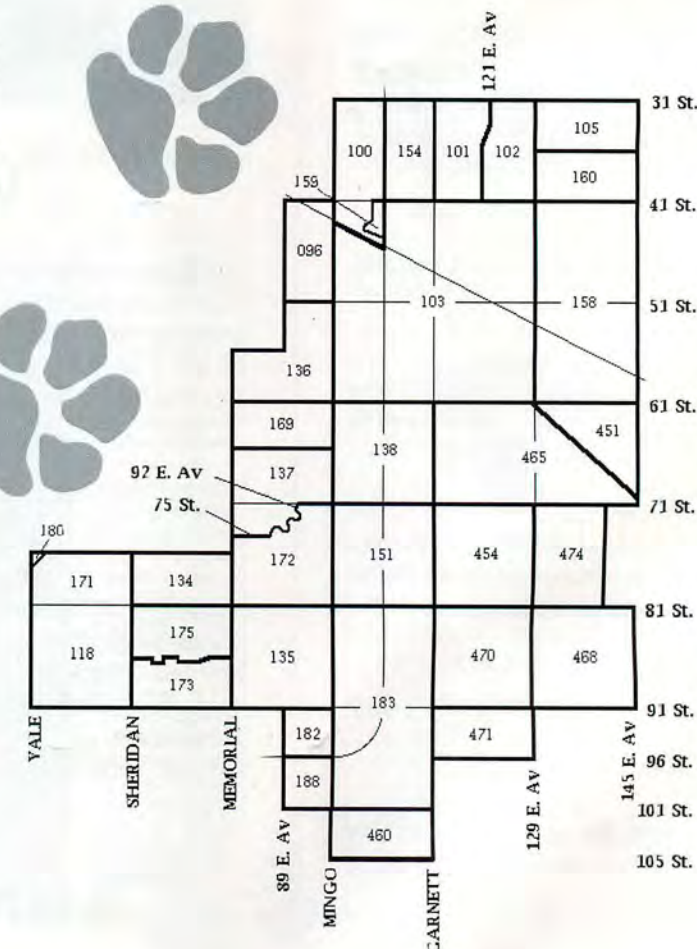
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Precinct Polling Places & Addresses - Union District No. 9

Every ten years, following the Federal Decennial Census, election precinct boundaries are realigned. In accordance with state law, precinct boundaries must adhere to all Congressional, State Senate, State House and County Commission district lines. If your precinct number or your polling place has changed, you should have received notification and a new voter registration card from the Election Board. Please be sure to check the map below and the precinct listing at left. If you have any questions, please call the Tulsa County Election Board at 596-5780.

- 96 - Regency Park Nazarene Church - 8707 E. 51
- 100 - Hicks Recreation Center - 3443 S. Mingo Rd.
- 101 - Garnett Church of Christ - 12000 E. 31
- 102 - Briarglen Elementary School - 3303 S. 121 E. Ave.
- 103 - Rockwood Village - 4130 S. 104 E. Ave.
- 105 - Boevers Elementary School - 3433 S. 133 E. Ave.
- 118 - Helmerich Library - 5131 E. 91
- 134 - Central Church of the Nazarene - 7291 E. 81
- 135 - Calvary Bible Church - 8555 E. 91
- 136 - Volunteers of America of OK - 9605 E. 61
- 137 - Gateway Country Computers - 9121 E. 71
- 138 - Suncrest Baptist Church - 6110 S. 99 E. Ave.
- 151 - Union Intermediate High - 7616 S. Garnett, B.A.
- 154 - Cornerstone Family Church - 3434 S. Garnett Rd.
- 158 - The Church at Battle Creek - 3025 N. Aspen Ave., B.A.
- 159 - Roy Clark Elementary - 3656 S. 103 E. Ave.
- 160 - Sawmill Apt. Clubroom - 12903 E. 35 Pl.
- 169 - Country Club of Woodland Hills - 6333 S. 91 E. Ave.
- 171 - Bethany Christian Church - 6730 S. Sheridan Rd.
- 172 - Woodland Terrace - 9524 E. 71 Street
- 173 - Heatheridge Baptist Church - 6901 E. 91 Street
- 175 - Living Oaks Baptist Church - 8855 E. 91 Street
- 180 - Alterra Sterling House - 6022 E. 71st Street
- 182 - Forest Park Christian Church - 9102 S. Mingo
- 183 - Alterra Sterling House - 8231 S. Mingo
- 188 - Cedar Ridge Elementary School - 9817 S. Mingo Rd.
- 451 - Arrowhead Elementary School - 915 W. Norman, B.A.
- 454 - Forest Hills Assisted Living - 4304 W. Houston, B.A.
- 460 - Tulsa Tech S.E. Campus - 4600 S. Olive, B.A.
- 465 - Union 8th Grade Center - 6501 S. Garnett, B.A.
- 468 - Life Baptist Church - 1200 S. Olive, B.A.
- 470 - St Michael's Episcopal Church - 8837 S. Garnett, B.A.
- 471 - Cedar Ridge Christian Church - 4010 W. New Orleans, B.A.
- 474 - Peters Elementary School - 2900 W. College; B.A.



