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**No money is designated toward student achievement.**

**No school in the Assigned Attendance Area is at capacity.**

**No Superintendent has been hired.**

**No money is going toward rewarding our best teachers.**

**No district accountability for maintaining existing facilities.**

**No USD 259 website transparency showing student test scores.**

**No, the 2000 bond (\$284.5MM) has not been paid off.**

**No cost effective alternatives have been considered.**

And **No**, it's not just your property taxes going up. Utilities (electricity, gas, cable and phone) pay almost 3X more in property taxes than a homeowner. Commercial real estate properties pay 2½X more. These costs will be passed to **YOU**, the consumer..

- 24 of USD 259's 90 schools failed to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2007-08 school year. That's 27%.
- 5 of the 7 district high schools failed to meet AYP.
- 12 Wichita schools failed to meet state competency levels, spring 2008.
- Math scores were 15 points lower than state averages, spring 2008.
- Reading scores were 13 ½ points lower than state averages, spring 2008.
- USD 259 was lowest ranked district (out of 26) in Sedgwick, Harvey and Butler counties.
- 26 – 48% of our students cannot read or perform mathematics at grade level (depending upon grade tested).
- 2 out of 5 students in 11th grade do not read at grade level.
- No statistical data exists that equates facility improvement spending with student achievement improvement.
- According to Bill Gates' and Colin Powell's America's Alliance Promise study (2004) Wichita's drop out rate was cited at 40.4%.

Sources: Kansas Department of Education, Wichita Eagle, Flint Hills Center for Public Policy.