

**Lincoln Public Schools**

# **Informational Presentation 2020 Bond Issue**

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Election Date

February 11, 2020

# LPS Bond Issue

The Lincoln Board of Education passed a resolution calling for a special election on February 11, 2020, asking voters to approve a \$290 million bond issue to address facility and infrastructure needs throughout the district.

# Mail-In Election

- The bond issue ballots will be mailed between Jan. 20 and 31, 2020, to all registered voters residing in the Lincoln Public Schools District. Ballots will be mailed first class with a return address from the Lancaster County Election Commissioner.
- Voted ballots that are sealed in the “Return Identification Envelope” **must be in possession of the Election Commissioner of Lancaster County no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020**, by one of the following means:
  - **U.S. Mail:** Place one first-class postage stamp on the envelope and mail so it is received no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020.
  - **Hand Delivery:** Ballots may be delivered to the Election Commissioner of Lancaster County, 601 N. 46th Street, during regular office hours (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).
  - **Hand Delivery:** Ballots may be deposited at any time, 24 hours a day, in the ballot drop box located in front of the building located at 601 N. 46th Street.

# Introduction

**2017-2018** – The High School Task Force, with community, staff, and student representation, convened to discuss options and priorities for serving high school students and to make recommendations.

**Fall 2018** – LPS held a series of community forums to gather further feedback on the recommendations of the High School Task Force.

# Introduction

**Winter 2018** – LPS staff provided an updated 10-Year Facility and Infrastructure Plan to the Board of Education at a work session.

**2018-2019** – The Superintendent's Facility Advisory Committee, composed of over 100 community stakeholders, convened to evaluate the 10-Year Facility and Infrastructure Plan and make recommendations detailing \$461 million in facility and infrastructure needs.

**Fall 2019** – The Board of Education held a series of five public work sessions and prioritized the needs to establish a plan for a bond proposal.

# Why a Bond Issue?

- Increased Student Population
- Addressing the need for High School capacity
- Addressing facility and capacity needs in existing schools
- Continuing the commitment to maintain existing facilities

# Why a Special Election?

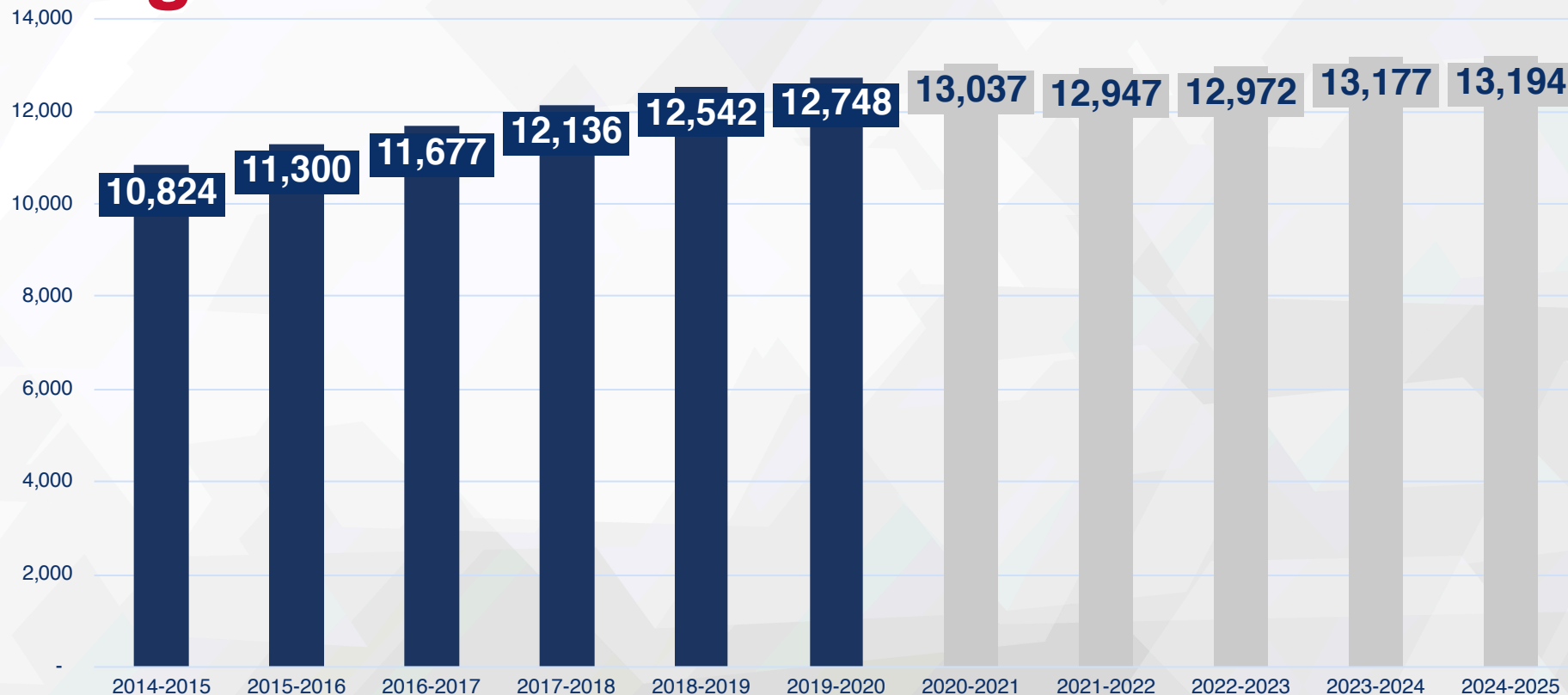
- Maximize the 2020 summer construction season
- Cost savings from moving up construction schedules
- High School capacity available in 2022 and 2023
- Projects to address needs available sooner

