

Proposed ORR Consolidation

Community Meetings 10.29/10.30 Survey Feedback

Question	Rutland		Oldham-Ramona		TOTAL
#1	I am a registered voter of the following school district:				
	Surveys Collected:	83		72	155
	% Reg Voters Surveyed:	73	16%	72	13%
	Not Registered:	10			

O-R has 540 registered voters & Rutland has 457 voters as of 11.3.2021

NOTE: The percentages for questions 2-6 are based on total surveys collected for registered voters.

Rutland has 1 extra because O-R results were not able to be pulled out for 1 response.

#2	With the understanding of the academic and financial limitations facing the two separate school districts, if you voted today, would you support consolidating the two school districts?				
	Yes, consolidate	33	45%	38	53%
	No, don't consolidate	16	22%	22	31%
	Unsure	25	34%	11	15%

#3	The combined opt outs of the Oldham-Ramona and Rutland school districts is currently \$660,000 per year. By passing a bond the opt outs would be completely eliminated. The new bond would have a yearly payment of \$600,000 - \$60,000 less than the original optouts, providing savings to the district taxpayers. With this knowledge, would you support passing a bond to build a new K-12 school?				
	Yes, support bond	47	64%	39	54%
	No, don't support bond	10	14%	20	28%
	Unsure	17	23%	12	17%

#4	Knowing that our two districts can consolidate, offer more academic opportunities, build a brand new K-12 facility, and eliminate the need for tax opt outs, I would support both the consolidation and passing the bond as long as the new district does not ask for more total tax revenue then they are currently requesting.				
	Yes, support both	40	55%	41	57%
	No, don't support both	13	18%	18	25%
	Unsure	21	29%	12	17%

#5	If the consolidation vote passes, will you support and vote to pass a bond (needs 60% approval) to finance a new school for the Oldham-Ramona-Rutland consolidated school district? (If the bond vote fails, all elementary students will have to attend one existing site and all 6-12 students will have to attend the other existing site.)				
	Yes, will vote both	41	56%	30	42%
	No, will not vote both	15	21%	22	31%
	Unsure	18	25%	19	26%

#6	If you voted No on #5, where would you prefer the (Oldham-Ramona-Rutland) attendance center(s) be?				
	Elem in Ramona	4	5%	3	4%
	Elem in Rutland	7	10%	13	18%
	Unsure	25	34%	22	31%
	No Answer	38	52%	33	46%

Comments from Community Meeting Surveys

RUTLAND COMMENTS

- #2 Depending on Location; Location; Not with Current Locations; If it's not on 81 or west of 81; Equal location between the 2 School Districts; Open Enrollment Numbers; Estimate of when we financially can't make it anymore
- #3 Location; Agree on Location; Location; Not with current locations; How many years is bond; whats included in new school; eliminate fancy items to lower cost
- #4 Location; Location; Location; Location not on 81
- #5 Location; if bond fails look at vote to unconsolidate; Location; Location: Location not on 81
- #6 Need Number Breakdowns; If Bond fails unconsolidate; stay as is; all in Rutland; Dissolve; Ideal and fair location for new school would be Highway 81 and Nunda corner.

Not opposed to consolidation but we need to agree on a mutual ground-OR bigger district-Rutland-More Students
Third proposal K-3 in Rutland and Ramona - HS in Rutland

What about Consolidating with Sioux Valley since they offered

Please consider the Schools that we already attend not the district lines/Amount of kids East of Rutland vs Oldham

Saturation Map of students in the 2 districts

If we could only consolidate and the bond failed, would like to see the possibility of keeping each schools K-2 graders in their respective schools. As they did when O-R first Consolidated

With the Rutland School operating with 45% of their enrollment coming from open enrolled students, we need to seriously look at the feasibility of continuing operation. I am unsure that consolidation is the answer with such unstable and fluid enrollment. Perhaps the difficult decision is to dissolve. We cannot move ahead based on the "build it & they will come" mentality. The towns in these districts are dying. There are no viable businesses to increase or even encourage growth.

