

BEDFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND REFERENDUM

ON THE BALLOT: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025



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

These are the next major items identified by the district's **Master Facilities Plan**. The main gym is approximately **40 years old** and cannot accommodate current programming and activity needs due to its size, capacity, and other challenges. The secondary gym is nearly **a century old** (pictured) and used mostly as multipurpose space due to its age, safety concerns, and small size.

A comparison of school districts in our region shows that Bedford CSD trails its peers when it comes available gyms and seating capacity.



CORNER CONFERENCE GYM COMPARISON

District	Gym #1	Capacity	Gym #2	Capacity	Gym #3	Capacity
Fremont-Mills	North Gym	1,200	South Gym	1,000	—	—
East Mills	West Gym	1,150	East Gym	900	—	—
Sidney	Main Gym	800	Aux. Gym	300	—	—
Griswold	Main Gym	750	MS Gym	200	Elem. Gym	200
Stanton	Main Gym	750	Viking Center	200	—	—
Essex	Main Gym	x	Old Gym	100	—	—
Hamburg	Main Gym	700	—	—	—	—
Bedford	Main Gym	600	Old Gym	150	—	—

GYM #1 AVERAGE: 831 | GYM #2 AVERAGE: 407

PRIDE OF IOWA GYM COMPARISON

District	Gym #1	Capacity	Gym #2	Capacity	Gym #3	Capacity	Gym #4
East Union	Main Gym	1,350	2 nd Gym	295	—	—	—
Nodaway Valley	Main Gym	1,200	MS Gym	600	Elem. Gym	300	Aux. Gym
Mount Ayr	Main Gym	1,200	MS Gym	500	Elem. Gym	400	—
Southwest Valley	Activity Center	1,000	HS Gym	400	MS Gym	500	Elem. Gym
Wayne	Main Gym	900	MS Gym	500	Elem. Gym	—	—
Southeast Warren	Old Gym	850	New Gym (LC)	85	Elem. Gym (Lacona)	152	Elem. Gym (Milo)
Central Decatur	Main Gym	800	MS Gym	300	Elem. Gym	—	—
Lennox	Main Gym	750	MS Gym	500	Elem. Gym	—	—
Martensdale-St. Marys	Main Gym	676	Elem. Gym	220	—	—	—

**NEW GYM AT MARTENSDALE-ST. MARYS
WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 1,260**

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