Thanks for voting!



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Past Bond Issue Performance

The District Treasurer consistently monitors how bond funds are spent, and the Board of Education provides oversight and final approval of all bond expenditures on a monthly basis. Most bond project dollars must be spent within three years from the time the bonds are sold. Bond funds can only be allocated for capital expenditures and long-lasting equipment that has been approved by more than 60% of the voters.

This is the list of projects and purchases approved on Union's last two bond issues. All except those with an asterisk have been completed.

2002 Bond Issue* - (Funds received in 2002)

Site	Project	Estimated Cost
6th/7th Grade	Computer labs	\$ 92,600
	Locker room flooring	30,000
	Re-gunite pool; filter system & mechanical repairs	57,500
	Computer lab	150,000
8th Grade	Furniture, equipment*	115,000
	Upgrade irrigation system - football field	15,000
	Stage sound system	9,500
	Technology	27,000
Alternative	Reseal roof penetrations	12,100
	Site drain - roof top unit condensate	8,000
	Science room sink replacement & exhaust fan additions	7,000
	Stage curtain	8,350
Andersen	Stage sound system	8,500
	Upgrade hallway lighting	5,000
	Softball backstop upgrade - IHS	10,000
	Softball awning - IHS	20,000
Athletics	Regrading/sodding - 6/7 fields*	41,000
	Technology	11,400
	Furniture, equipment*	43,275
	Roof replacement	450,000
Boevers	Upgrade rooftop heating/air unit	525,000
	Exterior wall reseal/concrete walk replacement	15,000
	Roof replacement	550,000
	Security cameras, multiplexer, VCR	8,100
Briarglen	Technology	11,000
	Furniture, equipment*	5,000
	Drainage improvements/erosion control - track*	10,000
	Technology	20,600
Cedar Ridge	Roof top unit upgrade (art, music, science, computer lab)	35,000
	Upgrade hallway lighting	5,000
	Pole lighting upgrade	2,500
	Technology	11,400
Clark	Replace cooling tower equipment	85,000
	Upgrade hallway lighting	5,000
	Site Allocations*	155,000
	Equipment*	1,994,137
Darnaby	Textbooks*	500,000
	Software	250,000
	Bond Consultant fees*	52,705
	SASI/ABACUS software	595,043
Districtwide	Internet/Intranet software and equipment	28,500
	Concrete/sidewalk repairs	75,000
	Fence/backstop repairs	25,000
	Asphalt repairs/drainage improvements	25,000
ESC	Document storage building*	525,000
	Drainage improvement, fuel storage*	43,000
	Construction of Fine Arts Wing	5,000,000
	Dumpster enclosure/parking lot repairs	30,000
Fine Arts Grove		



Union Public Schools...The Best Place To Be!

Families continue to choose Union Public Schools as the best place to educate their children. In fact, our student enrollment has climbed by more than 300 during this school year. The primary focus of this year's bond issue is classroom space for new elementary students and the expanding programs that will be most beneficial for them. Currently, the enrollment in six of our eleven elementary schools - Boevers, Briarglen, Grove, Jarman, McAuliffe, and Moore - exceeds the ideal capacity. Building another elementary school will allow us to better balance building sizes and make room for all-day kindergarten programs at all elementary schools.