# Student Cohort Historical and Projected Enrollment

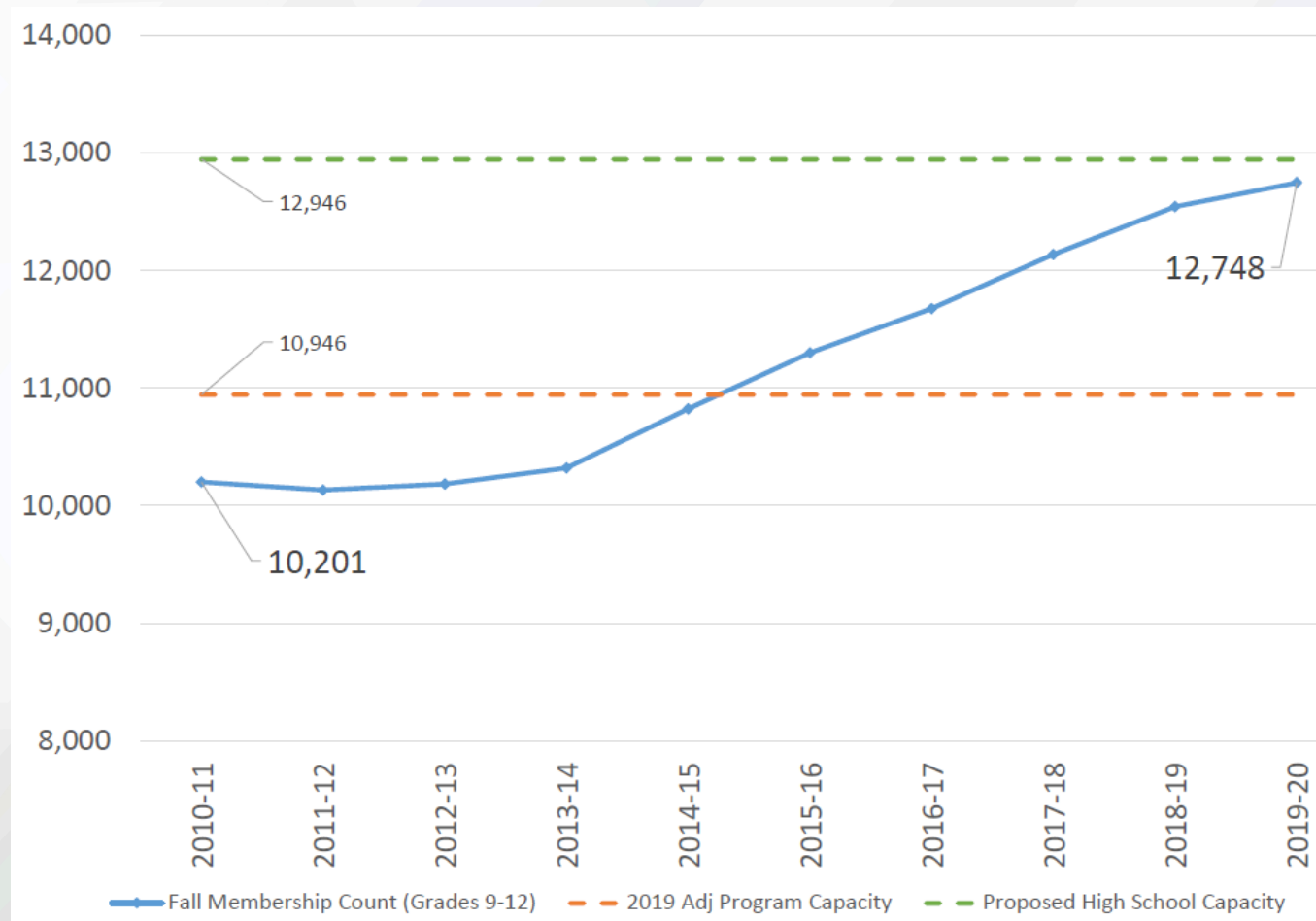
Projected Enrollment does not include growth or new families to Lincoln



