

pool & wellness

community+ campus

BOND VOTE NOVEMBER 7



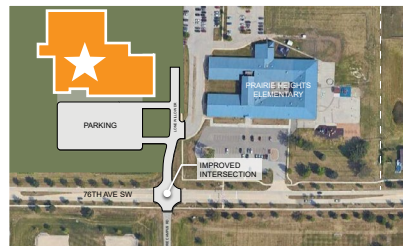
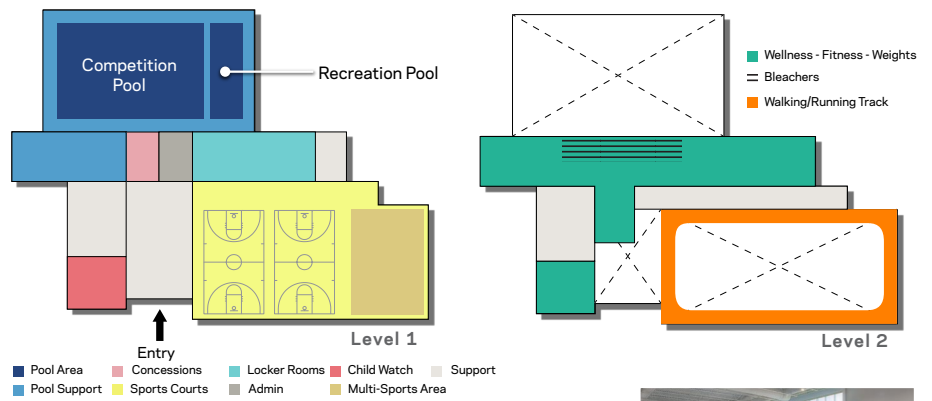
► Why are we voting? For over two decades, the Prairie Community has discussed and inquired about providing a pool for our students to increase opportunities for competitive swimming, school programming, and expanded opportunities for students of all grades. Prior to this year, the focus of facilities spending has been on updating facilities and construction of facilities to accommodate a growing student population. We are now completing the facilities master plan, allowing a focus on projects to enhance student participation during and beyond the school day. This proposed project intends to bring a pool/recreation complex to campus, enhance safety and fan experiences at John Wall Stadium, and enhance facilities used by baseball, softball, boys wrestling and girls wrestling. Additionally, a partnership with the YMCA to operate the district-owned pool and wellness facilities has the added benefit of providing full-service, year-round, multi-generational wellness facilities to a community that has supported our schools. This proposal does not increase tax rates, but requires 60% voter approval on November 7, 2023.

► What's the plan?

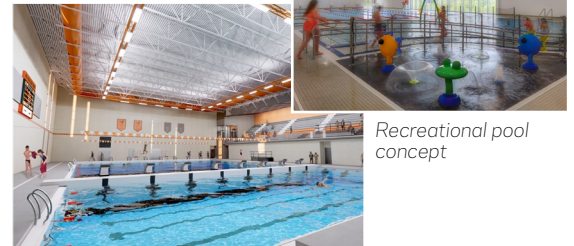
Pool & Wellness Center

A district-owned, multi-generational community recreation and wellness center on campus run by the YMCA will directly benefit Prairie students and the community with new and expanded opportunities. Plans for the building include:

- Competition-size pool & diving well
- Recreational pool with splash pad
- Walking & running track
- Child Watch
- Two basketball courts, plus a multi-purpose court
- Cardio & weightlifting area