Classroom space is at a premium in Union Public Schools as enrollment continues to increase. The addition of a new elementary school will help alleviate student crowding.

The bond issue is your way to support your schools and ensures that students have the best opportunities we can provide. Remember, good schools contribute to high property values for everyone who lives in the district as well as providing an educated workforce to spur economic development. Union Public Schools is a school district that you can be proud of and is worthy of your support. Please familiarize yourself with the important improvements and equipment that this bond issue will provide and demonstrate your involvement on February 24 by going to the polls.

Sincerely,

Cathy Burden, Ph.D.

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Superintendent

Site	Project	Estimated Cost
Grove (Cont.)	Interior/exterior painting	80,000
	Add electrical receptacles in classrooms & corridors	30,000
	Computer lab	176,000
	Furniture, equipment*	55,000
High School	Photography room renovation/equipment*	75,000
	Overhaul Carrier chiller	22,000
	UPAC electrical upgrade	5,000
	Underground electrical/communications relocation	200,000
Intermediate	Computer lab	185,000
	Magnetic door hold-opens - Phase II	120,000
	Renovate drama room*	40,000
	Replace water service to cooling tower	15,000
Jarman	Building automation system	400,000
	Technology	1,000
	Roof refurbishment	165,000
	Upgrade hallway lighting	5,000
McAuliffe	Technology	15,250
	Roof top unit upgrade (art, music, science, computer lab)	35,000
	Upgrade hallway lighting	5,000
	Books, equipment, technology*	190,000
Media/Libraries Moore	Technology	21,000
	Stage curtain	8,350
	Stage sound system	8,500
	Furniture, equipment*	71,590
Peters	Built-in trophy case	7,500
	Electrostatic repaint lockers	5,000
	Stage lighting system	5,000
	Upgrade hallway lighting	5,000
Technology	Pole lighting upgrade	2,500
	Teacher computer upgrades	746,000
	Office computer upgrades	36,000
	Virus protection	50,000
	Broadcast systems & studios	210,000
	AS/400 upgrade	160,000
	STAR Early Literacy program	45,000
	Community Education	4,000
	Special Education - Kurzweil	65,000
	Academic Resource Center	13,800
	Professional Development Center (PDC) computers	53,300

Site	Project	Estimated Cost
Tech. (Cont.)	Waterford English Language Learner (ELL) software	255,000
	Electrical specialty systems/retainage*	1,100,000
	Total:	\$16,400,000
	UMAC	

* Items not completed

2002 Transportation Bond Issue* - (Funds received in 2002)

Site	Project	Estimated Cost
Transportation	Vehicles, equipment	\$ 1,470,000
	Bond consultant fees	30,000
	Total:	\$ 1,500,000

2003 Bond Issue* - (Funds received in 2003)

Site	Project	Estimated Cost
6th/7th Grade	Keyboarding lab upgrade*	\$ 45,000
	Clavinovas for vocal music*	6,000
	Wall tile*	40,000
	Repaint gym floor game lines*	1,500
8th Grade	Building remodeling*	6,000,000
	Computer application labs*	90,000
	Broadcasting studio upgrade*	2,500
	Wireless laptop computers	11,400
Andersen	Soccer field restrooms, concession & locker rooms*	150,000
	Cafeteria freezer/cooler*	8,000
	Cafeteria fryer*	7,500
	Security camera*	6,000
Athletics/Spirit	Heating/air upgrade	65,000
	Softball equipment*	6,400
	Track equipment*	5,000
	Wrestling mats, wall mats & heaters*	36,000
Boevers	Athletic & spirit uniforms*	70,000
	Artificial turf cleaning machine*	30,000
	Electrical service upgrade at stadium*	100,000
	Televisions*	6,000
Briarglen	Cafeteria freezer/cooler*	8,000
	Accelerated Reader materials	12,000
	Fire alarm system upgrade*	55,000
	Cafeteria freezer/cooler*	8,000
	Tables*	9,500

