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New IFHS Would Be Built On 49th South If Patrons Approve Bond In November

If patrons approve a \$110 million bond to upgrade and modernize high schools in Idaho Falls School District 91, plans call for the new Idaho Falls High School to be built on a 58-acre site on 49th South between Holmes and St. Clair.

The Idaho Falls Board of Trustees voted during its July 25 board meeting to enter into a purchase option agreement with GHG Investment Company, the property owner. Board members considered a number of potential sites, and gathered input from a working group of parents and patrons, before selecting the property. The site was deemed the best option because:

- The property is available for purchase
- It is within Idaho Falls High School's current boundaries
- At 58 acres, it could accommodate the district's current needs as well as future growth
- It is close to utilities
- It has some natural barriers that should provide a buffer between the school and existing homes
- It is located between two major roadways, Holmes and St. Clair, which should ease access and congestion issues

If patrons approve the bond on Nov. 7, the district has until Nov. 21, 2017 to exercise its option to purchase the property. The district is planning to use reserve moneys to buy the land.

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