# High School Enrollment



# High School Enrollment and Capacity



# Lincoln Continues to Grow

## Lincoln-Lancaster County 2040 Comprehensive Plan

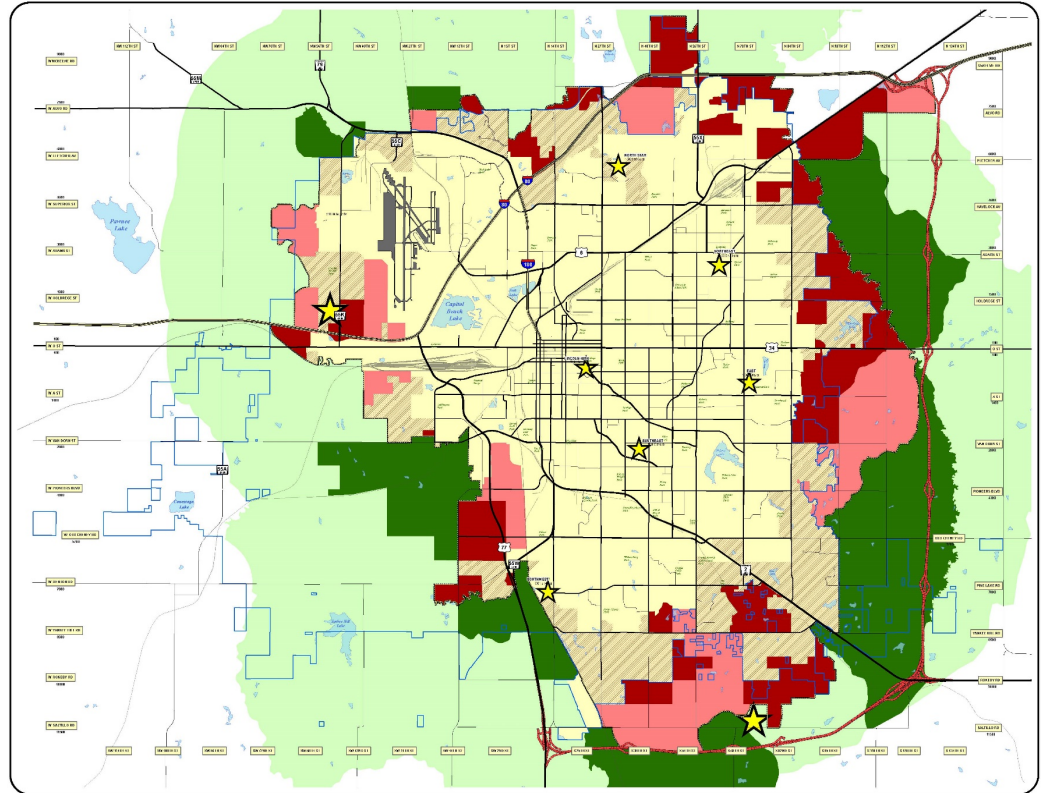
- ★ Proposed HS Site
- Proposed Beltway
- Urban Growth Tiers**
  - Existing City
  - Tier I Priority A
  - Tier I Priority B (2025)
  - Tier I Priority C (2040)
  - Tier II (2060)
  - Tier III (Beyond 2060)



