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K-12 SCHOOL HITS AUCTION BLOCK (SIERRASCHOOLFORSALE.COM)

Sierra County school built in 1983 being auctioned off on eBay amid drastic budget cuts

SIERRA COUNTY, CA—July 28th, 2011—Pliocene Ridge was a state-of-the-art school at the time it was built in 1983 in anticipation of major development in the small community of Pike in Sierra County. That development—and the more than 200 students that were expected at the school—never materialized and, after 20 years of serving students (as few as a handful at certain points), the school is now scheduled to hit the auction website eBay on August 1st and will be open to bidders for 30 days.

Originally listed for nearly \$3 million in 2007, the shuttered school languished as the real estate market continued to decline. It's now scheduled to hit the auction block for \$995,000 which is less than the cost to replace the school's gymnasium and administration building which measures more than 13,000 square feet alone.

"It's a choice between maintaining a multimillion-dollar school with no enrollment or keeping teachers in classrooms that actually have students," said Stan Hardeman, Superintendent of the Sierra Plumas Joint Unified School District.

"The carrying costs are substantial on a property like this," said Rose Asquith, Business Manager for the school district and Sierra County Office of Education. The campus—built to be a fully functional K-12 school—boasts more than 22,000 square feet of buildings on roughly 20 acres including a gymnasium and multipurpose room, commercial kitchen, administration offices, two K-6 classrooms, and five middle- and high-school classrooms.

Located in the Tahoe National Forest, the school served students that were bused in from throughout the area and as far away as Oregon House nearly an hour away until the district decided to shutter the campus in 2005.

"This is an amazing opportunity for a non-profit, church, or other organization that's looking for private, secluded facilities in a beautiful mountain setting," said Brian McMartin, one of the Mason-McDuffie Commercial brokers representing the school district.

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