



# USD 244 School Bond Vote on May 6

## Why is This Needed

### Investing in Our Future: The Burlington USD 244 School Bond Project

On May 6, voters in USD 244 will decide on a \$45 Million school bond proposal that would fund the construction of a new Burlington Elementary School (BES). This project is about more than just a building—it's a long-term solution that supports our students, our families, and our entire community for decades to come.

### Why a New Elementary School?

The Board of Education has done their due diligence—carefully evaluating the needs of our district and the best use of taxpayer dollars. Our current elementary school needs \$15–20 million in improvements just to maintain aging facilities. Instead of investing in a short-term fix, this proposal offers a long-term solution that will serve Burlington's children and families for the next 50 years.

### Key Benefits of the New BES:

- **Expanded Early Childhood Education**

The new school would incorporate the Burlington Early Learning Center (BELC), providing additional space and improved early childhood classrooms. Preschool and Kindergarten rooms would also be upgraded with important features like in-classroom bathrooms. This investment will support children from birth to age five during their most important developmental years.

- **Returning 5th Grade to BES**

The new school will finally provide space for 5th grade to return to the elementary school where it belongs. Currently, 5th grade students are placed in the middle school due to lack of classroom and lunchroom space at BES—an arrangement that transitions students too early and limits access to after-school care.

- **Addressing Aging Facilities**

If we don't act now, we'll soon be faced with three aging school buildings, all in need of major upgrades. Building a new BES is a forward-thinking solution that avoids piecemeal repairs and supports future generations.

- **A Unified, Accessible Campus**

The current BES is landlocked, with no room for future growth. It also creates severe traffic congestion and sits next to the Law Enforcement Center. Placing a new BES near the high school and middle school brings all schools within a half mile—improving safety, collaboration, and accessibility.

**These investments go beyond school improvements—they're a commitment to our community's future.**



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## Anticipated Taxes for \$45 Million Budget

The project will be financed over a 15-year period, funded through an anticipated 7.2-mill increase to the current property tax rate. See below for examples of how this would impact monthly expenses.

**\$6.90/month**

Tax increase on a  
\$100,000 home

**\$15.00/month**

Tax increase on a  
\$100,000 commercial  
building

**\$3.28/month**

Tax increase on  
160 acres  
grass land

**\$7.72/month**

Tax increase on  
160 acres dry  
crop land

## SAVE THE DATE – Community Information Nights

Join the USD 244 Board of Education and Bond Steering Committee for an informational night about the proposed USD 244 school bond project. Board members and volunteers will be available to present details and answer questions.

### DETAILS:

**Tuesday, April 15**

**Tuesday, April 22**

**Monday, April 28**

**Time:** 6-7:30pm

**Location:** Burlington Elementary School  
(706 Niagara St, Burlington, KS)

This is a great opportunity to learn more and ask questions  
before the **May 6** election!



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