



2016 BOND PROGRAM



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Adams 12 
Five Star Schools

Investing in every student, every school, every community

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ELEVATE

BUILDING ON FIVE STAR SUCCESS 



More than 3,000 PEOPLE and 49 SCHOOLS *participate in the first phase of ELEVATE*

ELEVATE is a year-long engagement process bringing parents, community members, students and staff together to develop a five-year strategic plan to elevate student success in the Five Star District. The first phase in Fall 2017 asked participants to determine district strengths and hopes for the future.

The ELEVATE Core Team - a group of staff and community members tasked with leading the ELEVATE process - is working through the fall feedback and will seek input from staff and community through an online survey on the initial findings. In April, we will host a district-wide Summit where up to 200 people will collectively define an action plan to achieve our hopes and dreams.

A five-year strategic plan reflecting the community's priorities will be unveiled August 2018.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for the ELEVATE Summit
on April 5, 2018.

Reserve your spot today:
www.adams12.org/ELEVATE

Five Star Proud

Adams 12 Five Star Schools has a lot to be proud of this year and we look forward to what we will achieve in the years to come.

Graduation Rate

4-YEAR ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE RISES TO

84.4% } *The highest graduation rate since 2010*
for class of 2017

All district comprehensive high schools

EXCEED
THE STATE AVERAGE OF **79%**

HISPANIC GRADUATION RATE *jumps from*

50.8% } **80.4%**
in 2010 in 2017

Academic Achievement

RECORD **12**
schools

Earn Colorado Department of Education awards for academic achievement

of those schools:

6
schools

Earn Colorado Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

5
schools

Earn Colorado John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award

3
schools

Earn Colorado Centers of Excellence Award

State Rating

Five Star District accredited as a

PERFORMANCE DISTRICT

for second consecutive year

14
schools

Increase **SEVEN PERCENTAGE POINTS** or more in ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Bond Construction Projects



THUNDER VISTA P-8

BOND GOALS: *Educational Opportunities, Address Overcrowding*

CONSTRUCTION STARTED: *April 2017*

SCHEDULED COMPLETION: *Fall 2018*



Construction on Thunder Vista P-8, Adams 12 Five Star Schools newest school, is about 50 percent complete as of January 2018. The three-story, 142,000-square-foot school will serve students in the growing Anthem community of Broomfield. As a P-8 school, Thunder Vista will not only serve the Anthem community but also provide overcrowding relief for surrounding elementary and middle schools. The school name and mascot (buffalo) were selected with the assistance of parents and community members through a public-naming process. The school is on schedule to open for the start of the 2018-19 school year.

“Before we know it, we’ll be standing in the entrance to our school and welcoming everyone into a beautiful building with an innovative, cutting-edge design and technology where we can dream big, learn big, work together, work hard, have fun and make all our dreams come alive.”

Teresa Benallo,
Thunder Vista P-8 Principal

Speaking at construction groundbreaking - April 2017



School logo
revealed
Jan. 2018



STEM LAB

BOND GOALS: *Educational Opportunities, Address Aging Buildings*

CONSTRUCTION STARTED: *May 2017*

SCHEDULED COMPLETION: *Summer 2018 (Phase 1), Summer 2019 (Phase 2)*



Students, staff and families of STEM Lab in Northglenn began a two-year journey in Spring 2017 to see their school building begin a massive, two-year reconstruction and renovation process that will not only change the environment where students learn but how they learn as well. The 46-year-old building was once a district middle school and has been home to the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) school since 2010. The first phase of construction includes a 25,000-square-foot addition to the building’s east side. In the second phase, the building’s west wing will be demolished and a new classroom wing constructed. The redesigned school will feature new flexible learning spaces, a design that compliments STEM-learning through features like exposed building infrastructure and a larger building footprint that will provide more STEM-learning opportunities for students across the district.

“The thanks for this new space really rests with our community - the people who voted for our bond.”

Kathy Plomer, Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education President
Speaking at STEM Lab construction groundbreaking - May 2017

School Expansion Projects



ARAPAHOE RIDGE ELEMENTARY

BOND GOALS: *Educational Opportunities, Address Overcrowding and Aging Buildings*

CONSTRUCTION STARTED: *December 2017*

SCHEDULED COMPLETION: *Fall 2018*

Safe, comfortable and dry environments are a focal point of the 2016 Bond Program and a driving factor behind school expansion projects now under way at two elementary schools in Westminster. Arapahoe Ridge Elementary, opened in 1998, will receive a two-story, 18,000-square-foot building expansion. The 12-classroom addition, scheduled to be finished for the start of the 2018-19 school year, will allow the school to remove four mobile classroom buildings used since the school opened. Arapahoe Ridge will also add a preschool program with tuition-based slots, another bond-promised goal.



COTTON CREEK ELEMENTARY

BOND GOALS: *Educational Opportunities, Address Overcrowding and Aging Buildings*

CONSTRUCTION STARTED: *December 2017*

SCHEDULED COMPLETION: *Fall 2018*



Cotton Creek Elementary opened in 1979 and has used three mobile classroom buildings for more than 20 years. The school will receive a two-story, 14,000-square-foot building expansion. The eight new classrooms will allow Cotton Creek to remove the current mobile classrooms. As a nearly 40-year-old building, Cotton Creek will also receive significant improvements to its existing building, including upgrades to the building structure and building systems. This work will happen in Summer 2018.