Site Location Map

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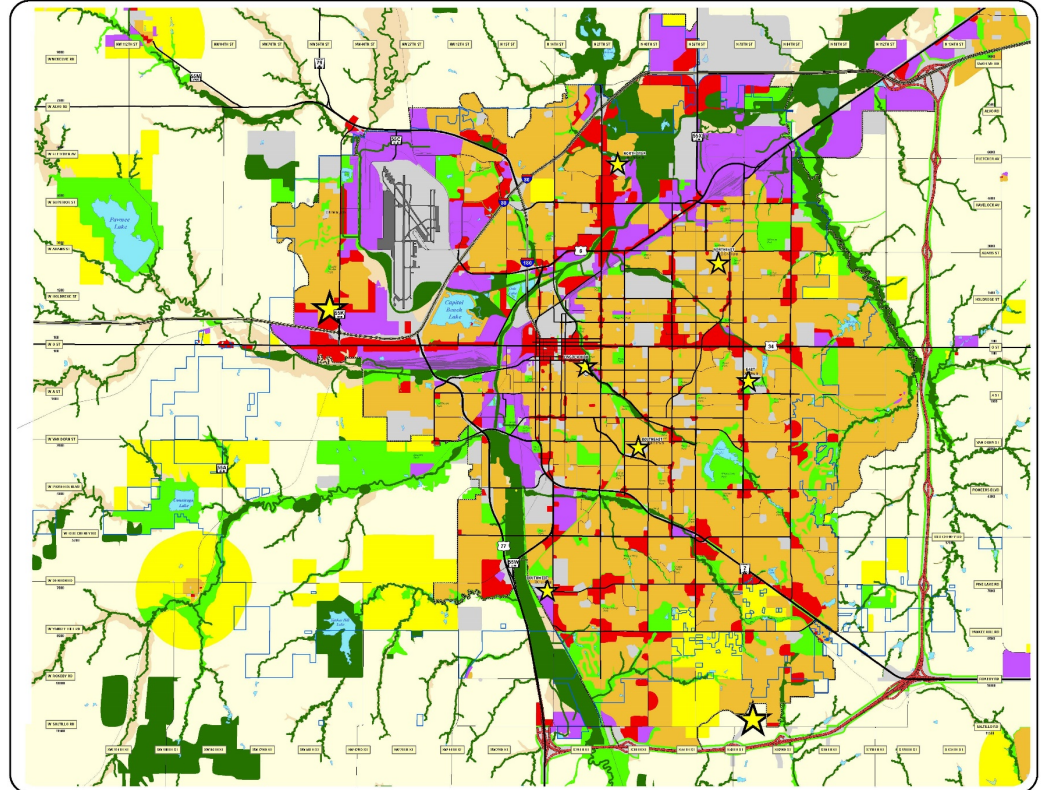
## Lincoln-Lancaster County 2040 Comprehensive Plan

- ★ Proposed HS Site
- Proposed Beltway
- Future Land Use**
  - Public & Semi-Public
  - Lakes & Streams
  - Environmental Resources
  - Green Space
  - Agricultural
  - Residential - Low Density
  - Residential - Urban Density
  - Ag Stream Corridor
  - Commercial
  - Industrial



Site Location Map

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# Overview

- Two New High Schools
- One New Elementary School
- Several Additions and Upgrades to Existing Schools
- Indoor Air Quality and Renovation Projects
- Infrastructure Improvements

