



School Board Approves Bond Election

2 new elementary schools, repurposing H/Q, land for a future MS

In an unprecedented move, our school board voted on December 10, 2018, to present a bond to the public in February of 2019 in the amount of 48 million dollars. The board adopted the recommendation of the steering committee that met regularly in the Spring of 2018.

The 48 million will be for:

- Purchasing 19.9 acres of land for a replacement for Heck/Quaw Elementary The planned location is on Bolinger Road just west of Belgrade.
- Constructing a 500 student elementary building to replace Heck/Quaw.
- Repurposing the Heck/Quaw complex as needed for uses to be identified.
- Expanding the commons area at Saddle Peak.
- Purchasing a 40 acre site south of the interstate for an elementary school and a future middle school.
- Constructing a 500 student elementary school south of the interstate with a similar plan to the Heck/Quaw replacement.

The plan is that the replacement building for Heck/Quaw will open its doors for the 2020-21 school year. The other elementary school will be built as it is needed, but sometime after the Heck/Quaw replacement. Approved bonds will not be sold until needed. A committee will begin working soon on plans for repurposing the Heck/Quaw complex for use by the district and community.

Replacing Heck/Quaw will allow students to maximize learning by eliminating lost transition time. It will also enhance student wellness and safety as well as providing equitable opportunity for all K-4 students.

The administration will be presenting informational sessions at each building and at various community organizations. If you are aware of a group that would like to hear a presentation or have questions answered, please contact the District Office Receptionist Brittney Bateman at 924-2492 or at bbateman@bsd44.org