

The Weekly Comet

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

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

- 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
- March 22 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students - Teacher Professional Learning
- April 7-11 - No School for Students - Spring Break; Teacher Professional Learning on April 11
- April 26 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students - Teacher Professional Learning
- May 27 - Bellevue HS Graduation - 4:00

Believe In The Blue! Believe In Bellevue!

Bellevue CSD Referendum Information: Parents Matter and Your Vote Matters

A quick reminder to all parents that the Bellevue CSD Referendum is on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The district is encouraging everyone to vote, including the parents of our students PK-12. More information about the referendum from the district can be found at the following website, along with a general overview presented below:

<http://www.bellevue.k12.ia.us/bondlandingpage>

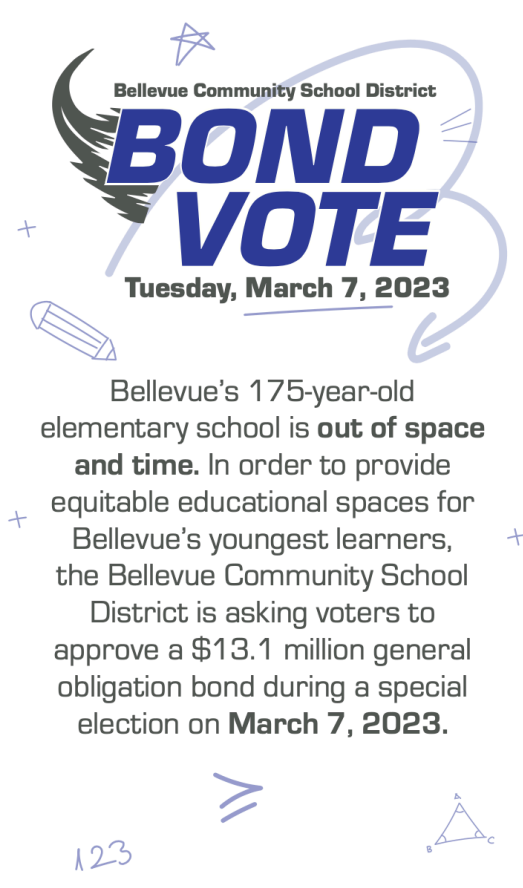
Stakeholders can vote on election day (March 7) from 7 AM to 8 PM at the Bellevue Community Center, 1700 State Street in Bellevue (or in-person at the Jackson County Auditor's Office from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM through March 6)

What's Different This Time?

See what's different this time in the district's approach to the elementary school and other facilities in the information below:

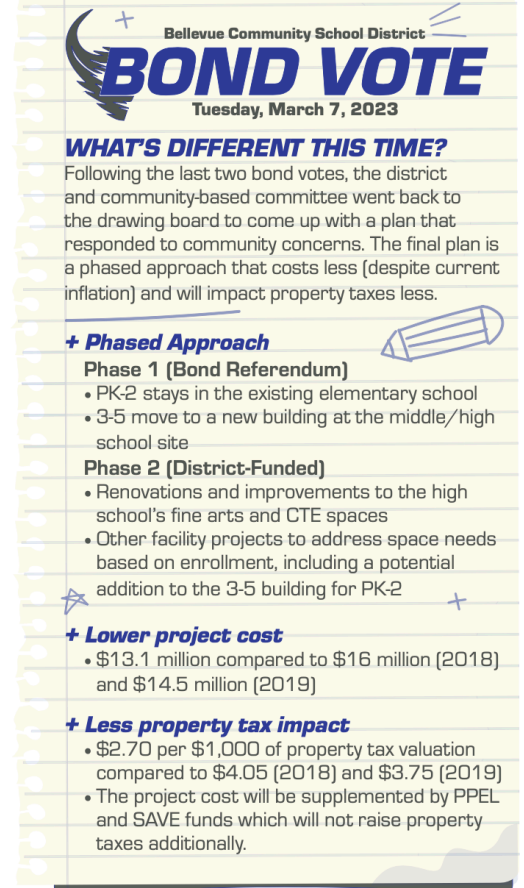
<p>PHASE 1</p>	<p>A new building at the middle/high school campus for grades 3-5. PreK through second grade will remain at the current elementary school for the immediate future.</p>	<p>FUNDING SOURCE BOND + PPEL/SAVE</p>
<p>PHASE 2</p>	<p>Renovations and improvements to the high school's fine arts and CTE spaces and/or other facility projects to address space needs based on enrollment, including a potential addition to the 3-5 building for PK-2. This phase will commence around 2028.</p>	<p>FUNDING SOURCE PPEL/SAVE</p>

Vote on Tuesday, March 7



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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)

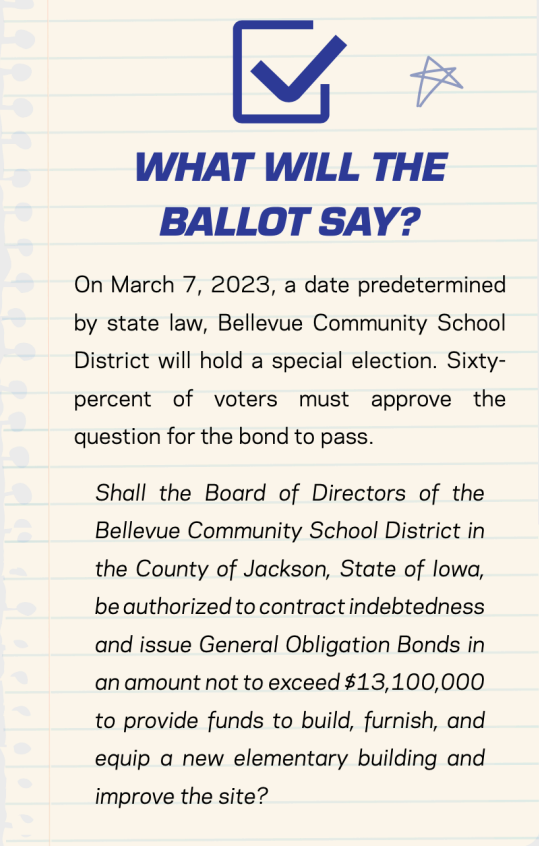
- Renovations and improvements to the high school's fine arts and CTE spaces
- Other facility projects to address space needs based on enrollment, including a potential addition to the 3-5 building for PK-2

+ 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.



WHAT WILL THE BALLOT SAY?

On March 7, 2023, a date predetermined by state law, Bellevue Community School District will hold a special election. Sixty-percent of voters must approve the question for the bond to pass.

Shall the Board of Directors of the Bellevue Community School District in the County of Jackson, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$13,100,000 to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip a new elementary building and improve the site?

