

TAX LEVY INFORMATION

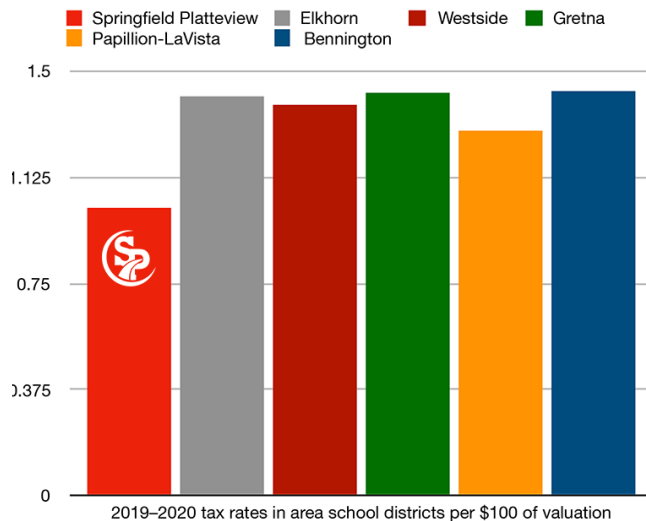
FAQs

For a full list of frequently asked questions, go here:
www.springfieldplatteview.org/Bond-FAQs

2019–2020 tax rates in area school districts per \$100 of valuation:

Bennington - \$1.4298
Elkhorn - \$1.4130
Westside - \$1.3824
Gretna - \$1.4123
Papillion - \$1.2906
Plattsmouth - \$1.2166
Ralston - \$1.2524
Omaha - \$1.2467
Millard - \$1.2260
Louisville - \$1.1673
Bellevue - \$1.1962
DC West - \$1.0848

Springfield Platteview - \$1.0151



WHY IS THE DISTRICT ASKING FOR A BOND NOW AND NOT IN THE FUTURE?

- Construction prices continue to rise each year making a future bond likely more expensive.
- One time-sensitive reason for the 2020 Elementary School Bond is growth. One example of growth is the Springfield Pines subdivision. In Phase I, the Springfield Pines development has 128 lots. We anticipate 86 additional kids from this development alone.
- Interest rates for a bond are currently very low.

WHAT IS THE VOTING TIMELINE?

- April 6 is the first day Early Voting Ballots can be mailed to voters. Voters can send back their ballots at any time.
- May 12 is Election Day.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE OLD SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

The old building will eventually be used for district central administration offices. Plans are being made to also use the old building for City of Springfield administration offices, a community center, community meetings, adult learning, and focus educational programming.



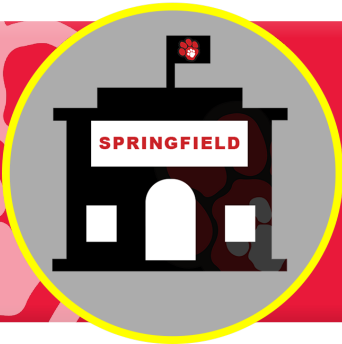
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★ **VOTE MAY 12, 2020**



• **SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY NEW CONSTRUCTION**

Replace Building Built in 1964
\$21.6M Estimate for New Construction
Total Square Footage = 73,950



• **WESTMONT ELEMENTARY PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS**

\$6.9M Estimate to Complete Improvements
Square Footage Addition = 13,000
Square Footage Improvements = 5,800

The Springfield Platteview School Board unanimously approved a building referendum for the May 12 ballot in the amount of **\$28.5 million**. The bond will replace the existing Springfield Elementary School and complete improvements at Westmont Elementary School.

ZERO
increase in overall tax levy.*

WHY ZERO INCREASE OPTION?

*The district is able to do this under the current funding system for school districts in Nebraska.

REASONS INCLUDE:

- Anticipated valuation increases from businesses/corporations along Highway 50
- An old bond being paid off in 2022
- The district's cash reserve back up to acceptable levels (after being part of the common levy in the Learning Community- now removed)
- Being on the positive side of option in/out students (this brings in additional revenue from the state)

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or call 402-592-1300 for more information.



INCREASED SAFETY & SECURITY

- More secure front entrances and safety features
- Storm shelters at both elementary schools
- Efficiently designed drop off and pick up area
- Addition of fire sprinkler and alarm units



ADEQUATE LEARNING SPACE

- Sufficient room for special education and Title 1
- Intervention and breakout space
- Classroom space for art and instrumental music
- Added space for counselor services
- Preschool education space



RELIABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

- More dependable infrastructure
- Up-to-date mechanical and electrical systems
- Educational facilities built to code
- Energy-efficient building



ROOM FOR GROWTH

- Square footage increase at both schools
- Additional space for extracurriculars
- Three sections per grade at Springfield

• = Springfield Elementary • = Westmont Elementary