

The Weekly Comet

From Dr. Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

Upcoming Events, Early Dismissals, and "No School" Days

- Feb. 14 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Learning
- February 19 - President's Day - No School
- March 6 & 7 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- March 8 - No School
- March 20 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Learning
- March 29-April 2 - No School for Students - Spring Break
- May 25 - Bellevue High School Graduation - 4:00 PM

Building Project Update

The Bellevue Community School District is highly engaged in the planning process for the new Bellevue Elementary building that will be the home for grades 3-5 in the 2025-2026 school year. As most of you know, this is a result of our community supporting a bond referendum of \$13.1 million in March of 2023. The next steps in the process included the release of building construction documents generated from the input of district officials and stakeholders. A timeline of the process of the release of the documents, bidding deadlines, construction dates, and completion for 2024 are shown on next page.

During the planning process, many aspects of our system have been explored and examined in regard to the essential needs of our students and their learning for both now and in the future. The building is being planned for an addition for grades PK-2 in the upcoming years from district funds (not another referendum for our taxpayers). A few specific highlights of the plan being shared with construction companies in the bidding process include the following:

- Nine classrooms for students in grades 3-5 (three sections for each grade level)
- Two special education classrooms
- Specific rooms for classes in music, art, and makerspace activities (these areas do not have their own spaces in the current elementary building)
- "Commons" area for students to eat breakfast and lunch, along with the capability to be used for school/community activities and meetings
- Two guidance and counseling rooms
- Multiple collaboration areas in hallways for students
- Modernized security systems for entry into the building and internal controls to isolate specific parts of the building
- Gym for physical education classes, youth practices for a variety of sports, and many other events
- Geothermal heating and cooling system, which the district qualified for substantial rebates in its installation and utilization

BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS by the NUMBERS

Enrollment

16.3 Percent Increase in Bellevue CSD enrollment since 2010-2011

32.8 Percent Increase in Bellevue Elementary enrollment since 2010-2011. A 13.7 percent increase since 2020-2021

18.2 Percent Increase in Bellevue Preschool enrollment since 2010-2011

College Courses

22.5 Average College Credits earned by 2023 Bellevue High School Graduates

75.9 Percentage of Bellevue High School students receiving an "A" or "B" in college courses in the last 5 years

3.08 GPA in College Courses by Bellevue High School Students in the 2022-2023 school year

\$0 Costs for students to take online courses while a student at the Bellevue CSD.

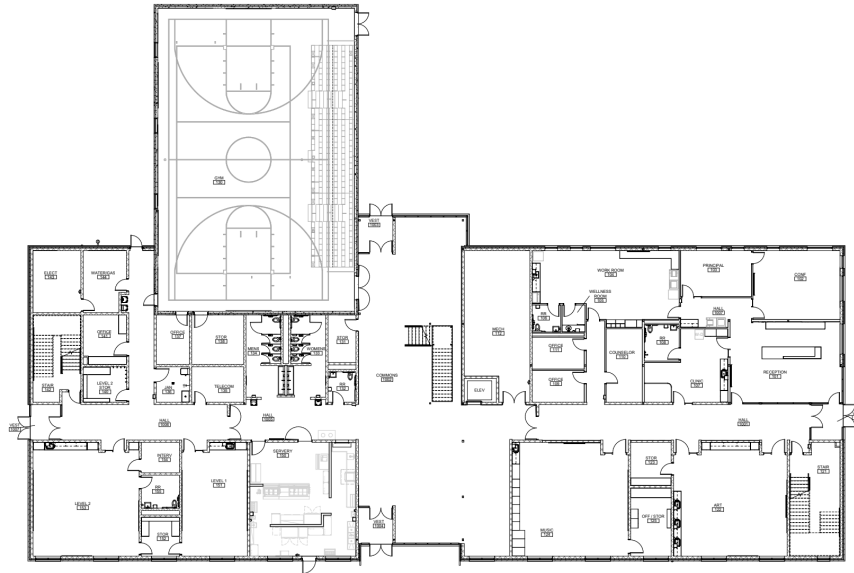
Important Construction Dates

- January 11 - Documents were issued and shared in digital plan rooms across the state that are accessible to bidders, along with a notice of information shared with the Master Builders of Iowa (MBI sites) and the Iowa League of Cities site. This makes the bidding process accessible to individuals across the state who qualify for a project of this magnitude.
- January 29 - Pre-bid meeting at the Bellevue CSD for bidders interested in the project.
- February 8 - Bids due and opened at 2:00 PM
- February 12 - Bellevue CSD Board of Education accepts the bids after an examination of the bids to ensure they meet all requirements
- March 11 - The Bellevue CSD Board of Education accepts contracts for the project

Important Estimated Dates for 2025

- June 15 - Substantial completion of the project
- June 30 - Final completion of the project

1st Floor



2nd Floor

