

BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES \$149.6M BOND RESOLUTION

During its January 2018 meeting, the Elkhorn Public Schools (EPS) Board of Education unanimously voted to approve a bond resolution in the amount of \$149,615,060, as proposed by the EPS Administration. The upcoming resolution includes funds for land purchases, building construction, and updates and renovations to several current District buildings and facilities. Projects included in the resolution are essential in accommodating the growth that the EPS District is experiencing while also enabling the District to continue providing all students an optimal environment for learning and engaging in activities.

A full breakout of projects included in the bond resolution is below.

Remodels and Expansions

- EPS Stadium Expansion
- Addition of Early Childhood Center at Blue Sage Elementary
- Kitchens and Family and Consumer Science (FCS) remodels at Elkhorn Middle School, Hillrise, Skyline, and Westridge

EST. \$6,353,900

Updates and Renovations

- LED lighting and ceiling updates at Hillrise, Elkhorn Middle School, and Elkhorn High School
- School Stadium lighting replacements at District Stadium and Elkhorn Middle School stadium
- Replace flooring at Fire Ridge, Manchester and Elkhorn High School
- Roofing projects at Elkhorn High School, Elkhorn Middle School, Westridge, Hillrise, and Spring Ridge
- HVAC/Mechanical projects at Elkhorn High School, Elkhorn Middle School, Westridge, Hillrise, and Central Office
- Remove and replace asphalt playground surface at Hillrise, Skyline, and Westridge, and Central Office parking lot

EST. \$13,312,740

Building Construction and Land Acquisition

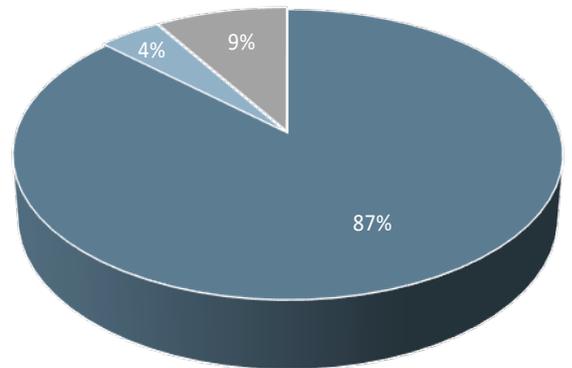
- Construction of one elementary school, one middle school, and one high school
- Acquire 2 middle school sites and 3 elementary school sites

EST. \$129,948,420

For additional bond information, please visit: <https://goo.gl/vUCDP6>.

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Percent of Bond Funds Breakout by Category

-  **Remodels and Expansions**
-  **Updates and Renovations**
-  **Building Construction and Land Acquisition**





EPS EXPERIENCES 31ST CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF GROWTH; PREDICTS MORE TO COME

Being a growing district is nothing new to Elkhorn Public Schools (EPS), as we experienced our 31st consecutive year of growth with a growth rate of 7.0% for the 2017-2018 school year. This growth, which equates to welcoming over 500 new students into our buildings annually, is not expected to slow down in the foreseeable future.

In his recent presentations to community groups, Dr. Bary Habrock, EPS Superintendent, shares some startling facts, including informing District patrons that there are currently over 450 new homes under construction within the EPS boundaries, the highest number of new houses under construction since 2004. In addition to those homes already under construction, there are over 4,500 open lots available, and an additional 3,000 apartments slated to be built throughout the District.



EPS knows that new homes bring new students, and at an average of .7 students per home, the District understands that the need for additional classroom space to accommodate the increase in students is immediate. Six of the District's buildings are predicted to be at or above building capacity by the start of the 2018-2019 school year, including Elkhorn High School. Additionally, by 2020-2021, all of the District's 3,000 available high school spots are predicted to be filled, exemplifying the immediate need for additional high school space specifically.

