

Kindred schools to lose over 100 students if proposed flood diversion plan goes through

Kindred, ND (WDAY TV) - The Kindred School District could lose more than 120-students if the proposed flood diversion plan goes through. This as the district of 620 students is building a new high school. School leaders say they are taking the brunt of Fargo-Moorhead flood protection and they're now looking in to hiring a lawyer.

The Kindred school board is now on the record in opposition to the Diversion plan and many who have kids in the district hope there is a better way to solve flood problems.

It is the 4th largest class B school in the state and 23-percent of the schools' funding comes from the east side of County Road 17, which with the diversion proposal, could be under water.

Clarice Cramer - Grandkids Go to Kindred: "I'd hate to be the engineers. I'd hate to be any of them. I'd hate to be the school people that have to make these decisions."

Clarice Cramer along with her husband Richard have had 5-kids graduate from Kindred and 4-grandkids are in the district now.

Clarice Cramer - Grandkids Go to Kindred: "Oh we have a huge stake in this district."

They are among many in the district sifting through the diversion proposal that could make future students in the flooded areas attend another school.

Richard Cramer - Grandkids Go to Kindred: "We are not going to lose our school, but its not going to be the same."

The Amy Corp diversion plan would be to buyout all of Hickson, Oxbow and the Bake subdivision, forcing families to move and making the future of 120-students in Kindred uncertain.

Steve Hall: "It definitely has an impact on us. The school district is offering the protection for the city of Fargo, and West Fargo, and Moorhead."

Any flood mitigation will not be paid for with Federal money. It can only be covered with local and state money. The district is now looking in to legal action to represent the districts interest of not supporting the diversion plan.

Steve Hall: "Nothing is set in stone by any means, but we are at the table and we want to continue to have discussions."

So for the Cramers, like the district, they hope the fight is long but over to keep as many students a Viking as they can.



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Calarice Cramer: "I just hope whatever happens is what's best for everybody."

The superintendent says it's moving forward with plans to build the new school and says even if they lose 120-students. They would still be ok with more than 500-enrolled.

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