

## Re: Mailer concerning bond issue



USD 308 INFO

To: Me ▾

Oct 7



Allison,

The informational brochure was paid for via funds that were set aside to inform residents about the upcoming bond. Our mailer was sent in compliance with Kansas Attorney General opinions regarding bonds and a school district's duty to inform residents of an upcoming bond vote.

Thank you,

USD 308 Admin

**Email response to my question concerning the mailer that was being used by both the District and the Vote Yes campaign.**

**The District claimed it was “informational.”**



**The Vote Yes Campaign Facebook page regularly posted links to District resources that were paid for by taxpayers.**

**The District and the Vote Yes Campaign claimed these resources were “informational” but yet the campaign used them to push for support of the bond.**

## Videos used by both the District and the Vote Yes campaign.



**The District and the Campaign  
claim the videos are “informational.”**

**Transcript from the video includes...**

**“We will need a new building to do that.”**

**“To provide the best for our children,  
I think we need to capitalize on that.”**

**“To make things more efficient,  
I think that would be best.”**

**“Why settle when we can soar.”**



**Yard sign was identified as the  
Vote Yes yard sign.**

**Attached picture is a screenshot of  
a Vote Yes Facebook post.**

**These signs were purchased  
at taxpayer expense.**

**The signs were also used to raise  
money for the Vote Yes campaign.**



**Sign identified as a  
Vote Yes yard sign on  
school property.**

**Picture taken at  
HMS - 8 on Monday,  
September 29, 2025.**



**Vote Yes yard signs were left  
in the hallways of school  
buildings for teachers to send  
home with students.**

**Students were instructed to  
put these signs in their yards.**



**Campaign signs identified as the Vote Yes yard signs given out during Faris Elementary School's Parent / Teacher Conferences.**

**Conferences were also used to discuss the bond and how each building would benefit.**

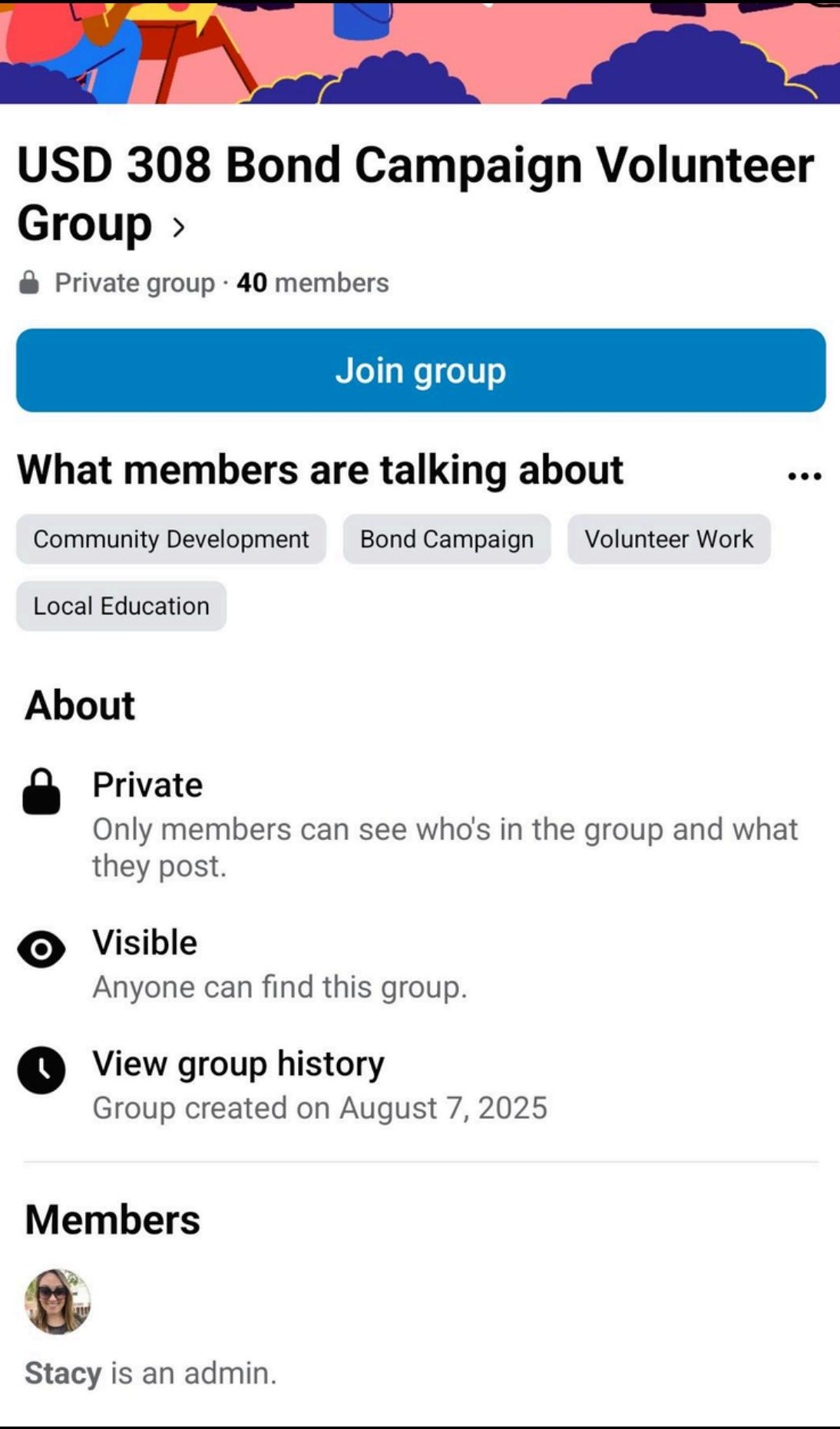
**Picture taken on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 6:26 p.m.**





