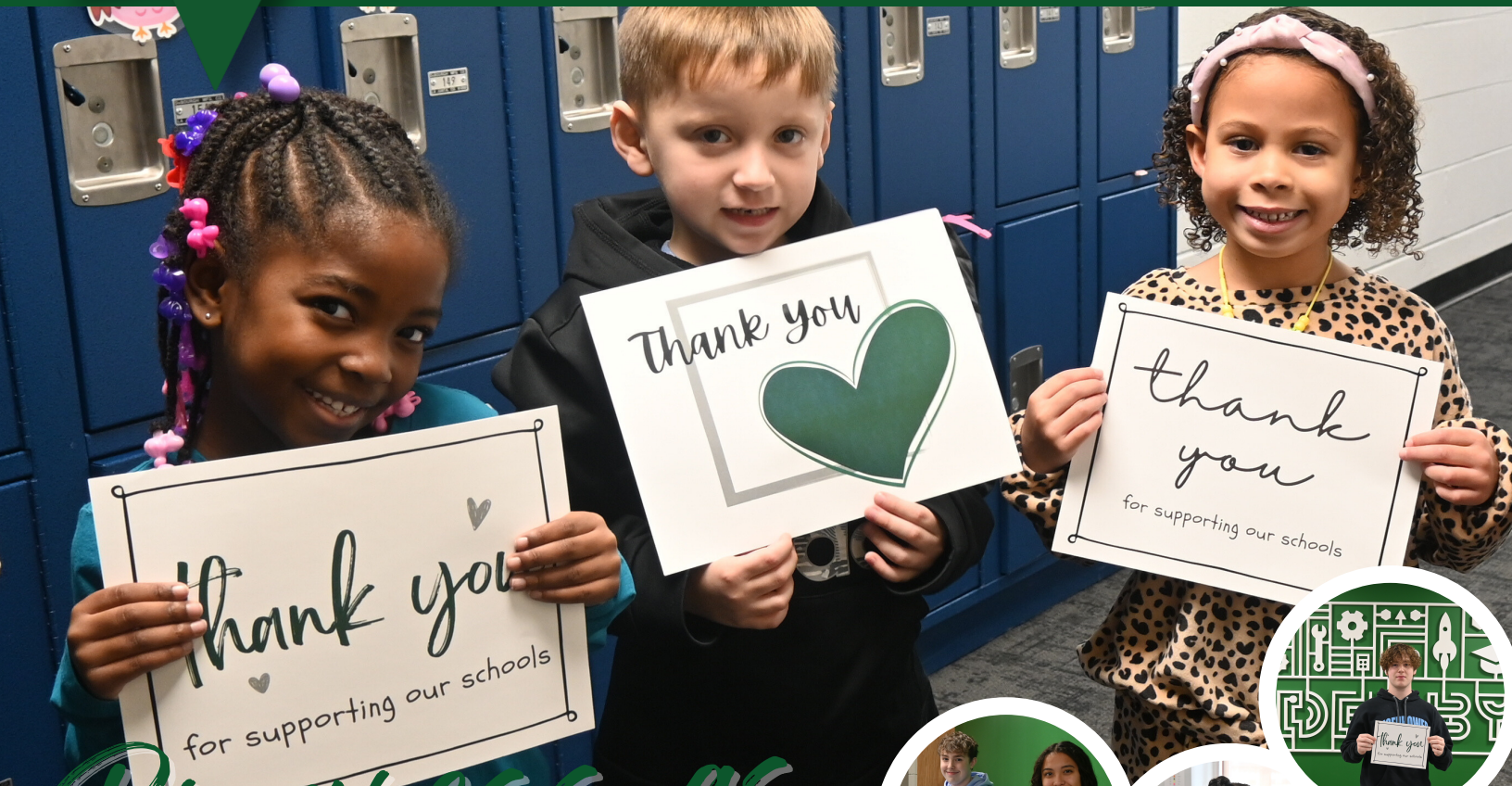


# DERBY BOND UPDATE

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## Progress as Promised



On February 20, 2018, residents in the USD260 boundaries voted to approve a \$114,020,000 bond for Derby Public Schools. The bond was a pivotal moment for the school district, and we want to express our deepest thanks for the trust and belief in the future of our educational community.