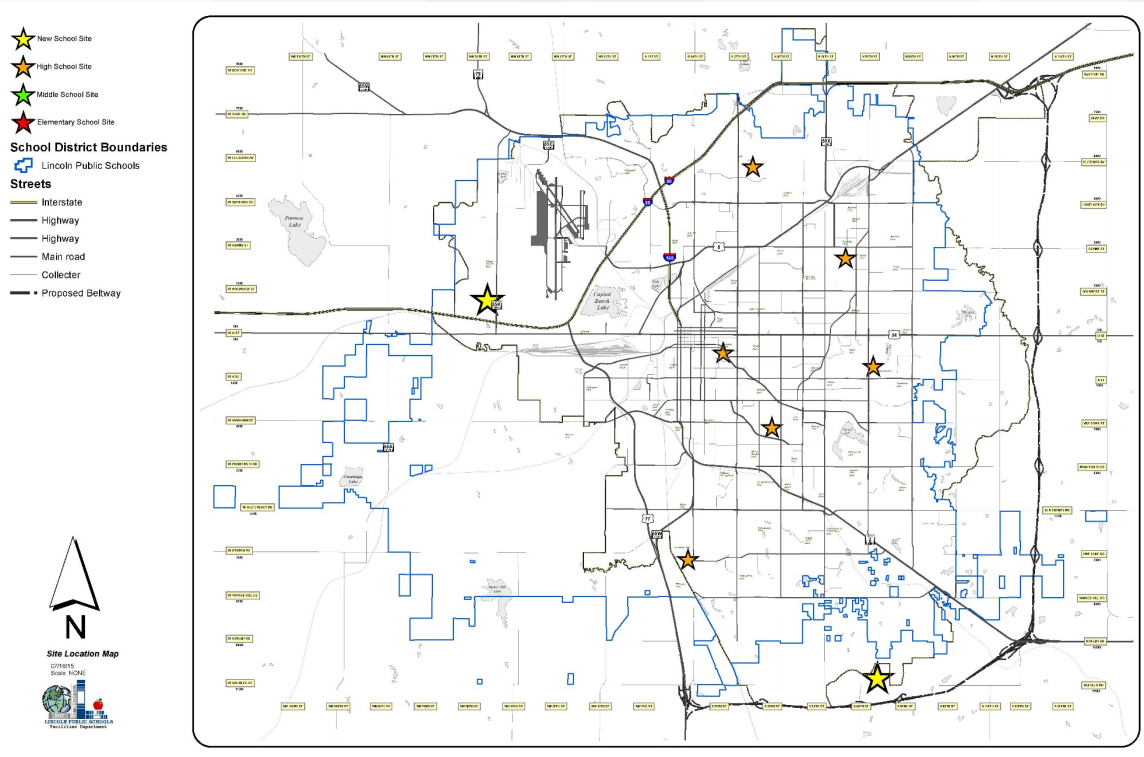
# High School Investments

- Two High Schools built to serve 1,000 students each with core facilities to accommodate 2,000 students each through future expansion. Located at NW 48<sup>th</sup> & W Holdrege and S 70<sup>th</sup> & Saltillo.
- Facility modifications or enhancements to support Focus Programs throughout the district, as required. New Focus Programs, Existing Focus Programs, and Focus Programs in existing schools.

# High School Investments

- Enhancement and renovation of specialized learning spaces: Art, Family Consumer Science, Industrial Technology, and Science at our six existing high schools.
- Additional athletic and activity facilities.
- High School site acquisition and development.