**Complaint by  
USD 308 Staff  
that “teachers”  
were wearing  
these buttons  
during the school  
day.**

**This logo was used  
by the Vote Yes  
campaign with  
different wording.**



**USD 308 Bond Campaign Volunteer Group** ›

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**What members are talking about** ...

Community Development Bond Campaign Volunteer Work

Local Education

**About**

**Private**  
Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

**Visible**  
Anyone can find this group.

**View group history**  
Group created on August 7, 2025

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**Members**

 Stacy is an admin.

**Canvassing for the  
Vote Yes campaign was  
organized and coordinated  
by a current employee  
of USD 308.**

**Stacy Goss is their Director of  
Communications.**

**Many have questioned if  
Stacy was compensated by  
the District with taxpayer  
money for the work she was  
doing on behalf of the Vote  
Yes campaign.**

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**Taxpayer funded  
Facebook ads run by  
USD 308 linked to their  
school bond webpage.**



Ladies,

I am working with the Vote YES For Hutch Kids Bond initiative.

We'd love to have some parents and kids from each of our school's out front, during drop off (and pick up if possible) holding the "I Support Hutch Kids" signs on Monday, November 3rd.

This will hopefully serve as a reminder to our families to go vote - if they didn't do so already with advanced voting, and support our schools, teachers, parents and community with a YES vote!!!

This is an activity that we actually used 20 years ago when the last bond initiative was passed and it seemed pretty effective.

What I am asking you is to consider recruiting some kids and parents from your schools for this event and I will be happy to drop off signs to be used on the 3rd. I can bring them to you at your home or to your school.

Let me know your thoughts.

Thanks!!  
Starla Wells  
Vote YES for Hutch Kids Campaign Treasurer

**This email was forwarded  
from a concerned member  
of the PTO.**

**It appears the District, the  
PTO, and the Vote Yes  
committee were working  
together to push support for  
the school bond.**



**Students holding  
campaign signs  
identified as the  
Vote Yes yard signs  
on school property**

**Picture taken at  
HMS - 8 on Monday,  
November 3, 2025, at  
7:35 a.m. during school  
drop-off**



**Students and parents holding campaign signs identified as the Vote Yes yard signs on school property.**

**Other signs say, “Support Students. Support the Bond.” and “Invest in my future. Vote yes.”**

**Vote Yes shirts were also worn.**

**Picture taken at Morgan Elementary School on Monday, November 3, 2025, at 7:42 a.m. during school drop-off.**

Tue, Nov 4, 2025 at 11:03 AM

Don't forget today is Election Day! Polls are open until 7:00 pm.

The USD 308 school bond as well as the USD 308 school board candidates are on the ballot.

Find your sample ballot and voting location here  
👉 [renocountyks.gov/Elections](http://renocountyks.gov/Elections)

Your vote is your voice. Make a difference in your community!

**It is assumed that taxpayers also funded these text messages that went out to registered voters to remind them that the school bond was on their ballot.**



**Concerning financial information from USD 308 and the Vote Yes for Hutch Kids,  
USD 308 has removed the video where Dr. Dawn Johnson specially talks about  
what the District paid for during the bond campaign  
and the Vote Yes Campaign has yet to file any financial reports.  
Stop the Bond - Hutchinson filed our financial reports on December 31, 2025.**



## **USD 308 Board Authorizes Negotiations For Bond Election Survey**

By Adam Stewart Hutchinson Tribune Staff  
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**The USD 308 Hutchinson Board of Education authorized Superintendent Dawn Johnson to negotiate with a St. Louis firm regarding a survey about last year's failed bond issue election. Johnson said Discovery Works' fee for the election analysis and survey would be \$28,500.**