SBL: Strengthen - Build - Lead

SBL SCHOOLS

A Great Place to Learn

BEST SCHOOLS

US News & World Report

- **Primary School**
- **Elementary School**
- **Middle School**
- **High School**

50% Math & Reading Proficiency: Reflecting student mastery on state assessments.

50% Academic Context & Socioeconomic Demographics: Measuring how effectively a school educates *all* students across every background.

Great things are happening in CTE

1. Student Run Businesses: $95,000
2. Fire Science Academy – 3 new SBL department members and 1 more coming
3. X-Ray Tech - students can now learn radiation positioning, take simulated X-rays, and analyze diagnostic imaging
4. Working on another…

Purple Star School Program

1. Designate a military liaison
2. Dedicated webpage
3. Programs & Events
4. Staff Training

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Building A Safe Place to Learn

Primary Building Bond | October 2026 Open House

Nationally Recognized

$38M

bond to replace our primary building

Build a new primary

On the site of the old baseball and softball fields

Demolish the existing building

Removes the asbestos from our campus

Why didn’t we use East Campus funds?

1. Keeps the primary in the middle of Sergeant Bluff
2. No new tax dollars used for the East Campus fields and courts
3. Building on top of the old fields is the most efficient use of tax dollars
4. Fields first means designing/construction starts sooner, with the least disruption to learning

Will there be another bond?

$2.07

levy increase per $1,000 of assessed value

Short answer

No legal requirement to run another bond. The district simply has legal bonding capacity.

The Board's pledge

No increase to the tax levy rate for any additional building project while this bond is active. If growth requires more, a future request would only extend the timeline of the existing rate. Result is a stable, predictable tax rate.

If my assessed value goes up?

Not necessarily

District may lower the rate

Bond payments are fixed, so the rate can come down as values rise.

