

The Weekly Comet

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

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

- January 25 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Learning
- 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

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Bellevue CSD Referendum Information

While I mentioned the upcoming vote for a 3-5 elementary building last week, it is important to know what is different this time in comparison to the vote in 2018 and 2019:

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 - 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
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- + **Less property tax impact**
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More information can be found on the Bellevue Community School District website at the following link: <http://www.bellevue.k12.ia.us/bondlandingpage>

Student Learning Collaboration



It is excellent to see MS/HS students collaborating and working with elementary students regularly, including FBLA students at the elementary discussing entrepreneurship and Mrs. Feller's 8th grade students working with kindergarten students.

Reminder: Bellevue Referendum vote is on Tuesday, March 7 2023



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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