# High School Investments



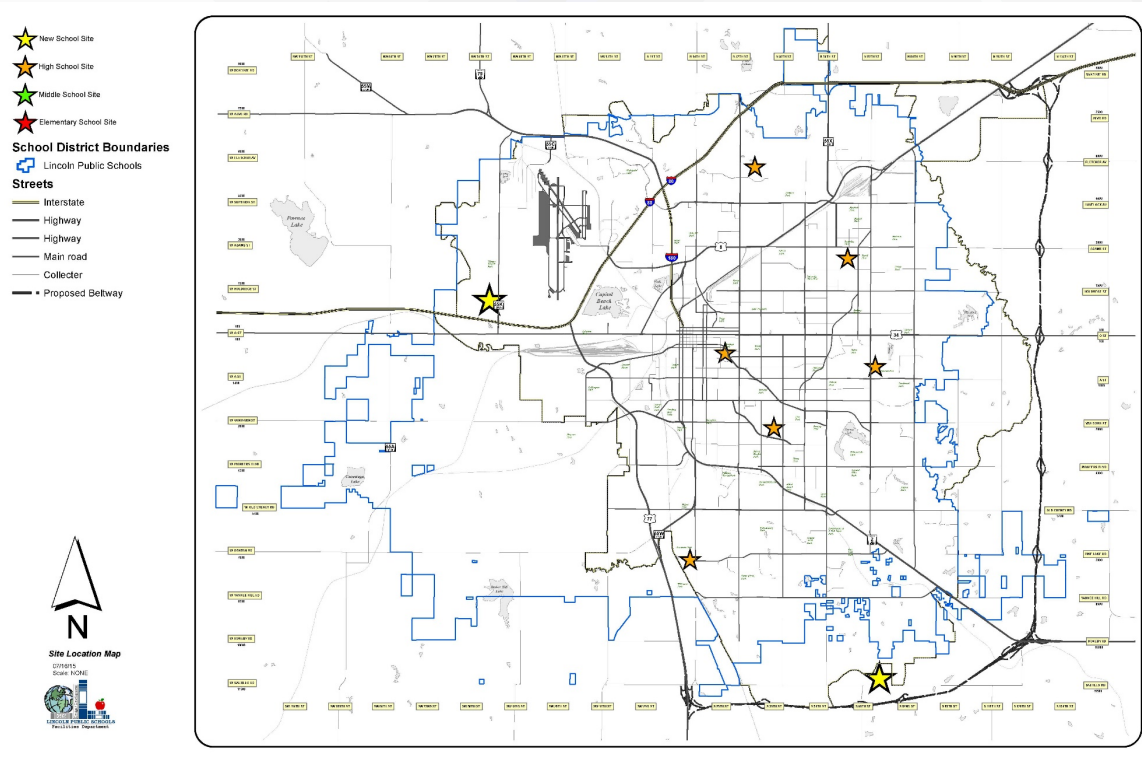
# Middle School Investments

- Park Middle School Indoor Air Quality and renovation upgrading windows, finishes, lighting, heating and cooling systems.
- Additional instruction space and a physical education space addition at Scott Middle School to address capacity challenges.

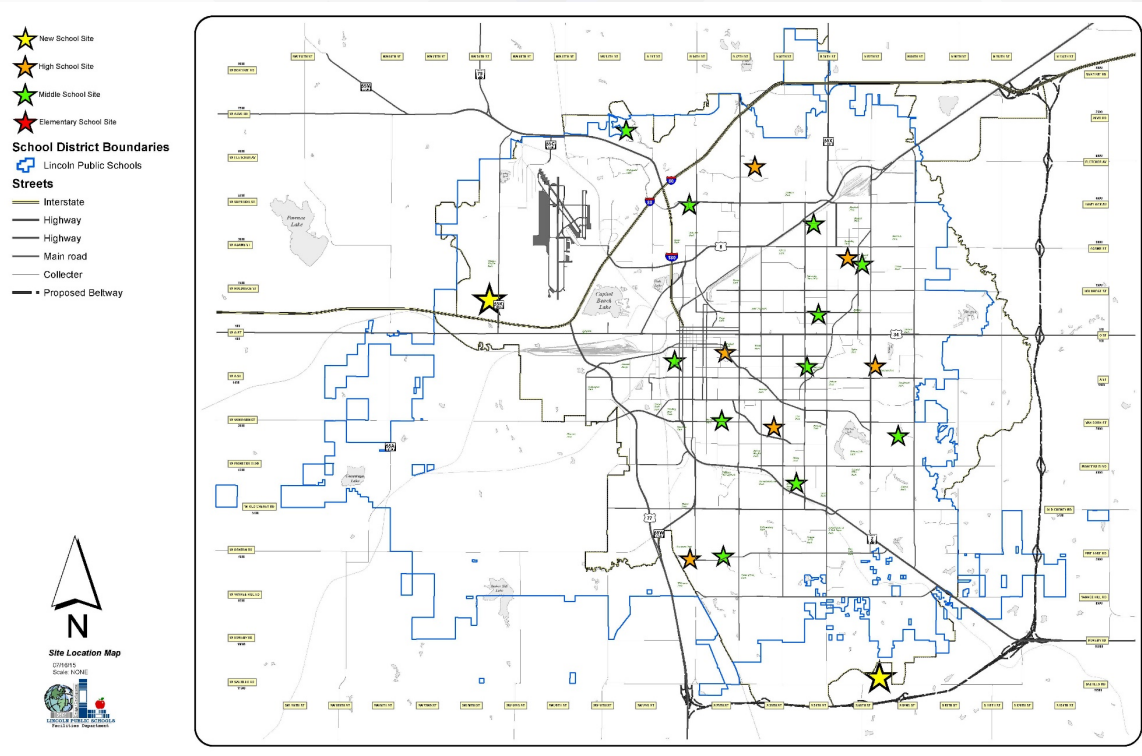
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- Projects to address the need for additional physical education and multi-purpose space at six of our existing middle schools, Dawes, Lefler, Lux, Mickle, Schoo, and Scott, that are currently short of square footage when compared to the district standard.
- Enhancement and renovation of specialized learning spaces, Art, Family Consumer Science, Industrial Technology, and Science, at our existing middle schools.