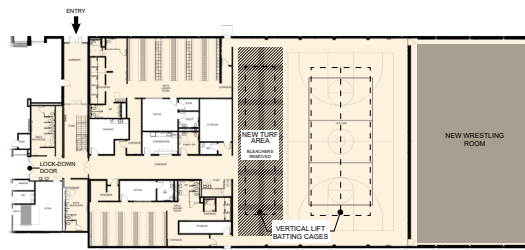
Proposed location



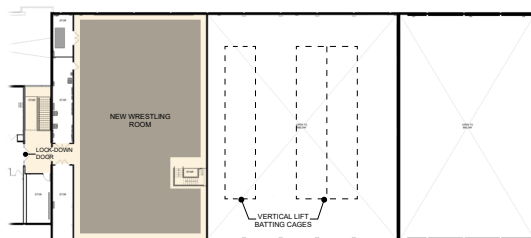
Competitive pool design concept

Wrestling Practice Rooms & Batting/Hitting Facility Improvements

The south gym and mezzanine areas of the new 9th Grade Center (former Prairie Creek building) will be converted into wrestling rooms to accommodate our growing boys' wrestling and new girls' wrestling programs. The main gym, which will remain in use during the day for Physical Education, will have three batting cages and turf for additional flexibility for off-season sports.



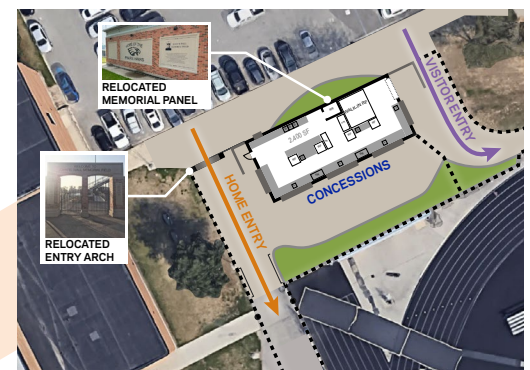
Wrestling Center Main Level



Wrestling Center Mezzanine

John Wall Stadium Upgrades

Entrance to the stadium will be upgraded to separate access for both home and away fans and centralize the concessions area to improve flow, efficiency, safety and the overall fan experience.



► **How will the bond vote affect my taxes?**

Taxes will NOT increase. The district will maintain the current tax rate of \$16.61. Due to decades of responsible financial planning and needs-based facility practices, this project can be completed without impacting the tax levy rate.

► **What will the ballot say?**

Shall the Board of Directors of the College Community School District in the Counties of Benton, Linn, and Johnson, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$43,000,000 to provide funds to build, furnish and equip a swimming pool / wellness center facility, with related site improvements; to build, furnish, and equip a concession stand / ticket booth addition at John Wall stadium, including related improvements; to remodel, repair, and improve the former Prairie Creek Intermediate (now 9th Grade Center/Prairie Delta) facility, including relocation/expansion of boys/girls wrestling practice rooms and conversion of existing gymnasium space into an indoor batting/hitting facility, with related improvements.

► **How do I vote?**

EARLY: Vote early in person at your county auditor's office during business hours from **October 18 through November 6.**

ABSENTEE: You can request an absentee ballot from your county's auditor. Print an absentee ballot request form online:



<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/absenteeballotapp.pdf>

Absentee ballot requests must be received by the auditor by **October 23.**

Once a request form has been submitted the auditor will mail you a ballot.

Completed ballots must be received by the auditor by 8 p.m. on election day.

ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 7, 2023: On election day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., eligible voters may vote at their assigned polling place. For more information regarding polling locations, please contact your county auditor's office or scan the QR code.



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**Why partner with the
YMCA?**

For over 150 years, the YMCA has provided our local communities with wellness and recreation programs. The expertise the YMCA brings to operate this facility not only increases hours of operation, but provides the knowledge and experience to support multiple programs and wellness initiatives at a discounted rate to Prairie parents and staff. Since the YMCA will operate the facility, this also allows the District priority use of this facility with estimated annual savings of \$300-400K in yearly operational expenses associated with pools. The District and YMCA partnered with a third party to conduct a community needs and interest assessment with over 1,500 community members who expressed strong interest in this plan for a community YMCA on campus, with special interest in pool/aquatic programming, indoor walking/running, and weight/cardio facilities. A draft of the agreement for our relationship with the YMCA is available for viewing on our website.