Thanks to the community's support, we were able to increase the safety and accessibility of our schools, build innovative new spaces and make headway on needed enhancements to buildings throughout the district. These improvements added necessary room for learning while elevating the educational experience for students and work environments for staff as well as providing upgraded facilities for community use.

Over the last six years, Derby Public Schools remained committed to providing frequent and transparent updates on bond progress. All projects are now complete and we are proud to share a final update. This special Bond Update edition provides a recap of the finances voters approved, overall bond goals and photo highlights of projects.





## A RECAP ON WHAT VOTERS APPROVED...

After community input was received through Patron Insight in the summer of 2017, Derby Public Schools formulated the structure of the ballot and prioritized projects based on the feedback, splitting proposed bond projects into three questions. Bond question one had the bulk of the projects. Questions two and three, which included a full-size Panther Activity Center, a new turf softball field, and turf for baseball and soccer fields, did not gain voter approval. Question one, in the original ballot language, is listed below:

Proposition No. 1 – Shall Unified School District No. 260 Sedgwick County, Kansas (Derby), issue general obligation bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$114,020,000 to pay the costs to:

- a. Construct, equip and furnish additions to and make renovations and other improvements, including storm shelters, to existing District facilities: Tanglewood Elementary, Derby Hills Elementary, Park Hill Elementary, Swaney Elementary, El Paso Elementary, Wineteer Elementary, Derby Middle School, and Derby High School for enhanced safety and security, improved teaching and learning environments, educational and building operating efficiencies, and ADA and other code compliance;
- b. Construct, equip and furnish a new 3-section Elementary School within the District;
- c. Construct, equip and furnish a new District facility for Education Support Services, Special Services, Administration and storm shelter to be located at the Tanglewood Elementary site;
- d. Demolish portions and construct, equip and furnish replacement additions to the existing Oaklawn Elementary and Cooper Elementary Schools within the District;
- e. Remodel and make needed improvements to the District Maintenance and Transportation Buildings;
- f. Make needed improvements to District Athletic facilities;
- g. Make all other necessary improvements appurtenant thereto;
- h. Pay the costs of issuance and interest on said general obligation bonds of the District during construction of the Project; all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 et seq., K.S.A. 25-2018(f), K.S.A. 72-6761, and K.S.A. 75-2315 et seq.



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# BOND FOCUS AREAS

## Safety and Security

- Provide storm shelters for all schools
- Remove all portable classrooms
- Install secure hardware (classroom intruder locks)
- Ensure Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility

## Deferred Maintenance

- Fix outdated systems: Boilers, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, technology
- Fix building and site deterioration: Exterior walls, settlement, parking, site drainage
- Upgrade outdated or deteriorating equipment/finishes

## Efficiency and Growth

- Repair and renovate maintenance and transportation buildings
- Consolidate administrative buildings
- Update athletic complexes: ADA-compliance, lockers, restrooms, parking
- Create equitable elementary schools and classroom sizes

## Curriculum and Program Equity

- Equitable classrooms, Special Education, student resource spaces
- Alternative Learning Center at Derby High School
- More physical education space for Derby High School



ALL PORTABLE CLASSROOMS  
IN DISTRICT REMOVED



ORIGINAL 1960S ERA BOILER AT  
WINETEER REPLACED WITH HIGH  
EFFICIENCY SYSTEM



CORRODED AND DETERIORATED  
PIPES REPLACED



ADA-ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND  
EQUIPMENT ADDED AT ALL  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

A few "before" photos of areas in need of improvement prior to the 2018 bond.

# A LOOK AT THE FINANCES

In 2018, voters approved question one of the bond for a total funding amount of **\$114,020,000**. As bonds were sold, Derby Public Schools gained interest from the money before it needed to be paid out for the projects. Using fiscally responsible financial strategies, the district realized an additional premium/interest earned of **\$10,998,002** that could be applied to the projects. With careful financial management, all projects that were approved by the voters and the Board of Education were completed with a total of **\$124,986,190** being spent. With all projects now complete, the remaining cash balance of **\$31,812** will be utilized for additional LED lighting at Derby High School. State aid funds are also received on an annual basis which are applied directly to the bond debt service. To date, **\$518,000** of state aid has been received. The Board of Education and District Leadership maximized the projects with the allocated budgets to bring the bond projects to a successful completion on time and within budget.



