



# BOND REFERENDUM

ON THE BALLOT: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

*Bedford Bulldogs*

On **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**, Bedford CSD residents will consider approving an **\$11.5 million general obligation bond referendum**. These funds would allow us to construct a **new competition gymnasium and loading dock** at Bedford Secondary School.

Our current gym setup offers limited and inconvenient parking, limited seating, limited access points, scheduling shortfalls, and limited modern conveniences of attending a large event. With this project, those challenges will be removed.

An approved bond referendum would have a tax impact of up to \$2.70 per year on every \$1,000 of taxable property value. BCSD's current total levy rate of \$10.93 per \$1,000 of taxable value is at a 25-year low.

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**IMPROVED SCHEDULING OPPORTUNITIES:** More space equals fewer early morning or late evening practices for our kids. It also means youth sports have some options to schedule more activities, and the community gains space for potential future events such as craft fairs and expos. New gym space creates opportunities for larger volleyball or wrestling tournaments and multiple levels of basketball at one time, potentially allowing our school to become a host site for key events.



**SAFETY:** A new loading dock provides a safe option for deliveries and daily operations to take place throughout the day, eliminating the risk of accidents at our main door and stairs when carrying heavy loads of trash.



**IMPROVED ACCESS:** Supporting the elderly, those with disabilities, and families who need space to spread out at events held at Bedford Schools.



**ECONOMIC BENEFIT FOR BEDFORD:** More events will provide opportunities to increase foot traffic into Bedford. An Iowa community (2,000 population) that recently built a new gym indicated that it sees 4,000 people attend youth tournaments every year, with 75% of that foot traffic coming from out of town. Businesses in that community have amended their hours and staffing due to the increased traffic on weekends that include events.



**IMPROVED CONCESSIONS:** A new gym would include an area that provides easier access to order snacks, restrooms nearby, and a concourse to watch the activity while waiting in line.



**MORE PARKING OPTIONS:** With a door into the new gym located on the southwest corner, parking along Illinois Street will become possible and more stalls will be provided closer to the doors.