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November 2, 2023

Mr. Jerry Vincent  
Executive Director of the Wyoming State Construction Division  
700 West 21<sup>st</sup>  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

RE: New Rock Springs High School

Dear Mr. Vincent:

I am writing to you today to urge you to consider funding a new high school in Rock Springs. Our current high school is over 60 years old and needs significant repairs. The cost of these repairs would be prohibitive, and more importantly, if only repairs were made, the school would still not meet the needs of our growing student population.

Rock Springs is experiencing a period of economic expansion, and our student population is growing rapidly. Our current high school is already overcrowded, and we are expecting even more students in the coming years. A new high school would give our students the space they need to learn and succeed.

In addition to being overcrowded, our current high school is in poor condition. The building needs major repairs, including new electrical wiring, plumbing, and heating and cooling systems. The roof is leaking and the walls are cracked. These repairs would cost millions of dollars, and even if we were able to afford them, the school would still not be up to modern education standards.

A new high school would provide our students with a safe and healthy learning environment. It would also be equipped with the latest technology and resources to help them succeed in college, and in the workforce. Many younger students are lucky enough to learn in a modern school environment, with recently built or remodeled schools. Our older learners deserve the same opportunity.

In addition to the points raised in the letter above, I would also like to highlight the following:

- *A new high school would create jobs and boost the local economy.*
- *It would improve the quality of education for our students and make our community more attractive to businesses and families.*



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- *It would be a symbol of our commitment to investing in our future.*

I urge you to consider funding a new high school in Rock Springs—we see it as an investment in our future that will pay off for years to come.

If I may ever be of assistance, please contact me by phone at (307) 389-9169, or by email at [max\\_mickelson@rswy.net](mailto:max_mickelson@rswy.net).

I hope you will give this request your serious consideration. Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Max Mickelson", is written over the typed name.

Max Mickelson, Mayor  
City of Rock Springs