

## MAY 16 BOND UPDATE: Safety & Security

Hello Bulldog Families,

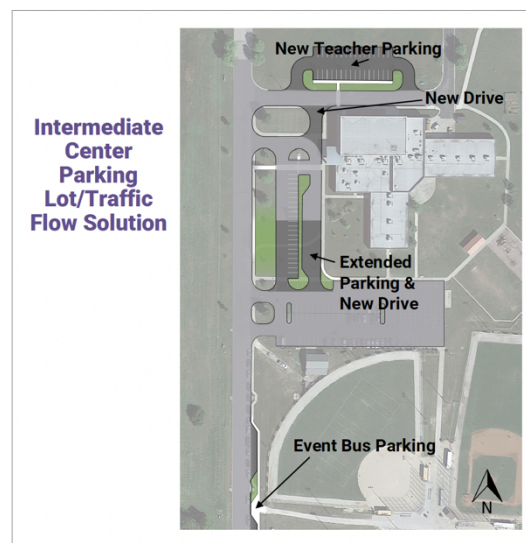
This week, I'd like to provide more detail on some of the safety and security measures that are part of the proposed May 16 bond plan.

Events that have unfolded at schools around the country are a constant reminder of the responsibility we have – as a district, as parents and as a community – to ensure the safety and security of our children. We work diligently every day to uphold this responsibility and to identify areas of improvement. One of the things the bond planning process allowed us to do was to bring students, teachers, staff and community members together to objectively evaluate where safety and security advancements were needed.

### Student safety is our top priority.

The proposed bond is structured to address areas where our facilities can be improved in order to address gaps in student supervision. This includes:

- Adjoining and enclosing the high school, junior high and Career Technical Education space so that students are not exiting one building to attend classes in another, and so that student routes to their classes are not exposed.
- Establishing PE locker rooms connected to the high school gym to allow for teacher/coach oversight rather than having students on a separate floor.
- Making safety upgrades and improvements to the junior high PE locker rooms.



### Safety extends to parents and our entire Bulldog community.

Our commitment to safety includes parents, teachers and everyone else in our community who visits or works in our schools. Traffic congestion, particularly at the Intermediate Center, continues to pose a safety and a convenience problem for those dropping off and picking up students. The proposed bond includes a solution to improve traffic flow, parking space and traffic safety as our children enter and exit the building. It also includes installation of a chair lift in the junior high gymnasium and replacing the gravel paths to the ballfields with asphalt so that cheering on our Bulldogs is accessible to everyone in the community. **Scan the QR Code to watch a student-led video to**



**learn more.**

I hope you'll plan to join us at one of our Community Town Hall conversations to learn more - **Thursday, April 13** or **Thursday, April 20**. The details are at [www.USD348.com/bond](http://www.USD348.com/bond). Again, as you review this information, please don't hesitate to contact me personally with any questions at [mdodge@usd348.com](mailto:mdodge@usd348.com) or 785-594-2721.

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