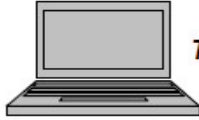


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**Letters to the Editor**



### Vote no on RA reactivation

On Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> voters in the Rossville school district will be asked to decide whether or not to allow the school board to further investigate reactivating the high school. I believe the answer is no for the following reasons:

1. Consultants hired by the district prepared cost estimates for reactivating the school versus continuing to tuition students to Bismarck and Hoopeston. For a new school the consultants estimated 15 teachers would need to be hired at a cost of \$40,000 per teacher for salary and \$6,000 per teacher for benefits. However, school district financial information filed with the Illinois State Board of

Education show that benefits for existing teachers in Rossville cost the district almost 25% of pay. This would equal \$10,000 per teacher, much more expensive for the taxpayers than what is currently being estimated.

2. Consultants also estimated \$125,000 every 5 years to replace and update equipment. However, this was not included in the annual budget and was only listed in the footnotes. This would also add to the estimated costs and again increase the burden on the taxpayers.

3. In an effort to save money, consultants suggested having the teachers hired teach multiple subjects instead of the

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Applicants are required to be tested prior to acceptance into the program as well as passing the mandatory electronic fingerprint scan. The mandatory testing will be held on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> on the DACC campus. Costs for the class will be discussed at this time. Applicants must live in the DACC school district.

Please contact Susie Landers at 217-443-8784 if you are interested in taking the class. Testing availability is limited.

### Letter continued from other side

common practice of specializing in one or two areas. The proposed curriculum calls for one teacher to teach Geometry, Algebra 2, Spanish 3/4, English 2, Creative Writing and Speech. It stands to reason that finding someone qualified to teach all those different subjects would be very difficult. It is also hard to imagine any teacher being able to adequately prepare for that many different classes every day. Ultimately more teachers than budgeted for would need to be hired. This would be another unbudgeted for ex-

pense.

4. Finally, the proposed curriculum would be less than what is offered by Bismarck and Hoopeston. There is no mention of offering accounting, business law, economics, statistics, web design or many other programs currently offered by Bismarck and Hoopeston.

The logical outcome to this is higher than expected costs, lower educational offerings for our kids and a choice between closing the high school again or higher property taxes. We are already paying higher property taxes for a \$900,000 fire station. Let us not repeat that type of financial recklessness and offer our kids less educational opportunities in the process. Vote "no" on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lance Raver  
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### Police News



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**Pamela S. Pruitt**, 42, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7 p.m. Saturday at the police department. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for exploitation of the elderly and two counts of theft, she was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

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