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## Bond Project Partners: Thank You!

The \$114 million dollar bond passed on February 20, 2018 focused on upgrades and enhancements in: Safety and Security; Deferred Maintenance; Efficiency and Growth; and Curriculum and Program Equity.

Derby Public Schools is grateful to have partnered with wonderful companies to bring each bond project to life, including:

- **McCownGordon Construction:**  
Construction Manager At Risk
- **Schaefer Architecture** (formerly Schaefer Johnson Cox and Frey/SJCF Architecture):  
Bond Architect
- **Gardner Design:**  
Environmental Graphics

Many projects had well-represented, active committees that spent countless hours formulating visions and ideas for innovative spaces such as Cooper Elementary, Oaklawn Elementary, Stone Creek Elementary and Panther Stadium. We appreciate the many staff members, families, community members and students who joined numerous committees over the past six years to provide input on bond projects.



## SWANEY ELEMENTARY

Swaney Elementary led the way in setting a standard for accessible playground equipment, as the only school to have an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible playground pre-2018 bond. Through the bond, Swaney's playground was enhanced with new artificial turf surfacing and a sidewalk to allow for better access. Swaney also had new water service lines added throughout the building, as the old lines were made of steel and had corroded since the building's opening in 1958. Additionally, Swaney received two sets of remodeled bathrooms to complement other work that had been done in the building during the 2012 bond issue. An ADA-compliant ramp from the early childhood/special programs hallway to access the playground was created, classroom intruder locks were installed where needed, electronic access hardware and enhanced entry cameras were added, restrooms were upgraded and dated kitchen equipment was replaced.



## DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL

A previous bond in 2012 started efforts to expand and renovate Derby Middle School, including adding a storm shelter. Through the bond in 2018, efforts to make spaces at the middle school more equitable and efficient continued. Visible from Madison Avenue, the middle school received a two-story classroom expansion. The project also involved mechanical system upgrades, new locker rooms, a remodeled concession area, and renovations in the physical education classrooms, weight room, multipurpose room and existing locker rooms. Intruder locks were added to classroom doors where not already present, the auditorium lobby and lighting were completed and kitchen equipment was updated. Exterior building and site repairs were also accomplished.



BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE: LOCKER ROOM



AFTER: LOCKER ROOM





# EL PASO ELEMENTARY

Before the 2018 bond, El Paso Elementary's open classroom concept had limited secure separation between the corridors and the classrooms. To improve the safety and security of the school, El Paso had a massive transformation in multiple areas by reconfiguring classroom pods with access through secure doors, installing electronic access hardware, enhancing entry cameras, adding classroom intruder locks, brighter lighting and renovating the former media center into resource classrooms. The new media center has natural light and no longer serves as a hallway between classroom pods. A dedicated art room space was built with ample room to create and learn. New LED lighting was added throughout the building, which not only provides energy savings but an improved learning environment. Another important update included Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible playground equipment, provided to all elementary schools through the bond. Restrooms were updated with new durable and easy-to-clean fixtures, partitions and floors. Upgrades were also completed to the kitchen plumbing and equipment.



# WINETEER ELEMENTARY

Wineteer Elementary received significant work including the addition of a storm shelter, electronic access hardware, enhanced entry cameras, classroom intruder locks and ADA-accessible playground equipment. Among other renovations, the media center, art and music spaces were expanded and portable classrooms were removed. The storm shelter addition consists of three kindergarten classrooms, a resource room and office space with better sight lines of visitors. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing renovations were also completed at Wineteer.





# DERBY HILLS ELEMENTARY

Before building a new elementary school in the northern part of Derby and adjusting the boundaries for each school, Derby Hills Elementary was in dire need of additional space and had a very high enrollment. This project provided a new gymnasium consistent in size with gyms at other elementary schools and renovated portions of the building into permanent resource classrooms, art and music rooms for better efficiency. The former gymnasium and cafeteria spaces were remodeled to provide a more spacious lunchroom and kitchen area.

This project also included new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible playground equipment, installation of electronic access hardware, enhanced entry cameras and classroom intruder locks for increased security. Additionally, the new parking lot and student drop-off were constructed south of the school. All of the interior hallways were painted and new carpet was installed, providing a transformation to the overall appearance of the school.



