

District OR-1

SPECIAL BOND "MAIL IN" ELECTION

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

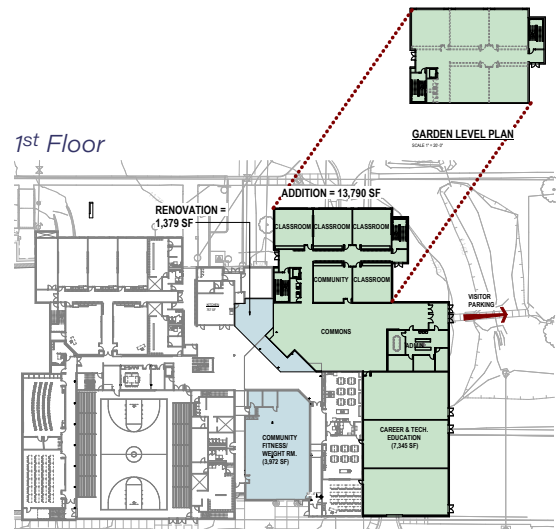
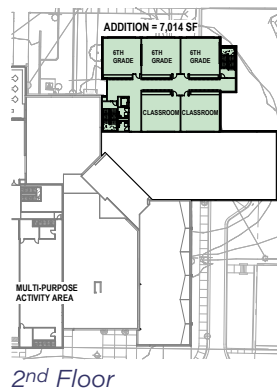
Bennet Elementary School

- Five new classrooms and one renovated classroom
- Expand kitchen and multi-purpose activity area
- Increase office area, nurse's office, and add a conference room
- Remodel / enhance the current gymnasium
- Add a multi-purpose activity space to the southeast corner of the gym



Palmyra Junior/Senior High School

- Three new classroom sections of 6th grade
- Four new content area classrooms – math, science, history, and English
- One new classroom for SPED and a new "Student Success Center" room
- Expand office and commons area – including an elevator and rest rooms
- A new flexible use area which may be used as a classroom, conference room, or community room
- Enhanced Career Technical Education (CTE) Area for metals, woods, and agriculture classes
- Garden level "shell space" for future growth and expansion
- Repurpose current shop and weight deck area



WHY NOW?

- Student enrollment continues to grow rapidly
- Existing facilities are over capacity
- Expand student learning opportunities to meet "in demand" college and Career Technical Education (CTE) job readiness skills that positively impact our communities and local businesses
- Support increased diversity of student needs: special education, poverty, behavioral, mental health, academic, technology, etc.
- Overall costs are steadily increasing – materials, labor, interest rates

TOTAL COST

Bond Amount Not to Exceed \$22 Million

Bennet Elementary School	\$7,335,250
Palmyra High School	\$14,552,099
Total Cost	\$21,887,349

If the voters approve the bond, final project design will proceed in Fall 2022/Winter 2023. Construction would begin in Spring 2023, and the project would be complete for the beginning of school year 2024-25.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, July 14: Community Information Meeting at Palmyra Jr./Sr. High School at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 18: Ballots will be mailed to each registered voter residing within the District

Tuesday, July 19: Community Information Meeting at Bennet Elementary School at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 22: Last day for mail-in voter registration

Friday, July 29: Last day for in-person voter registration in the Election Commissioners office in Otoe or Lancaster Counties

Tuesday, August 9: Election Day. All ballots must be in the possession of the Election Commissioner of Lancaster County no later than 5:00 p.m.

TAXPAYER IMPACT

Bond Amount	Term	Levy Increase (based on 2020-21 taxable valuation)	Annual taxes for Residential (Non-Ag) per \$100,000 market value	Annual taxes for Agriculture per \$100,000 (based on 50% valuation per LB 2)
\$22,000,000	25 Years at 4.5%	22.4 cents	\$224.00	\$155.56

DID YOU KNOW?

- LB 2 took effect January 1, 2022. It states that when repaying school bonds, agriculture and horticulture land is valued at 50% of its actual value. Prior to LB 2, agriculture and horticulture land was valued at 72% of its actual value.
- Since November 2020, the district has conducted 34 meetings focused on facilities planning and 6 of those were community meetings.
- Student enrollment is exceeding projected growth. The District estimates that PreK-12 enrollment for school year 2022-23 will be 705 students.
- Enhancing Career Technical Education (CTE) benefits local businesses and the local economy by preparing students for technical careers in agriculture and trades.



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