

# Bellevue School District Capital Bond

## February 11, 2020 election

The Bellevue School District is asking the community to consider a capital bond in the Feb. 11, 2020 election to address needs in the areas of aging schools, improving safety, and adding classroom space to accommodate our continued growth.

The 2020 capital projects bond:

- Provides students high-quality learning spaces by replacing aging school buildings and adding classrooms and student support spaces.
  - Replaces Big Picture School, International School and Jing Mei Elementary.
  - Builds additions for and renovates Newport and Interlake High Schools.
  - Provides modern learning spaces for science, technology, engineering and math classes to prepare students for the future.
  - Continues the district's work to provide modern learning environments so every student can be successful.
- Increases safety and security for students and schools.
  - Adding security vestibules to eight schools that currently do not have them.
    - Visitors enter the vestibule before entering the main school area.
    - Next, they are required to enter the office to check in before gaining access to the rest of the building.
    - The set of doors between the vestibule and the school remain locked and only open out.
  - Adding safety posts in front of 19 school entrances that do not have them:
    - One of the most important areas of a school to protect is the entrance. Fitting the entrance and exit points with fixed bollards protects them from potential vehicle impact, protecting students, staff and families inside and around the doorway.
- Replaces the aging education service centers
  - Invests in modern facilities to allow central office staff and administrators to better support students, teachers and the community.
  - Reduces the costs of maintaining aging buildings and increases building efficiency.
- Designates funding to purchase property for future school locations.
  - Allows a faster response by the district if appropriate property becomes available.

**What will the capital bond cost?**

If approved, the local tax rate for our schools increases by \$0.03 per \$1,000 of assessed value and increase of less than 1 percent.

For the average valued home of \$850,000, a Bellevue resident currently pays \$2.43 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

With the proposed bond, that will increase by 3 cents a year, or \$2.46 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, or \$25.50 per year for the average valued home.

All voter-approved funding stays in our school district to benefit our Bellevue students. Major construction projects are not funded with state dollars, but instead rely on these funding measures.