

# Middle School Renovation Bond

SPECIAL ELECTION | SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

Council Bluffs Community School District residents will have the opportunity to go the polls on September 11, 2018, to vote on whether the district should issue a General Obligation Bond to fund improvements and renovation at the District's two middle schools, Kirn and Wilson.

Renovations will address areas of concern identified during a facility audit:

Security & Safety

Building Systems & Energy Efficiency

Accessibility

Learning Environment

## IMPROVE SECURITY AND SAFETY

- ▶ Provide direct visual observation of the main entry point(s), safety vestibule at the main entries, and multiple layers of security within the buildings.
- ▶ Make code-mandated upgrades to restrooms, smoke separation walls, exiting paths, and hardware.

## IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY

- ▶ Ensure accessibility for all students, staff and visitors to all building areas, including classrooms, restrooms and improved signage.
- ▶ Remove the barrier of steps by relocating the front entrance at Kirn.
- ▶ Improve traffic flow by separating parent and bus drop-off zones.

## IMPROVE BUILDING SYSTEMS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- ▶ Replace/upgrade the **mechanical systems** to provide increased comfort, improved indoor air quality, and higher efficiency.
- ▶ Upgrade **plumbing systems**; replace plumbing fixtures in restrooms – add fixtures where required and improve access to drinking water.
- ▶ Replace/upgrade **electrical systems**; replace obsolete distribution panels and wiring, remove previously abandoned equipment, upgrade for technology and charging stations.
- ▶ Replace and/or upgrade **lighting systems**; LED fixtures, dimmers, for improved lighting quality and control.
- ▶ Replace **windows and doors**, where needed.

## IMPROVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- ▶ Add natural daylight where possible.
- ▶ Increase the size of some classrooms and re-configure learning spaces.
- ▶ Transform auditorium/lecture halls into flexible learning spaces.
- ▶ Update interior finishes, including carpet, cabinets, some furnishings.



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Community**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



Kirn built in 1979,  
serves 1,042 students.

Construction at Kirn would begin in the summer of 2019 and is anticipated to be completed by the fall of 2020.

Wilson built in 1961,  
serves 942 students.

Construction at Wilson would begin in the summer of 2020 and is anticipated to be completed by the fall of 2021.

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**A committee of district teachers, parents and administrators completed a year-long study of the school buildings from an educational, safety, and efficiency perspective. Middle school building specifications were developed, and preliminary plans were drafted to update the two schools.**

The school district's 11 elementary schools and two high schools have already been renovated to meet standards, using the revenue from the existing one-cent sales tax for schools. This sales tax is in effect until 2029, and the district has borrowed ahead on the future revenues to complete the projects at the other schools over the past two decades.

**\$37 million = less than 10¢ a day average per household.**

The 20-year general obligation bond would add about \$31 to the property tax annually on the average-priced home of \$120,000.

The \$37 million bond would fund the renovation at the schools and the purchase and renovation of the former Target building at the Mall of the Bluffs to be used as the relocation site for each school. Kirn students would attend school at the alternate site for the 2019-2020 school year, and Wilson students would attend school at the relocation site for the 2020-2021 school year. The use of an alternate site shortens the renovation schedule, rather than stretching it over multiple years while students are occupying school buildings. It also provides for a more stable and safer learning environment, free of construction noise and debris that would distract learning. The cost to utilize an alternate site is more cost effective than extending the construction out over several years at each building. The space at the Mall of the Bluffs could then be re-purposed for district programming.

*"In my first year as superintendent of schools, I have witnessed the significant pride our students, staff and parents have in our beautifully updated elementary and high school facilities," Superintendent Dr. Vickie Murillo said. "Asking our community to consider a general obligation bond to renovate our middle schools is the natural next step to ensuring our students are being educated in learning environments that are safe, accessible and efficient, and that provide the appropriate setting to enhance the engaging classroom experiences we are providing for our students."*

**SEPTEMBER 11 POLLING SITES - OPEN 7AM-8PM:**

- ▶ Carter Lake City Hall, 950 Locust Street, Carter Lake
- ▶ Crescent Elementary School, 401 East Welch, Crescent
- ▶ Epworth United Methodist Church, 2447 Avenue B, Council Bluffs
- ▶ 2 locations at Broadway United Methodist Church, 11 South 1st Street, Council Bluffs
- ▶ Bethany Presbyterian Church, 1900 South 7th Street, Council Bluffs
- ▶ Queen of Apostles Church, 3304 4th Avenue, Council Bluffs



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