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The County Commission approved San Juan earlier this year to seek a property tax levy for San Juan students who attend Grand County schools, but the San Juan School Board will not increase those payments, because, San Juan officials say, their district is already paying the amount required by state law.

"There is much to be dis- charged under the agreement of what this boundary change will mean. I would like to see these two issues kept separate so we do not compromise giving any- thing that may not be beneficial for our district," said district superintendant Margaret Hopkins. "We also don't want to kick up the boundary shift with lengthy negotiations that may or may not be approved by the state by the year." The agreement between the two districts centers mostly on how students remaining outside the boundary will be treated. Grand County school officials will continue to enroll the more than 20 remaining stu- dents who will reside outside the new boundary, and San Juan official will continue to pay the Grand County School District the required amount for each student, according to the state mandate. However, San Juan does not want to pay more than the dollar amount required by the state formulas for compensati- on. San Juan officials also asked for assurances that San Juan inputs transferred into the new Grand County boundary will not be subject to a tax increase. Grand County school officials said they are not willing to make that promise.

For example, the sample property cited by Swaray will pay an additional $9.19 for approximately this year over last year, she said. The increase is needed to replenish the蘑菇 distribution fund, which has been down for the past two years, said the district's direc- tor, Bob Phillips. The district must also replace a 17-year old compact pickup truck that is now worn out from constant use, he said.

Phillips said he hopes this year's rate increase will pay for the truck and being the district's general fund balance up to a point where sufficient funds are available in case of emergen- cies. When the fund reaches that point, it may be possible to either lower the rate, or at least not increase it again anytime soon, he said.

A "truth in taxation" hear- ing for the proposed missile abatement tax rate increase will be held at 6 p.m. on Aug. 5 at the district's office on Sand Flats Road.

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