



**IMPORTANT DATES:**

April 12, 2020 - Early voting begins in the Election Office. (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.)

May 1, 2020 - Last day to receive an early voting ballot application for ballot.

\*Nebraska early voting ballot application: <https://bit.ly/2UKdlcR>.

May 11, 2020 - Last day for early voting in-person at the Election Office.

May 12, 2020 - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY! Vote on or before today.

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News from Springfield Platteview Community Schools is distributed throughout the school year to keep our community informed about important things taking place in our schools.

**MISSION**

The mission of Springfield Platteview Community Schools is to ensure that all students acquire the college and career-ready skills and behaviors necessary for each student to succeed now and into his/her future.

**CONNECT  
PASSION  
+ POTENTIAL**

Springfield Platteview Community Schools is an educational community where we know and value every student. We are an exceptional school district in Nebraska, located in southern Sarpy County, which includes the city of Springfield.

We serve approximately 1,100 preschool through twelfth-grade students at four facilities. Our small class and school sizes allow our students to experience learning in a safe, supportive, and caring environment.

We encourage you to learn more at [SpringfieldPlatteview.org](http://SpringfieldPlatteview.org).



SCHOOL RENDERINGS ON THIS PAGE ARE NOT FINAL.  
\*2020 ALLEY POYNER MACCHIETTO ARCHITECTURE



**Springfield  
Platteview  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

**NEWS**

March 2020

**VOTE ★ MAY 12**

**4 REASONS FOR  
THE 2020  
SPCS BOND**

The bond focuses on the need for a new **Springfield Elementary School** and final improvements to **Westmont Elementary School**.

 **INCREASED SAFETY & SECURITY**

 **ADEQUATE LEARNING SPACE**

 **RELIABLE INFRASTRUCTURE**

 **ROOM FOR GROWTH**

**SPCS Elementary Schools - Bond 2020**

On February 10, the Springfield Platteview Community Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to place a bond issue on the upcoming general election ballot on **May 12, 2020**.

The \$28.5 million dollar bond would help to replace the existing 56-year-old Springfield Elementary School building with a brand new school and complete improvements to Westmont Elementary School, with no increase to the overall tax levy. The district is able to do this under the current funding system for school districts in Nebraska.

This bond issue is very important to Springfield Platteview Community Schools and will focus on the following: safety and security, adequate learning space, reliable infrastructure, and room for growth.

Reasons for **no increase to the overall tax levy** include anticipated valuation increases from businesses/corporations along Highway 50 and an old bond being paid off in 2022. The district's cash reserve is back up to acceptable levels (after being part of the common levy in the Learning Community-now removed) and now being on the positive side of option in/out students, which brings in additional revenue from the state.

In the next few months, we will be sharing information and facts about the bond through our district website, newsletters, social media, and community events. We hope that this communication will help you understand why the bond issue is so important to Springfield Platteview Community Schools.

You can learn more in the following pages of this newsletter, and by visiting the bond page on our website at: [SpringfieldPlatteview.org/Bond](http://SpringfieldPlatteview.org/Bond).

# 5 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: SPRINGFIELD PLATTEVIEW - BOND 2020

If you have any questions and want to learn more about the bond, please visit us at [SpringfieldPlatteview.org/Bond-FAQs](http://SpringfieldPlatteview.org/Bond-FAQs). Thank you for your support of Springfield Platteview Community Schools. Don't forget to vote on May 12, 2020.

## WHY IS THERE A BOND ISSUE ON THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT ON MAY 12?

The bond is for a new Springfield Elementary School and final improvements to Westmont Elementary School. There are four main reasons for the bond. There is a need for: improved safety and security, adequate learning space, reliable infrastructure and room for expected growth.

## WHERE IS THE LAND LOCATED FOR THE NEW SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL BUILDING?

Springfield Platteview Community Schools currently owns nearly 10 acres of land in the Springfield Pines subdivision just northeast of the current Springfield Elementary School building. The new building would be on the north side of Main Street.

