



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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Title: Executive Director of Human Resources Karla Christian
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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 Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, § 504, and Iowa Code § 280.3 (2013).

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 Iowa. 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.

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.

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TRANSPORTATION/
OPERATIONS &
MAINTENANCE –
CONSTRUCTION
\$3,902,869 (SAVE)
Started: 2009
Completed: 2010

BOWMAN WOODS –
PARTIAL ROOF
REPLACEMENT
\$185,243 (PPEL)
Started: 2009
Completed: 2010

NOVAK – CONSTRUCTION
AT 401 29TH AVE.
\$10,857,575 (SAVE)
Started: 2008
Completed: 2010



LEARNING RESOURCE
CENTER (LRC) –
RENOVATION
OF OLD NOVAK/
REDEDICATED AS LRC
\$337,831 (SAVE/PPEL)
2010



LINN-MAR STADIUM –
CONSTRUCTION
\$10,439,702 (SAVE)
Started: 2008
Completed: 2011

LMHS – PARTIAL ROOF
REPLACEMENT
\$287,000 (PPEL)
2010

LMHS – REMODEL OF “OLD
JUNIOR HIGH” SECTION
\$1,111,421 (PPEL)
2010



INDIAN CREEK –
PARKING LOT
RESURFACED
\$228,744 (PPEL)
Started: 2011
Completed: 2012



LINN-MAR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
COMPLEX – CONSTRUCTION
\$3,280,931 (SAVE)
Started: 2010
Completed: 2012

EXCELSIOR –
TENNIS COURTS
CONSTRUCTION
\$331,443 (PERL)
Started: 2011
Completed: 2012

LMHS – HVAC
INSTALLATION IN
GYMNASIUM
\$351,862 (PPEL)
Started: 2011
Completed: 2013

LMHS – PARTIAL ROOF
REPLACEMENT
\$257,821 (PPEL)
2012



BOWMAN WOODS –
PARKING LOT AND DRIVE
RENOVATION
\$364,103 (PPEL)
Started: 2012
Completed: 2013

LINN-MAR AQUATIC CENTER –
CONSTRUCTION
\$12,964,455 (SAVE)
Started: 2012
Completed: 2013

LMHS – PARKING LOT RENOVATION
Phase I - \$593,566 (PPEL)
Phase II - \$318,610 (PPEL)
Phase III - \$411,457 (PPEL)
Started: 2012
Completed: 2014

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS –
SECURED ENTRANCES AT WESTFIELD,
OAK RIDGE, INDIAN CREEK, ECHO
HILL, LINN GROVE & NOVAK
\$135,320 (PPEL)
2013



OAK RIDGE –
WINDOW PROJECT
\$364,643 (PPEL)
Started: 2013
Completed: 2014



EXCELSIOR –
AUXILIARY GYM FLOOR
REPLACEMENT
\$108,900
Started: 2014
Completed: 2015

OAK RIDGE –
GYMNASIUM
CONSTRUCTION &
LOCKERS
\$2,600,000 (SAVE)
Started: 2012
Completed: 2015



MULTIPLE LOCATIONS –
SECURED ENTRANCES AND MAIN
OFFICE RENOVATIONS AT BOWMAN
WOODS & WILKINS
\$1,250,000 (SAVE)
Started: 2013
Completed: 2014

LMHS – RADIO TOWER RELOCATION
\$84,300.50 (SAVE/PPEL)
2015

2016

LMHS – GYMNASIUM
BLEACHERS
REPLACEMENT
\$249,700 (PPEL)
2015

EXCELSIOR – TRACK
RENOVATION
\$334,620 (PERL)
2015



OAK RIDGE - CAFETERIA
\$739,374.05 (PPEL)
2016



WESTFIELD - ADDITION
\$2,484,095.83 (PPEL)
2016

2017

LMHS –
RENOVATION
PROJECT
\$27,502,607
(SAVE/PPEL)
Started: 2015
Completed: 2017



LRC FIRE
SUPPRESSION
\$162,344 (PPEL)



WESTFIELD PARKING LOT
\$788,419.18 (SAVE)
2017

LAND ACQUISITION
\$1,194,315 (SAVE)
40 acres on 35th Avenue for Boulder
Peak and future elementary building



EXCELSIOR
CORRIDOR
FLOORING
\$102,545 (PPEL)

2018

INDIAN CREEK RENOVATION
\$1,213,874 (PPEL/SAVE)
Started 2018
Completed: 2021



BOWMAN WOODS
RENOVATION
\$2,684,242 (PPEL/SAVE)
Started: 2018
Completed: 2021



2019

WILKINS
RENOVATION
\$2,166,752
(PPEL/SAVE)
Started: 2018
Completed: 2021



MULTIPLE LOCATIONS
SECURITY UPGRADES
\$826,689
Started: 2019
Completed: 2021

LMHS PARTIAL ROOF
REPLACEMENT
\$176,619 (PPEL)



BOULDER PEAK
AND HAZEL POINT
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS
\$66,500,000 (GO Bond/SAVE)
Started: 2019
Completed: 2021

LAND ACQUISITION
\$2,043,448 (SAVE)
92 Acres North 10th Street
for future construction



OAK RIDGE TRACK
\$850,000 (PERL)

2021



INDIAN CREEK GYM HVAC
\$150,000 (SAVE)

A 10-YEAR TIMELINE

*This timeline represents major projects funded by voter approved programs as a sample to show how essential these funds are to Linn-Mar Community Schools. These funds also support a wide variety of other initiatives across the district.