2003 Bond Issue* - (Funds received in 2003) Cont.

Site	Project	Estimated Cost
Briarglen (Cont.)	Restroom flooring*	5,000
	Security camera system*	6,000
	Classroom furniture*	5,000
	Magnetic/white boards*	16,000
Cedar Ridge	Gym safety mats*	5,000
	Heating/air upgrade	45,000
	Teacher desks & bookshelves*	8,000
	Storage cabinets*	5,000
Darnaby	Heating/air upgrade	65,000
	Site Allocations*	155,000
	Textbooks*	750,000
	Land for future development*	1,500,000
Districtwide	Food service equipment and software	51,000
	Transportation routing software	65,000
	Bond Consultant fees*	101,800
	Contingency fund*	750,000
	Band and orchestra instruments*	5,000
	Supplemental band uniform jackets*	4,750
	Operations equipment*	35,000
	Sidewalk and concrete replacement*	20,000
	Ceiling tile upgrades*	5,250
	Fencing replacement*	15,000
	Software upgrades to kitchens*	20,000
	Warehouse freezer/cooler condensers*	110,000
	Reel mower*	18,000
	Range wing mower*	40,000
	Transportation maintenance shop equipment*	10,000
Fine Arts Grove	Fine Arts Plaza	500,000
	Cafeteria refrigerator*	5,000
	Heating/air upgrade	150,000
	Cognitive Tutor math program	55,000
High School	Social Studies computer lab	65,000
	Roof replacement adjacent to Fine Arts addition*	165,000
	Emergency power to intercom system*	2,000
	Two-way radios	18,000
	UPAC stage lighting controller	17,000
	UPAC wireless mike replacements*	9,000
	Fire alarm upgrade*	140,000
	Kitchen fire suppression system upgrade*	4,000
Intermediate	Cafeteria refrigerator & fryer*	10,000
	Repaint gym floor game lines*	2,500
	Cognitive Tutor math program*	134,000
	Math labs (2) and general curriculum lab upgrades	50,000
	Repaint gym floor game lines*	1,500
	Public address system for gym*	15,000
	Refurbish tennis courts*	100,000
	Cafeteria tables*	12,000
Jarman	Heating/air upgrade	30,000
	Cafeteria tables*	12,000
	Resurface bicycle path*	35,000
	Heating/air upgrade	45,000
McAuliffe	Books, equipment, technology*	105,500
	Blackout shades for media center*	25,000
	Repaint gym floor game lines*	1,500
	Science lab tables*	5,000
Media/Libraries Moore	Flooring replacement*	10,000
	Heating/air upgrade	65,000
	WAN/LAN bandwidth expansion	1,500,000
	Software	250,000
Peters	Media center technology upgrades	182,300
	Special education software and equipment*	53,000
	Professional development wireless lab*	10,000
	Internet/Intranet software and equipment*	22,000
Technology	Phonemaster upgrade	23,000
	Teacher computer upgrades*	494,000
	Optical storage*	100,000
	Laptop computers for telecommunications, HVAC and electronics departments*	14,000
UMAC	Technology equipment*	2,500
	Art equipment and software*	5,000
	Music equipment and software*	10,600
	Construction	98,500
	Fixtures, furniture, equipment*	661,500
	Stage lighting, intelligent lighting and follow spotlights*	190,000
	Total:	\$16,000,000

Reasons for Elementary #12 & the Other Bond Items

(Look for clues in the bold-typed words!)

Following the vision - Union's parents, teachers and staff have an excellent track record of providing materials, opportunities and learning experiences that enrich their students' lives. Union's Long-Range Planning Committee examines projected needs to prioritize and recommend when they are to be addressed. They and the Board of Education have determined the shortage of elementary classroom space is Union's most immediate issue, and the process for addressing it should begin with a bond proposal for Elementary #12.

Affecting all elementary schools - Elementary schools in the northeastern part of the district have exceeded their 600-student capacity. For example, Briarglen serves 625 students; Boevers has 659, and McAuliffe has 754. Passage of the February 24 bond issue would provide immediate relief. It would also serve as an important step toward addressing program needs and balancing elementary school size across the entire district.