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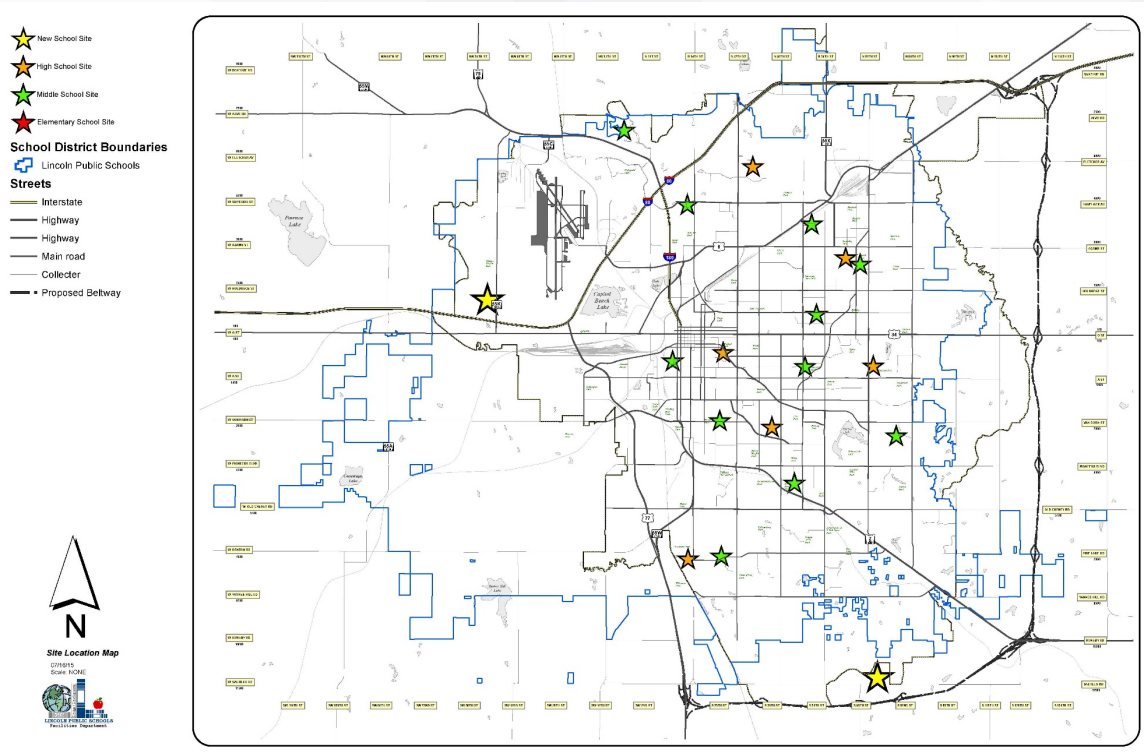
# Elementary School Investments

- A new four-section PK-5 school located near 102<sup>nd</sup> St., south of Holdrege.
- An addition at Wysong Elementary School to transition the school from a four-section school to a six-section school.
- Everett Elementary School Indoor Air Quality and Renovation; our last elementary school to transition to the geothermal heating and cooling model.
- An Arnold Elementary School additional space to serve pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students.