The upcoming bond resolution addresses the increasing demand for additional classrooms and will provide necessary funds to ensure that the District is able to continue providing all students adequate space to learn, without the concern of overcrowding at any District buildings.

EPS NAMED TO AP HONOR ROLL FOR 6TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The EPS District is one of 450 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 8th Annual Advance Placement (AP)[®] District Honor Roll. To be included on the Honor Roll, the District had to, since 2015, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that EPS is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.



During the 2016-2017 school year, EPS students from both high schools took a total of nearly 1,300 exams and the total number of students taking these exams has more than doubled in five years.

EPS students are encouraged to participate in AP courses, as studies have shown that students who take them are more prepared for college, in addition to also alleviating the financial stress of college on families due to the significantly reduced price per credit hour earned.

EPS STUDENTS ACHIEVE 6.4 YEARS OF LEARNING GROWTH IN 5 YEARS

In a recent study conducted by Stanford University that looked at learning growth at school districts across the nation, EPS students were determined to achieve 6.4 years of learning growth in a five school-year time period.

The study then gave all reviewed districts a percentile ranking, with EPS earning a 100th percentile ranking, the top possible rating in the study. To view the full report, please visit <https://goo.gl/R3gTtK>.



KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

EPS invites all children entering kindergarten in the 2018-2019 school year and their parents to the annual Kindergarten Round-Up scheduled for Friday, March 2nd.

Round-Up serves as an introduction to kindergarten and allows students to meet teachers and get familiarized with their school.

Parents are encouraged to pre-register their child by completing a form and returning it to their school office prior to Round-Up. Forms can be found on the District website or by contacting your building. Parents are also encouraged to attend an orientation meeting held at their school prior to Kindergarten Round-Up.

See below for a schedule of meetings and Round-Up times:

SCHOOL	PARENT MEETING	ROUND-UP
ARBOR VIEW	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 2 9:00 AM
BLUE SAGE (HELD AT SKYLINE)	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 7:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 2 9:00 AM
FIRE RIDGE	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 2 9:00 AM
HILLRISE	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 2 9:00 AM
MANCHESTER	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 2 9:00 AM
SAGEWOOD	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 2 9:00 AM
SKYLINE	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 2 9:00 AM
SPRING RIDGE	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 2 9:00 AM
WEST BAY	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 6:30 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 2 9:00 AM
WEST DODGE STATION	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 2 9:00 AM
WESTRIDGE	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 2 9:00 AM

KINDERGARTEN 101

During Kindergarten Roundup, parents may apply to enroll their 2017-18 kindergarten student in Kindergarten 101. This program, held during the summer, focuses on kindergarten readiness in social, academic, behavioral and motor skills necessary for success in kindergarten.

Kindergarten 101 is primarily designed to serve children with limited preschool experience or those who demonstrate a need for additional support. A reserved number of spots will also be offered for children who will serve as peer role models. Classes will take place for three hours a day, four days a week during the last weeks before school begins. For more information, visit your school during Kindergarten Roundup, or contact your elementary building principal.



KINDERGARTEN AGE REQUIREMENTS

Students attending kindergarten in the fall are required to be five years old by July 31. Parents may opt to hold their child out of kindergarten for an additional year; however, Nebraska state law mandates that a child who will be age six on or before Dec. 31 must start school in the fall of the year they turn six.



HIGHLIGHTS

The Elkhorn Public Schools publishes the HIGHLIGHTS for the sole purpose of informing District residents of the programs, procedures, and progress of the school district. Questions or comments should be addressed to: Superintendent Dr. Bary Habrock, 20650 Glenn Street Elkhorn, NE 68022, (402) 289-2579.

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The EPS Highlights are distributed twice throughout the school year to keep our community informed about important things taking place in our schools. We encourage you to read the Highlights, participate in activities in your neighborhood school, and offer feedback on information you would like to see included in the Highlights. Questions or comments can be directed to the Administration Office by calling (402) 289-2579 or emailing kperchal@epsne.org.