

Patrons turn down bond

LOCATION	YES	NO
District Office	147	67
Tensed	53	71
Wellness Center	98	55
Worley Community Church	46	132
Casino	37	50
Totals	381	375
Percentage	50.4%	49.6%

Plummer/Worley Bond Election Results

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The results are in.

For the fourth and final time, patrons of the Plummer-Worley school district turned down a bond to build a new school in Plummer.

Regardless, a new 47,000 square foot, \$11.3 million facility will still be built using state funding.

In November, the district applied to the Idaho Facilities Cooperative Funding Program for funding to replace Lakeside Elementary in Worley with a new school in Plummer. A modified version of the district application was approved Dec. 15.

The Worley school was closed last year after state inspectors deemed the school unsafe.

On Tuesday, 756 votes n 381 ♦yes' votes and 375 ♦no' votes n were tallied from five polling locations in Plummer, Tensed and Worley. While the bond received a simple majority of 50.4 percent, the statute requires a 66.6 percent "supermajority" in order to pass.

At Plummer polling locations, 66.7 percent of patrons supported the bond. However, in Worley and Tensed only 34.9 percent voted 'yes.'

Since the bond did not pass, the state will now step in and fund the construction of the school. Taxes will be levied against property owners in the school district to repay the state through a 20-year payment program.

A district supervisor will be appointed within 35 days to oversee the project for the state and a certain degree of local control will be lost.

The first payment for taxpayers will be Dec. 2010.