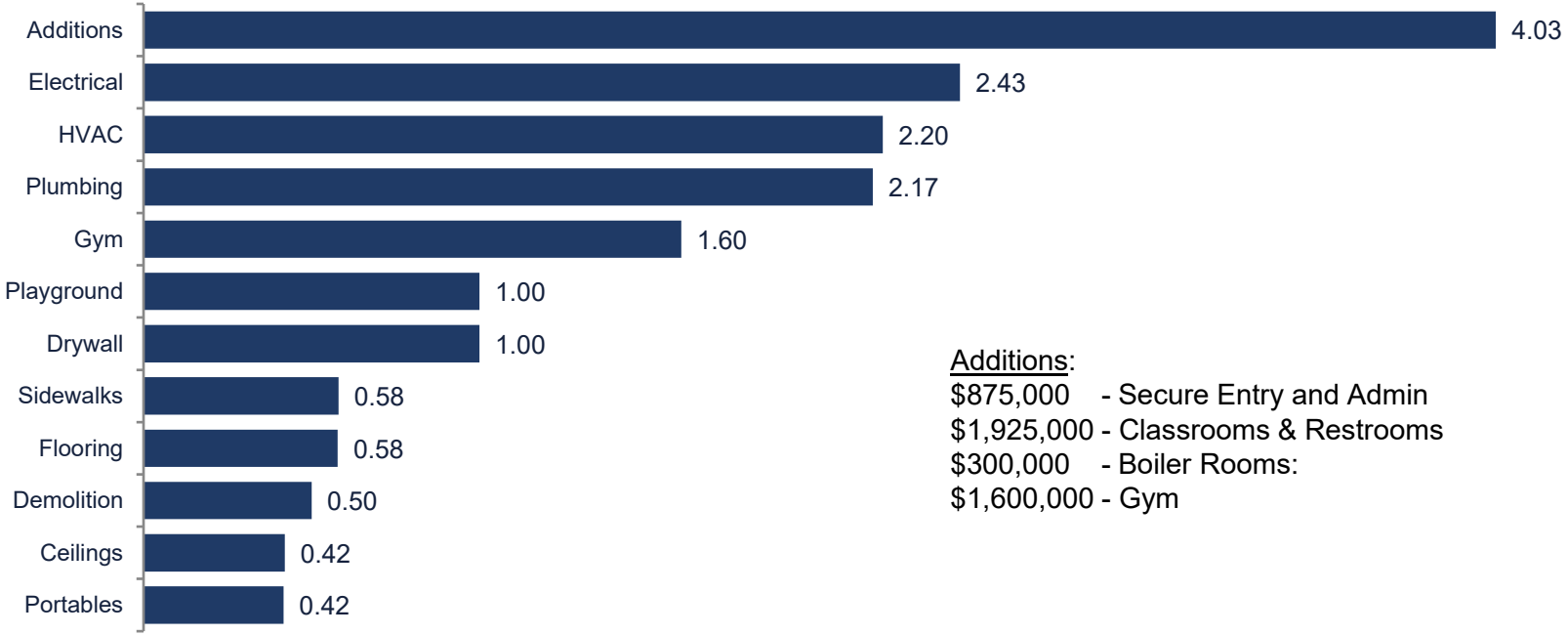
Or extra pays principal

If the rate is not lowered, the extra goes to principal and saves taxpayers interest in the long run.

Why not just renovate?

Renovation bid items, $ millions ($32M renovation vs. $38M new building)

NOT ALL INCLUSIVE



Additions:
$875,000 - Secure Entry and Admin
$1,925,000 - Classrooms & Restrooms
$300,000 - Boiler Rooms:
$1,600,000 - Gym

Our other three buildings need care

Roof at the elementary

Roof replacement is needed soon

Systems at the high school

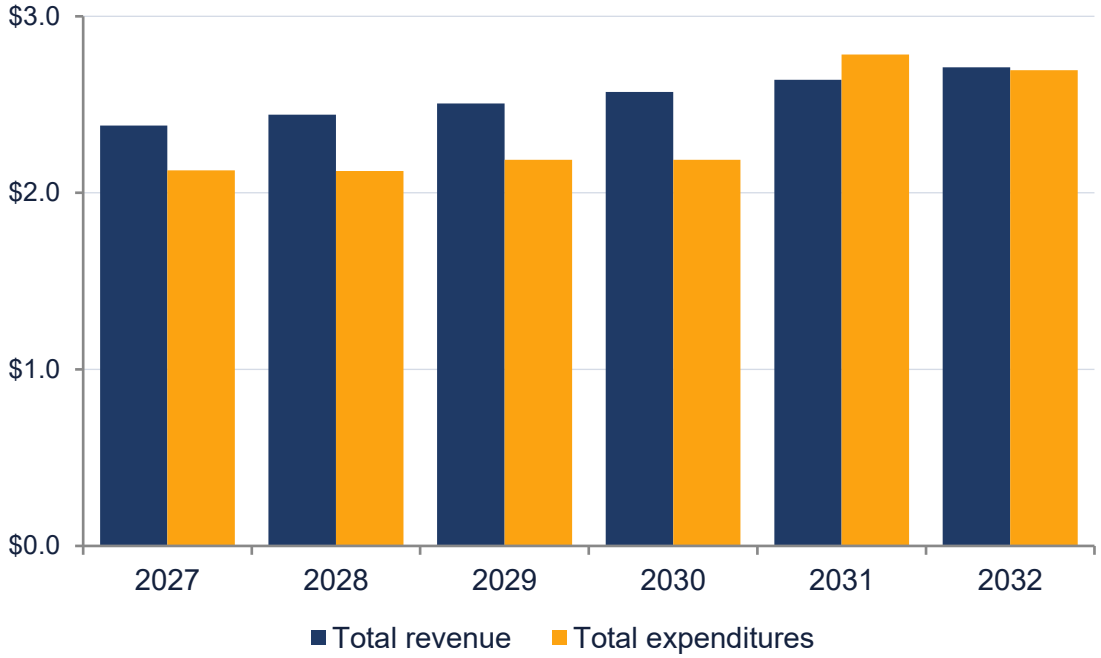
For example, a $1 million HVAC unit

PPEL and Penny (SAVE) funds

These dollars must cover long-term maintenance across the district

Capital budget outlook

Statewide penny (SAVE) and PPEL funds, $ millions



$3.2M

projected ending balance in 2032

Balance stays positive every year. Only 2031 spends more than it takes in (-$142,266).

This is about health and safety

Not sports

Already answered: no bond money for athletic facilities.

Not enrollment

Open enrollment in has halted over a perception that we are full. Estimated 98% of new open enrollments were already our students in the last three years.

Yes, it raises taxes

But the health and safety of our staff and students have nothing to do with taxes.

Early Voting Oct. 26 from 2-8pm at Sheperd of Peace Lutheran Church

…Thank you

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