## DID WESTMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GET RENOVATED IN THE SUMMER OF 2016?

Yes. This was not done through a bond, but through short term financing by the district. The new bond would allow us to complete Westmont's improvements by adding a new gymnasium, kitchen, instrumental music area, counseling office, security entrance, bathroom renovations, and a separate eating area.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE BOND?

All students are directly affected by the construction of new schools, independent of the location of the building construction. New buildings create additional classroom space and allow SPCS to maintain reasonable class sizes, while accommodating growth.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE CURRENT SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY BUILDING?

The district would use the old building for district central administration offices. Plans are being made to possibly use the old building for city administration offices, community opportunities, adult learning, and other educational programming.



## WHY DO WE NEED THIS NOW?

One time-sensitive reason for the bond is growth. One example is the Springfield Pines subdivision. In Phase I, the development has 128 lots. We anticipate 86 additional kids from this development alone. The current Springfield Elementary is nearing capacity at most grade levels and over capacity at the kindergarten level. The Springfield Elementary school already has four portable classrooms on-site. **Springfield Elementary added an additional portable at the beginning of the 19-20 school year, to make room for three Kindergarten classrooms.**

### OTHER REASONS INCLUDE:

- There is now an opportunity to have a bond with zero increase to overall tax levy.
- Interest rates for a bond are currently very low.
- Construction prices continue to rise each year.

# OTHER NEWS

## WELLNESS POLICY FOR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The district has a policy in regards to school wellness. As a district, we will provide educational experiences in a health-promoting school environment to instill habits of lifelong learning and health.

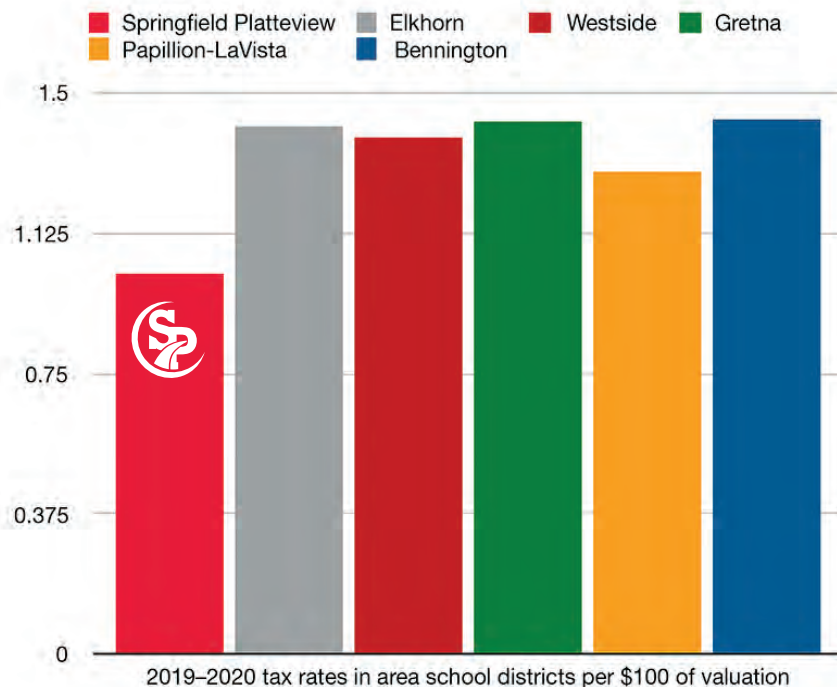
You can find our official policy on the district website at: [Springfieldplatteview.org/Board-of-Education](http://Springfieldplatteview.org/Board-of-Education) - under article 5417.

To learn more about this policy or to get involved with the committee's work, contact [hzierott@springfieldplatteview.org](mailto:hzierott@springfieldplatteview.org).

**VOTE!**  
ON OR BEFORE MAY 12



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**DID YOU KNOW?**  
**Our tax levy rate is lower than other area school districts!**

