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Across the district, Welday said, there does not appear to be the same degree of opposition.

"That's a reflection of the school board and administration taking a different approach, a two-part approach," Welday said. "...The (district) is to be commended for recognizing the concerns of residents. Do I think this is a perfect proposal? No."

Welday said there remain questions about some of the priorities, particularly in Proposal 1. Now it is up to voters to "make up their own mind," he added.

According to Alapach, the major bone of contention with the bond issue, in its various incarnations, is the inclusion of districtwide technology wiring.

She questions the need for expensive computers. She remains unconvinced they help students learn more efficiently

than in the days when research meant spending time in the library, not logged onto the Internet.

"I don't know anybody who learned how to write a coherent paragraph from anything other than being directly taught," she continued. "In the time it takes to log onto a computer, you can open up a book and get what you need. I just don't think it's education's responsibility to be all things to all people."

Alapach also said she does not want her taxes to increase by a couple hundred dollars, to pay for a bond issue containing too many unnecessary items. Among those cited by her are the large number of instructional meeting rooms in the current plan, virtually one per elementary school. "If it's not going to be used all of the time, then it's an extra."

But Alapach conceded that the district does need some of the nuts and bolts type of improvements to facilities that a successful bond issue would enable.

"Do we need kitchens? Uh-huh. Roofs? Uh-huh. Expansion (of schools) because of population growth? Yeah. But there's other stuff that is fluff."

If both parts of the bond issue are passed, the cost per household in the district would be 1.54 mills. Each mill equals \$1 for every \$1,000 in state equalized value.

The owner of an average school district home worth about \$165,000 — with a state equalized value of \$82,600 — would pay about \$126 more a year in taxes, according to Cheryl Cannon, assistant superintendent for business and finance.

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