



Dear GR Community,

On Tuesday, September 13, there will be a bond issue on the ballot for the Gladbrook-Reinbeck Community School District. If the \$23.6 million bond is approved, it will allow our district to make critical improvements to our facilities so that our teachers and staff can continue to provide an outstanding educational experience for our students.

The projects we are targeting were developed through a process that took several months to complete. Our goal was to create a plan that aligns our facilities with modern learning environments and gives our students the best possible opportunities to learn and thrive.

With an approved bond, GR will be able to move ahead with:

- Making every restroom and floor level handicap accessible
- Secured entry in both buildings
- HVAC system upgrades in both buildings
- Renovations and updates in both buildings
- Classroom additions to the elementary school
- Gym expansion at the Jr./Sr. High School

It's important to understand what a meaningful impact these improvements would have on our students. Children with disabilities will be able to access all areas of our buildings much more easily. Kids will be able to focus in classrooms that have proper temperature controls and air flow. Our transitional kindergarten program will finally have the space needed to serve our youngest learners.

An approved bond would have a property tax impact of \$199.58 annually (\$16.63 per month) on a home assessed at \$100,000. For agricultural land, the impact would be anywhere from \$5.36 to \$6.62 per acre annually, depending on the location in Tama, Black Hawk, Grundy, or Marshall County.

It is worth noting that GR currently has the 29th lowest tax levy rate in Iowa, out of more than 320 districts. If the bond is approved, our district's tax levy rate would still be lower than 143 others throughout Iowa.

I know that this is a time of great political divisiveness in our country. We have certainly experienced our fair share of it in our community. However, I believe we can look beyond our differences and maintain our focus on who is truly important—our children.

If you would like to learn more about GR's facility needs and the proposed solution on the ballot this Tuesday, please visit <https://www.grcsdplanning.org>. You can also find answers to frequently asked questions and tax impact information.

As always, thank you for your support of our schools and the students we serve.

Sincerely,

Donovan Devore
School Board President