

Capital Projects: Overview



BUILDING HISTORY

Steady enrollment growth has been a consistent component of the Linn-Mar Community School District. Original construction of district buildings include: Marion Rural Independent School -(1948 now LMHS classrooms/COMPASS Alternative Center/District Offices); High School (1959); Indian Creek Elementary (1961); Junior High School (1963, now part of LMHS); Wilkins Elementary (1966); Bowman Woods Elementary (1968); Linn-Mar Intermediate (1995, now Excelsior Middle School); Westfield Elementary (1999); Oak Ridge Middle School (2003); Linn Grove Elementary (2007); Echo Hill Elementary (2008); Novak Elementary (2010).



On September 11th, 2018, voters in the Linn-Mar Community School District, approved a \$55 million dollar bond referendum to allow for the construction of two buildings for 5th and 6th grade students. Boulder Peak and Hazel Point Intermediate Schools opened in the fall of 2020.





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Telephone Number: 319-447-3036 who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing

Linn-Mar's mission is to inspire learning, unlock potential and empower achievement. As the district expands and changes, this mission statement is reflected from the inside out. Our schools and facilities provide safe and engaging environments to provide our students the best opportunity to learn, grow and succeed.

The Linn-Mar Community School District was formed in 1948 when 17 one-room rural schools joined together to build Marion Rural Independent School. The Linn-Mar Community School District now serves more than 7,900 students in 12 schools plus other buildings and facilities. Linn-Mar continues to be one of the fastest growing school districts in the state as enrollment is expected to continue to increase steadily.

Thanks to community support through voter approved programs, school buildings and facilities throughout the district are in excellent condition. Linn-Mar Community Schools has been able to use funds or borrow money against the sales tax funds for major construction and renovation projects.

Voter approved programs are:

SAVE is commonly referred to as the 1 cent local option sales tax. On February 13, 2007, voters in Linn County approved a 10 year School Infrastructure Local Option (SILO) sales tax. During the 2008 Legislative Session, SILO was replaced with a State sales tax for school infrastructure. Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Fund allocates equally to school districts on a per pupil basis. On November 5, 2019, Linn-Mar voters approved a new revenue purpose statement and SAVE was extended to June 30, 2050.

PPEL stands for Physical Plant & Equipment Levy. It's the main revenue source used to maintain infrastructure investments – a special revenue fund which can only be used for the purchase and improvement of land, purchase and improvement of buildings, purchase of a single unit of equipment exceeding \$500 in value, and other expenses defined in section 298.3 of the Code of lowa. The PPEL fund is comprised of revenue from two levies. The first PPEL levy is a voter approved levy. Linn-Mar voters

have approved the maximum \$1.34 PPEL levy. The second PPEL levy is the Board approved levy. Linn-Mar's Board of Education has approved this levy at its maximum level of \$0.33. Thus, the total PPEL levy is \$1.67. On April 1, 2014, voters approved a no increase PPEL levy renewal for an additional 10 year period.

Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, § 504, and Iowa Code § 280.3 (2013).

PERL stands for the Public Education and Recreation Levy. It is a special revenue fund approved by voters in an election for recreation places, playgrounds and community education on school property.

Bond Referendums have also contributed to Linn-Mar's successful growth. In addition to the revenues allowed by the state funding formula, the school district can ask voters to support a bond referendum to provide money for buildings. Bond referenda can be used for non-operating expenses such as computers, building remodeling or new construction. This funding cannot be used for operating expenses.

OAK RIDGE TRACK

\$850,000 (PERL)

2021

INDIAN CREEK GYM HVAC

\$150,000 (SAVE)

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