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) OPPORTUNITIES

BOND GOALS: *Educational Opportunities*

START OF DESIGN ON NEW CTE CAMPUS: *Spring/Summer 2018*

START OF BOLLMAN TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER RENOVATION: *Summer 2019*

The 2016 Bond Program allows Five Star Schools to make a major investment in Career and Technical Education (CTE) for district students through the construction of an additional CTE campus. Five Star staff spent 2017 engaged in a thoughtful process with students, staff, community members as well as business industry leaders to better understand programming interests and needs. With a programming vision now in place for a new campus and the existing Bollman Technical Education Center, 2018 will be a busy year. The district plans to announce the location of its new CTE campus in early 2018, launch the new facility design with architect, Cunningham Group Architecture, and move forward with renovation design plans for Bollman.



Summer 2018 Renovation Projects



BOND GOALS: *Address Aging Buildings, Safety and Security*

CONSTRUCTION STARTED: *Summer 2018*

SCHEDULED COMPLETION: *August 2018*

Summers and empty schools are the ideal time for construction teams to make significant improvements and modifications inside schools. Summer 2018 will be the first full summer of bond project implementation with renovations launching across the district.

Renovation projects are scheduled for **Mountain View**, **North Mor**, **North Star**, **Stukey**, **Westview** and **Woodglen** elementary schools.

Additionally, first phases of multi-year renovation and improvement work are also expected to begin at **Centennial**, **Cherry Drive**, **Federal Heights** and **Riverdale elementary schools**; **Northglenn Middle School**; **Horizon**, **Northglenn** and **Thornton high schools**; **Early Childhood Education Center**; and the **Student & Family Resource Center**.

Work at these schools and facilities will involve building structure and mechanical system upgrades as well as safety and security improvements, all identified as priorities in the 2016 Bond Program. School Design Advisory Groups comprised of teachers, staff and parents also worked with architects to determine how additional renovation money - not dedicated to specific upgrades - could be used to improve these schools.

Instructional Upgrades



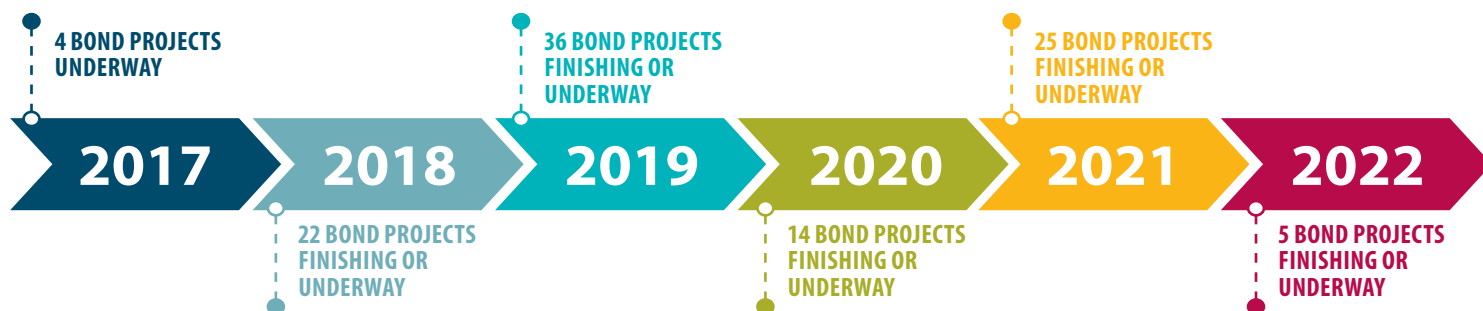
Prior to the passage of the bond, each school had the opportunity to collaborate with their students, staff and families to envision how they would use a designated amount of bond dollars solely for improvements to benefit the educational process in their school. Categories included furniture, technology, space modifications, safety and security upgrades, and specials/electives.

In 2017, district bond staff engaged with schools expected to receive general bond renovations first on how they would like to use their funds. The overwhelming response was to use the money to bolster in-classroom technology. Since then, 380 Apple iPad Minis and more than 500 Chromebooks have made their way to schools. More than a dozen technology pilot classrooms - featuring the latest in projector technology, teacher devices and wireless technology - have also been installed to give staff and students the opportunity to experience the newest classroom technology. The pilot classrooms also allow building principals to choose whether they want to make a full-building investment - through their Instructional Upgrade dollars - into technology classrooms.

Schools using Instructional Upgrade money in 2017 included Arapahoe Ridge, Centennial, Cherry Drive, North Mor, North Star, Mountain View, Stukey, Westview and Woodglen elementary schools; Northglenn Middle School; and Thornton High School.

District staff will expand its outreach in 2018 to provide more schools the opportunity to access Instructional Upgrade dollars, whether it be for technology or other school improvements.

2016 Bond Program Investment



Adams 12 Five Star Schools has established a five-year timeline for the completion of all school-specific and districtwide bond improvement projects. Our commitment is to the delivery of each bond-promised project on time and on budget. To learn more about the bond timeline and specific improvements planned for your school community, visit www.adams12.org/bond

*Read about the 2016 Bond Program progress,
thanks to voters like you!*

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