

MESSAGE Emailed Week of September 28, 2026:

CARROLL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOND ISSUE UPDATE

Be an Informed Voter

This Bond Will:

- Expand Educational Opportunities for Students.
- Modernize the Learning Environments.
- Improve Long Range Financial Efficiencies.
- Retire Adams Elementary.

KEY DATES TO KNOW

Learn More About the Carroll Community Schools Bond Issue! Join Us at Community Informational Meetings:

- September 23 | 7:00-8:00 PM - Carroll High School Auditorium
- September 30 | 7:00 PM - Facebook Live on the District Facebook Page
- October 5 | 7:00-8:00 PM - DMACC Templeton Regional Center (123 S Main St, Templeton, IA)
- October 7 | 7:00-8:00 PM - Halbur Community Center (105 W 2nd St., Halbur, IA)

Voter Registration & Election Dates

- October 19 – Deadline to Register to Vote Online
- October 19 (postmarked) - Deadline to Request to Vote By Mail
- November 3 – Deadline to Register to Vote In Person
- November 3 - Election Day

This Week's Focus: Modernizing Learning Environments Across the District

Each week, we will take a deeper look at one aspect of the proposed bond issue. Modernizing a learning environment means updating school facilities so they can better support current instructional practices, student programs, building operations, and the district's long-term facility needs.

The proposed district facility plan would transition Carroll Community Schools from four buildings serving students to three. Fairview Elementary would serve preschool through second grade, the current middle school would serve grades 3-6, and the high school campus would serve grades 7-12. Adams Elementary would be retired from student use. The total estimated cost of the facility plan is \$63.7 million. The proposed general obligation bond would provide up to \$51 million, with the remaining \$12.7 million funded through SAVE and PPEL resources.

Projects by Building

Intermediate School

Proposed Grade Configuration: Grades 3-6

Proposed Projects Include

- Renovating and adapting the current middle school for students in grades 3-6.
- Creating age-appropriate classrooms and learning spaces for upper-elementary students.
- Updating the playground and outdoor activity areas.
- Making building improvements needed to serve younger students.
- Organizing the building around the academic and developmental needs of grades 3-6.

How This Modernizes the Learning Environment

Renovating the current middle school as an Intermediate School would allow learning spaces, building functions, and outdoor areas to be updated for younger students. Bringing grades 3-6 together would also support curriculum alignment, grade-level transitions, and coordinated student services.

Junior/Senior High School Campus

Proposed Grade Configuration: Grades 7-12

Proposed Projects Include

- Grade-appropriate classrooms for seventh- and eighth-grade students.
- A designated academic area for middle school instruction.
- Access to specialized instructional spaces and programs on the high school campus.
- Connections that allow appropriate access to shared facilities while maintaining a distinct middle school environment.

How This Modernizes the Learning Environment

The addition would provide a dedicated seventh- and eighth-grade learning environment connected to broader educational resources. Students would have their own academic space while gaining appropriate access to science laboratories, CTE programs, fine arts spaces, physical education facilities, and other specialized learning areas.

Career and Technical Education Addition

Proposed Projects Include

- Expanded CTE instructional spaces.
- More laboratory and hands-on learning space.
- Support for additional CTE programming.
- More opportunities to explore skilled trades and career pathways.
- Instructional environments designed for applied and project-based learning.

How This Modernizes the Learning Environment

Today's students need more hands on learning particularly in the trades. The best way to learn is to do! The proposed addition would expand career exploration and technical instruction for middle school and high school students.

Existing High School Renovations

Proposed Projects Include

- Updated science classrooms and laboratory spaces for grades 7-12.
- Renovated visual arts instructional spaces.
- Improvements to existing classrooms and shared learning spaces.
- Adaptations to support the grades 7-12 configuration.
- Improved connections between existing and newly constructed spaces.

How This Modernizes the Learning Environment

Updated science and visual arts rooms would provide environments better suited to laboratory-based instruction, art materials, projects, and student work. Renovations would also help the existing high school operate as part of a coordinated grades 7-12 campus.

What Does “Modernizing the Learning Environments” Mean?

Modernizing the learning environments does not refer to one project. It describes how the projects work together across the district.

- Organize buildings around defined grade-level groups.
- Create age-appropriate learning environments.
- Update classrooms used for science, art, career and technical education, and physical education.
- Expand access to hands-on and career-focused programs.
- Improve how students and staff move through and use the buildings.
- Renovate existing facilities where practical.
- Add space where current facilities cannot meet proposed programming needs.
- Consolidate district operations from four student attendance centers to three.

Questions?

If you have questions about the proposed bond issue, please reply to this email. We will continue to answer common questions and provide additional information in future updates.

Thank you for taking the time to stay informed.