OLDHAM-RAMONA COMMENTS

- #2 Location of new facility
- #5 Possibility of keeping the K-2 students in each school site, Location.
- #6

I think it's important we keep our communities going and take whatever steps are necessary to make that happen. Our current consolidation with the schools has bought us an extra 30 some years and that's not with new facilities that will no doubt bring in more open enrollments insuring our future that much more. I heard the argument that Oldham kids would have to travel too far for the proposed sites. The Oldham kids currently riding the bus drive by both these sites on their current bus route already, they'd more than likely cut their bus time. The kids receiving the best opportunities we can put in front of them is what should be most important, not if the facility would be a few miles North, South, East or West 81. Giving our district students the same opportunities as some of the larger surrounding districts should be the priority. It makes absolutely no sense to me to dissolve as a district so that we become part of other failing districts around us which in turn would lead to longer commutes, going to larger schools, and higher taxes. In short, I'm in favor of what ever keeps Oldham-Ramona and Rutland together as our own community.

We need this done for our students. Right now our kids get done with school and have to get on a bus and transport for practices, I am so glad there has not been any accidents over the years for as much windshield time our students have had. This is a great opportunity for our kids both academically and athletic to be located under one roof.

The kids get along great, the community needs to quit bickering on location and develop a plan that will sell to everyone. The locations along highway 81 are the BEST location for every patron of either district.

A location needs found that will please the Rutland voters. There meeting was all about location which I understand since both proposed locations are better for us.

I strongly feel the new school should be located on or near highway 81. If the site is moved to the east, I may reconsider my position. My family is use to driving many miles each day, but I am excited for the opportunity for the students to not have to travel back and forth for activities.

Other Information

Fall 2021 Enrollment	<u>Total</u>		<u>Open Enroll -</u>	
	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>In-District</u>	<u>Open Enroll - IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>
Oldham-Ramona	145.00	102.00	43.00	23.00
Rutland	190.00	108.00	82.00	26.00

Open Enroll IN from these Districts

Oldham-Ramona	Madison (39), Rutland (2), Howard (2)
Rutland	Madison (44), Brookings (17), Colman-Egan (7), Chester (6), Sioux Valley (6), Arlington (1), Flandreau (1)

Open Enroll OUT to these Districts

Oldham-Ramona	Madison (5), Lake Preston (8), Arlington (4), Howard (6)
Rutland	Madison (9), Sioux Valley (6), Brookings (4), Colman-Egan (3), Chester (2), Oldham-Ramona (2)

Taxable Valuations 2019 (payable 2020)

	<u>AG</u>	<u>OO</u>	<u>Oth/Utilities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Oldham-Ramona	278,097,830	20,943,762	9,246,702	308,288,294
Rutland	180,471,979	28,375,350	2,400,120	211,247,449

2019 Payable 2020 Levy per Thousand

	<u>AG</u>	<u>OO</u>	<u>Oth/Utilities</u>	<u>Special Ed</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>
Oldham-Ramona	\$ 2.019	\$ 4.518	\$ 9.349	\$ 1.200	\$ 2.630
Rutland	\$ 3.17	\$ 7.09	\$ 14.67	\$ 1.40	\$ 2.37

Current Opt-outs

	<u>Perpetual</u>	<u>Addtl'</u>	<u>Total</u>
Oldham-Ramona	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Rutland	\$ 120,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 430,000

Current Outstanding Debt

Oldham-Ramona	\$ -
Rutland	\$ 475,000 Payoff Date December 2022

Current Cash Balance (Oct 2021)

	<u>GenFund</u>	<u>CaptOutlay</u>	<u>SpecEd</u>
Oldham-Ramona	\$ 453,470.91	\$ 1,723,846.07	\$ 134,374.87
Rutland	\$ 910,755.81	\$ 893,770.83	\$ 563,261.77

Area in Square Miles

Oldham-Ramona	192
Rutland	125

Saturation of In-District Students

More than 70% of in-district students live within the following areas of each district (see map)

	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>
Oldham-Ramona	218th St	226th St	451st Ave	445th Ave
Rutland	223rd St	230th St	465th Ave	459th Ave

Oldham-Ramona 39-5 and Rutland 39-4 School District Maps