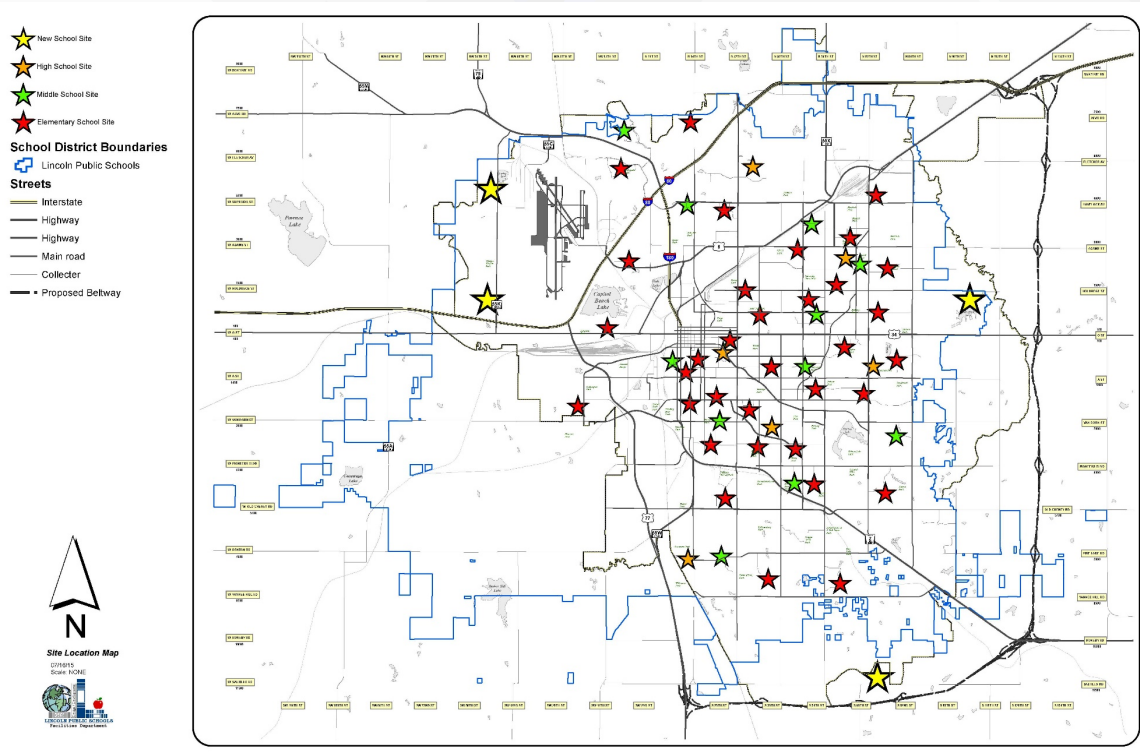
## Infrastructure Investment Highlights throughout the District

- Roof Replacement and Recapping
- Interior Lighting Upgrades
- Bleacher Replacement
- Parking Lot Paving and Improvements
- Playground Equipment and Surfacing
- Traffic Flow Improvements
- Site Acquisition

# Elementary School Investments



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## Bond

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# District General Obligation Bond Debt

- The tax request for the 1999 High School Bonds and a portion of the 2014 Bond issued in 2016 will roll off in 2020-2021.
- Replacing the 1999 and 2016 principal and interest payments with new bond debt creates a window in 2020 to develop a plan to issue debt without raising the bond and building fund levy.
- The 2006 and remaining portion of the 2014 Bond Issues are still outstanding.

# Funding Parameter

The analysis and planning for the 2020 bond issue indicates that it can be funded with no planned increase to the current combined bond and building fund levy rate based on the current district property valuation.


# Total Funding and Financing Sources to Support the LPS 10-Year Facility and Infrastructure Plan

	Approximately
General Obligation Bonds (2020)	\$281,500,000
District Depreciation Funds	\$6,000,000
Total	\$287,500,000

# Summary

- Addresses the need for additional capacity to support student growth.
- Continues the commitment to maintain and improve our existing facilities.
- Funding planned based on the current building and bond fund levy rate.

# Information and Questions



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### Fast Facts about the Bond Issue of 2020

On December 10, the Lincoln Board of Education passed a resolution calling for a special election on February 11, 2020 asking voters to approve a \$290 million bond issue to address building needs throughout the school district identified in the updated LPS 10-year Facility and Infrastructure Plan.

#### Why a Bond Issue?

- Increased student population
- Addresses the need for high school capacity
- Addresses facility and capacity needs in existing schools

#### Information Presentations

Informational presentations about the Lincoln Public Schools upcoming bond issue will be held throughout the community during the month of January. The informational presentations are scheduled 6–7 p.m. for the following dates and locations:

- **Thursday, Jan. 9 at North Star High School**  
Commons area, [5801 N. 33rd St.](#)
- **Thursday, Jan. 16 at Southeast High School**  
Media center, [2930 S. 37th St.](#)
- **Thursday, Jan. 23: Northeast High School**  
Cafeteria, [2635 N. 63rd St.](#)