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

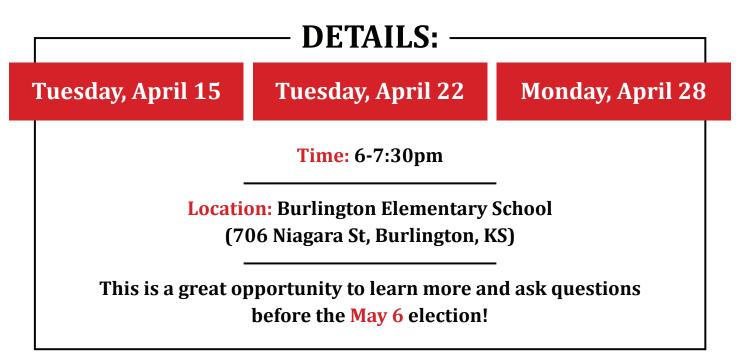
The project will be financed over a 15-year period, funded through an anticipated 7.2-mill increase to the current property tax rate. See below for examples of how this would impact monthly expenses.

\$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.





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