# PARK HILL ELEMENTARY

Park Hill Elementary's bond work included storm shelter additions, ADA-accessible playground equipment, an expanded parking lot, brighter lighting in some pods, electronic access hardware, enhanced entry cameras and classroom intruder locks. Park Hill's storm shelters double as classrooms, resource rooms and restrooms. A mother's room was also added to provide a private and secure lactation room. A bright, day-lit connecting link was created at the end of both existing corridors, marking the entry to the new shelters. A bird's eye view below highlights the new additions (*two white rooftops*), playground and an expanded parking lot. Additions and remodel work were completed in 2019.



AFTER: MUSIC-THEMED ADA-ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND





# TANGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY AND DERBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

Through the bond, a new administrative center was built, which connects to Tanglewood Elementary. The Derby Public Schools Administrative Center provides a new worksite for staff previously spread across multiple buildings and also doubles as a needed storm shelter for Tanglewood. Located on the Tanglewood site, the administrative center neighbors other community buildings such as the Derby Public Library, City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Welcome Center and Senior Center. This facility provides enhanced safety and security for staff while also creating a more efficient and collaborative work environment. Tanglewood renovations included a 2,300-square-foot addition consisting of two new classrooms, as well as 5,400 square feet of updated space to add two resource rooms and improve the function of the lobby and office/support spaces. Additionally, electronic access hardware, enhanced entry cameras and classroom intruder locks for security were installed. ADA-accessible play equipment was added to the school's playground experience, and exterior building and site drainage needs were addressed.



AFTER: TANGLEWOOD STUDENTS AND STAFF ENTER STORM SHELTER THROUGH A LINKED HALLWAY



AFTER: OFFICE/SUPPORT SPACES



AFTER: NEW CLASSROOM



AFTER: ADA-ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND





# COOPER ELEMENTARY

Two significant projects completed during the 2021-2022 school year were new buildings for Cooper Elementary and Oaklawn Elementary, both Derby elementary schools located in the Oaklawn community. Through the bond, the original 1950s portion of Cooper Elementary was replaced with new construction. Now totaling 62,712 square feet, this new modern school provides students and staff with increased safety measures throughout the building along with flexible workspaces and furniture to facilitate collaborative learning. Cooper also has outdoor learning spaces, an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible playground and an irrigated soccer field. Enlarged classroom sizes, state-of-the-art music and art rooms, and a performance stage promote learning for all.

With an eagle as the school mascot, Cooper focused on a feather as design inspiration for graphics and visual features throughout the building. Principal Rachel Eastman shared, "Like a feather, we believe that each student is beautiful and unique. Yet, it is the collection of feathers that form the majesty and strength of an eagle. Cooper continues to be the nest that nurtures students and equips them to SOAR high for their dreams."

The former school building served as a beloved learning environment for multiple generations over 67 years, and now Cooper is ready to serve many more for years to come. "Our deepest gratitude extends to USD260 voters who recognized the need for Cooper to have this new home," Eastman said. "We treasure our memories and the learning that occurs here."





# OAKLAWN ELEMENTARY

Oaklawn Elementary serves a diverse community, providing a quality education for all students. With classrooms from Early Childhood through 5th grade and 58,115 total square feet, Oaklawn is equipped to help students achieve academic success in a safe and engaging environment. Thanks to the bond, a rebuild of an original section of the school was made possible and completed in 2021.

The majority of the original portion of Oaklawn Elementary was replaced with larger and safer classrooms including intruder locks, enhanced music and art spaces, a cafeteria with a built-in stage, a media center and administrative offices. The project also included the addition of ADA-accessible playground equipment and outdoor learning spaces. The new school addition has a warm, homelike feel with a cheetah-print design throughout, created custom with student/staff fingerprints. The building design incorporated the existing gymnasium and four adjacent classrooms, which serve as the school's storm shelter.

"Oaklawn has been a home away from home to many students and educators over the years," Principal Donna Osborn said. "When the building design committee came together to begin planning for our new school, they had one vision in mind and that was to create a place where everyone who enters our doors feels right at home. I am proud to say that we have achieved that goal. When you enter this building, you will be greeted with warmth; both from the individuals who attend work or school here and the extraordinary architecture throughout." Osborn added, "Dreams come true when you have a community that provides support and paves the way."





