

SUBLETTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #9

OPTIONAL MILL PARITY REQUEST

HISTORICAL PARITY OVERVIEW

- December 1971 – Sublette #9 and Sublette #1 required by state to re-organize boundaries or State plan would result in one county-wide district (see attachment A).
- January 1972 - Plan put in place by the **STATE** to reorganize boundaries into a 60/40 split (see attachment B).
- September 1973 to December 1974 – Problems are brought to light by the re-organization of boundaries and both districts discussed and implemented a solution for parity (see attachment C).
- December 1974 – Minutes document that the final boundary solution that was approved in December of 1973 called for an exchange of funds between the two districts rather than a change of boundaries in order to achieve parity (see attachment D).
- FY1974 to FY1983 – Payments to create valuation parity are made by both districts from FY 1973-74 through FY 1982-83 until 1984 when the Wyoming Supreme Court ruled on state-wide funding equalization for all districts (see attachments D to E).
 - **POINT OF HISTORICAL INTEREST**
 - Evidence shows that both boards worked cooperatively for over a decade to provide solutions which benefited both districts.
 - Attached Historical Valuation graph included as point of reference (see attachment F).

CURRENT VALUATION DISPARITY

- SCSD #9 would like to discuss options:
 - 2010 valuation based on current boundaries provides a split of 89% for SCSD #1 to 11% for SCSD #9. This unprecedented disparity is larger than any recorded percentage difference between the two Districts by the Board of Equalization back to 1971. Due to 100% recapture and the funding model this disparity has little affect on school related funding (General Fund), but does have a pronounced affect on optional millage.
 - **Recreation Funding** Disparity 2010 – SCSD #1 with eight (8) times more expected funding than SCSD #9 (\$3.1 million vs. \$387,000)
 - **BOCES Funding** Disparity 2010 – Same disparity as reported above (\$1.5 million to \$193,500).

ACTION REQUEST

Sublette County School District #9 requests that this Board take action to agree to help reduce the optional mill levy disparity and provide equitable opportunities for both district's student by agreeing to meet with representatives of SCSD #9 for an open discussion of solutions for valuation parity.