

The Weekly Comet

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

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

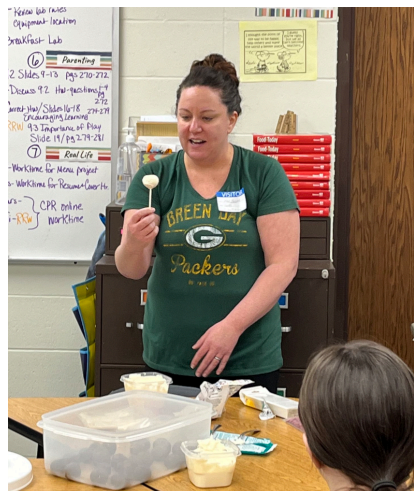
- February 8 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Learning
- February 15 - Bellevue CSD Community Open House about the Referendum
- February 20 - No School President's Day
- March 7 - Bellevue CSD Special Election for Bellevue Elementary School - Polls open from 7 AM - 8 PM
- March 8 & 9 - Parent/Teacher Conferences ; 2-Hour Early Dismissal
- March 10 - No School

Bellevue CSD Referendum Information

As the district moves closer to the date of the March 7 referendum for a new 3-5 elementary building, discussion is often focused on tax rates and how it will impact our stakeholders who own property in the district. To the right (and the bottom of the page) is some general information you can also utilize for the impact on your own property.

Student Learning

Students learn a variety of skills and knowledge in school at all levels, and below they are learning to make "cake pops" in the Foods II class with Bellevue HS graduate Chloe Norpel from Candle Ready Cakes. Additionally, students went ice fishing in Mr. Reuter's Field Science class on Thursday.



HOW WILL THE BOND AFFECT MY PROPERTY TAXES?

The \$13.1 bond is less than both of the prior two proposals in 2018 and 2019. By using multiple funding sources over a period of five to eight years with phased construction, the committee was able to minimize the tax impact. Property taxes will increase \$2.70 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. The final taxable value of your property is a percentage of its assessed value after credits. Below are examples of how taxes will be affected for both residential and agricultural land.

Residential							
Assessed value	Rollback	Taxable value	Homestead credit	Net taxable value	Levy Rate change per \$1,000	Monthly tax change	Annual tax change
\$100,000	54.1302%	\$54,130	\$4,850	\$49,280	\$2.70	\$11.09	\$133.06
\$200,000	54.1302%	\$108,260	\$4,850	\$103,410	\$2.70	\$23.27	\$279.21
\$300,000	54.1302%	\$163,390	\$4,850	\$157,540	\$2.70	\$35.45	\$425.36

Agricultural Land					
Average assessed value	Rollback	Taxable value	Levy Rate change per \$1,000	Monthly tax change	Annual tax change
\$1,208/acre	89.0412%	\$1,076/acre	\$2.70	\$0.24	\$2.90

More information can be found on the Bellevue Community School District website at the following link:
<http://www.bellevue.k12.ia.us/bondlandingpage>

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BOND VOTE
 Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Bellevue's 175-year-old elementary school is **out of space and time**. In order to provide equitable educational spaces for Bellevue's youngest learners, the Bellevue Community School District is asking voters to approve a \$13.1 million general obligation bond during a special election on **March 7, 2023**.

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WHAT'S DIFFERENT THIS TIME?
 Following the last two bond votes, the district and community-based committee went back to the drawing board to come up with a plan that responded to community concerns. The final plan is a phased approach that costs less (despite current inflation) and will impact property taxes less.

+ Phased Approach

Phase 1 (Bond Referendum)

- PK-2 stays in the existing elementary school
- 3-5 move to a new building at the middle/high school site

Phase 2 (District-Funded)

- Renovations and improvements to the high school's fine arts and CTE spaces
- Other facility projects to address space needs based on enrollment, including a potential addition to the 3-5 building for PK-2

+ Lower project cost

- \$13.1 million compared to \$16 million (2018) and \$14.5 million (2019)

+ Less property tax impact

- \$2.70 per \$1,000 of property tax valuation compared to \$4.05 (2018) and \$3.75 (2019)
- The project cost will be supplemented by PPEL and SAVE funds which will not raise property taxes additionally.