Union depends on bond dollars for textbooks and library materials. Both are critical resources for schools, providing students with the necessary tools they need to achieve success not only in education but for the rest of their lives.

Getting the right start - All-day kindergarten & preschool - Union has certified early childhood teachers, and our early childhood program is aligned with the district's other academic programs to provide an excellent introduction to the elementary school setting.

With money from this bond issue, the district will be able to provide expanding opportunities and developmentally appropriate preschool and elementary programs. Money for land and construction of Elementary #12, which is on the February 24 ballot, would address the growth north of 51st Street, and then a 13th elementary school, to be built on current district-owned land south of 81st Street, would be placed on a future bond proposal. Completion of the two schools would provide critical space for a growing elementary school population and would give Union room to offer all-day programs for kindergarteners and 4-year-olds.

Blending resources and opportunities - Union is known for finding ways to address the needs of its students, employees and community, even during tough economic times. With passage of Union's February 24 proposal, the district plans to supplement its usual school site bond allocations for instructional materials and equipment with money earmarked for the district from the recently successful Vision 2025 city/county initiative. This gives us a unique opportunity to



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Please Remember
to Vote
Tuesday, February 24!**

Districtwide

Land for elementary school; Elementary #12; defibrillators (25); time and attendance/sub calling phase 1; teacher computer upgrades; musical instruments; equipment and software for art and vocal music; sidewalk and concrete repairs; fencing repairs; operations, grounds and custodial equipment; freezer; emergency equipment replacement; bus video reorder replacement, transportation shop equipment

Andersen

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; resurface track & playground; roof replacement; repair cracks and resal parking lot; cooling tower replacement

Boevers

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; computer lab; wall cabinets; hallway & commons carpet and floor tile replacement

Briarglen

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; stage lighting and sound system; hallway & commons carpet and floor tile replacement

Cedar Ridge

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; track for playground; repair cracks and resal parking lot

Clark

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; hallway & commons carpet and floor tile replacement; repair cracks and resal parking lot

Darnaby

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; computer lab; hallway & commons carpet and floor tile replacement

Grove

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; computer lab; hallway & commons carpet and floor tile replacement; security cameras

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why is passage of this bond proposition important to Union?

A. The district's general fund is for salaries, utilities and other recurring operating expenses. It is through the issuance of bonds that Union is able to pay for capital expenditures such as textbooks, instructional technology, equipment and construction. That is why you see those items on bond propositions almost every year. Without bond propositions, the district would have to tap into its general fund to pay for the facilities and instructional tools our children need, leaving little money to hire teachers or conduct daily operations.

Q. How will passage of this bond proposition affect my taxes?

A. This is not a tax increase. Because the district pays off existing bonds and its property base continues to grow, that portion of estimated ad valorem tax attributed to Union Public Schools is not expected to increase with passage of the bond proposition.

Blending resources and opportunities, Union provides a myriad of educational experiences for students in a variety of subjects, providing lab equipment, textbooks and other resources to enhance student learning. A large portion of money from this bond proposal will be coupled with Union's portion of Tulsa City/County Vision 2025 money to address district-wide classroom equipment needs.



Q. Why is my vote important?

A. Contrary to most elections in which a simple majority carries an issue, state law requires school bond propositions to pass by a 60% super majority. This makes each vote that much more critical. Please remember to cast your ballot February 24!

Q. Where to vote?

A. Vote at your regular polling place used in county, state, and national elections. If you are unsure where to vote, please call the Tulsa County Election Board office at 596-5780. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Improvements in technology continue to play a vital role in the

expand our classroom purchasing power at a time when teachers are having to struggle with state budget reductions that have forced larger classes.

Ensuring a safe environment - Among the least visible, yet one of the most important purchases we make with bond money is safety and security equipment. Passage of the February 24 proposal will enable the district to provide defibrillators at each site; security cameras on buses and at the Sixth/Seventh Grade Center, Alternative School and Grove Elementary; two-way radios at the Eighth Grade Center; a new fire alarm system and magnetic door locks at the Intermediate High; and re-keying at the Intermediate High and Sixth/Seventh Grade Center.

