

I am writing to urge you to support the patrons of the Edmore School District's need to retain use of the closed Edmore School for a community center going forward. In order for that to be possible, funds will need to be transferred from the Edmore School to the city of Edmore in order to pay for the heat, lights, water, and maintenance needed.

My husband David Levang and I moved to Edmore in 1967 and have been supporters of the Edmore School ever since. We have come to rely on the school in this small rural community. The school has a great gymnasium and excellent workout equipment. We exercise there regularly three times each week. Since we are in our late seventies, it would be unsustainable to have to drive nearly 100 miles each time we exercise to a nearby town. In addition, we use the school's up-to-date kitchen and dining areas when we sponsor benefits for those who need financial help. We're also prepared food and used the dining areas for funeral lunches when that has been needed. The school also has a very good library which we appreciate having access to using. You can see that our school has terrific potential for being a great community center for Edmore and our friends in surrounding communities!

It frightens us to think our school, our wonderful resource, could suddenly be ripped away from us and our community. That actually would be devastating! There are many challenges living in rural North Dakota. Please help us keep what we have left in our small rural North Dakota community. That would mean the world to us!

Sincerely,

Irene Levang