The Union community understands the role fine arts plays in providing a well-rounded educational experience and so does the community. A portion of the money from a successful February 24 bond election will be used to purchase musical instruments.



Providing textbooks & library books - Textbooks and library books continue to increase in costs. That is why a large portion of money from the February 24 bond--\$750,000 for textbooks and \$95,000 for library books--- will be used to purchase them for all of our schools. By buying books with bond money, Union's general fund is saved for salaries and operating expenses.

Tapping into technology - Patrons have always recognized the major role technology plays in how children learn at Union. The February 24 bond proposition includes classroom computers, computer labs, teacher computer upgrades and computer hardware and software districtwide. With successful bond issues each year, Union can continue to provide for its student and staff technology needs.

Fine tuning arts and athletics - Bond funds would be used to complete the plaza area for the fine arts addition and stadium at the High School. They would also be used to purchase musical instruments as well as athletic and spirit uniforms. A successful election would enable us to remodel practice rooms and locker rooms for our wrestlers and Union's cross country/track teams and to upgrade softball/baseball hitting cages.

Protecting our investments - Union patrons see to it that children have excellent schools and related facilities, and they expect those facilities to be cared for and maintained. Much needed maintenance, remodels and repairs are slated throughout the district and will be scheduled as bond money becomes available.

Supporting our support systems - When everything runs smoothly, people are unaware of the enormous support system necessary for operating our schools. Everything from hot lunches, warm classrooms and clean buildings to reliable transportation, working faucets and well-kept lawns depend on equipment included in this bond issue. Operations equipment is another important part of the February 24 proposition.

Samman

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; computer lab

McAuliffe

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; computer lab; cooling tower replacement

Moore

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; computer lab

Peters

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; computer lab (6 stations); replace gym carpet with flooring; hallway & commons carpet and floor tile replacement

Sixth/Seventh Grade Center

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; security cameras; pool area hollow metal frames and door replacement; classroom carpet and floor tile replacement; re-key building; flooring under electric water coolers; kitchen soft water upgrade

Eighth Grade Center

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; broadcasting project completion; two-way radios

Intermediate High

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; gym floor refinish; student desks; lockers; phase 1 of roof replacement; re-key building; fire alarm system upgrade; upstairs magnetic lock upgrade; kitchen soft water upgrade

High School

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; business lab; music lab; TV studio; Fine Arts addition/Stadium Plaza phase 2; replace air compressors in boiler rooms; phase 1 parking lot asphalt repairs; kitchen soft water upgrade

Alternative

Site allocation; textbooks; software; library books; security cameras; office area heating/air roof top unit upgrade

Athletics/Spirit

Remodel wrestling locker, weight & practice rooms; remodel track/cross country locker rooms; softball/baseball hitting cage upgrade; gymnastics equipment; athletic and spirit uniforms

UMAC

Arena staging; portable stage system; ple xiglass lecterns with covers & carts



**Encourage
your friends
to vote too!**



Education process at Union. The district could not afford to purchase computers, software and other instructional technology without patron support of annual school bond proposals.

Voter Registration

Voter registration books close Friday, January 30. (24 days prior to the election) Completed registration forms must be postmarked by January 30. You can obtain a registration form at any Union school site, the Union Education Service Center, or the Tulsa County Election Board. For more information, call the Tulsa County Election Board at 596-5780.

Absentee Balloting

Absentee ballots must be requested by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18. (Wednesday prior to the election) Completed and notarized absentee ballots must be mailed back and received by the Election Board by 7:00 p.m. on election day. Walk-In absentee balloting at the Election Board office (555 N. Denver) is Friday, February 20 and Monday, February 23, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. For more information, call the Tulsa County Election Board at 596-5766 or 596-5780.

Board Election

Incumbent Board of Education member Scott McDaniel is unopposed in his bid for re-election on February 24, 2004. Mr. McDaniel has served on the Board since 1999 and will represent Board District #4 for another five-year term.



Scott McDaniel

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