## Made Possible From Community Support

For 46 years, Larry Gould has had a hand in the growth, vision and safety of the Derby community through his service on councils, boards and committees.

When you walk into the Derby Public Schools Administrative Center, you will see Gould in a mural outside the Board of Education and training room. He is in the top picture, seated in the middle when he was President of the Board of Education in 1983.

He shared a quote on the wall that sums up volunteer work by board members and others who have had an impact on developing the community over the years.

"Blessed are those who plant a tree whose shade they will never sit under."

"The 2018 bond issue was important in many ways," Gould said. "People move to communities who make providing good school facilities a priority."

# A New School for Derby

## STONE CREEK ELEMENTARY



Stone Creek Elementary, Derby's newest school, began serving students in August 2020. The 82,000-square-foot building was constructed to hold multiple classes per grade level, designated spaces for specials, six resource rooms, two learning hubs, an outdoor learning/eating area and a community room. The school is equipped with enhanced security features including a secured vestibule entrance, intruder locks, controlled entry access, a comprehensive camera system and emergency doors. Additionally, the school has a storm shelter and an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible playground. Two instructional hallways (Kindergarten-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade) allow additional space for collaborative work amongst students in all rooms. Hallways have small group workstations for academic and special services support time. Neighboring classrooms are connected by a breakout room, where students can use this space to engage in team projects or work independently. Natural light from windows and beautiful skylights provide spaces warmth, creating a more relaxed environment.

Stone Creek's control tower, also known as the Jets Flight Deck, is located in the center of the school. Stone Creek Jets step onto the runway of their future each time they enter the building. The idea is as they enter the school, they will set their course, check their map, look to their instructors for support and take off on adventures that open the doors to their future. Also unique to Stone Creek, each instructional wing has a Learning Hub to support various activities including curling up in a reading nook, coding with robots and other hands-on lessons.

This school's design was made possible thanks to the partnership and collaboration of many individuals and an involved design committee, including Sandy Rusher, Principal at Stone Creek Elementary.

"Teachers can conduct lessons within their classrooms, team with others in our large spaces, and collaborate in our breakout rooms," Rusher said. "The safety features of our building have proved to be invaluable. Our playground is packed with gross motor fun for all and a busy community spot on the weekends. I'm proud of our work at Stone Creek and look forward to the years to come."









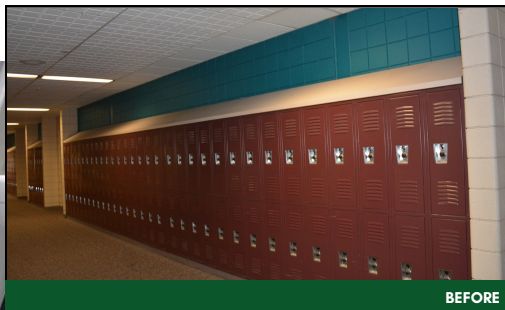
# DERBY HIGH SCHOOL

Derby High School made significant progress thanks to the 2018 bond, tackling various projects in phases to minimize disruptions to the learning environment. Safety and security saw notable improvements, including the installation of intruder locks on classroom doors, a secured access vestibule, and updates to administration offices for better entry and security. Renovations extended to areas such as the media center, science rooms and culinary arts spaces. Additionally, enhancements included the construction of the Panther Activity Center for multipurpose physical education space, serving both classroom instruction and extracurricular activities for athletic teams, the marching band and some clubs. Gymnasium bleachers were replaced, and upgrades were made to the lecture hall and auditorium seating, as well as finishes, electrical systems, and select audio/visual components throughout the building. Further updates encompassed hallways, restrooms, exterior repairs, parking, technology, intercom, clock, security systems and HVAC equipment. Learn more about some of the key projects that enhanced the overall learning environment at Derby High School on pages 12-15.

**Secure Entrance Vestibule:** A main office remodel was completed to provide needed student support and staff working spaces as well as a new secured door leading from the vestibule into the school building. Students and visitors are verified by either security or the office receptionist before entry into the building.

**Improved Learning Spaces:** The lecture hall, media center, culinary art spaces, debate room and some science rooms received updates to provide more accessible learning environments and better meet educational needs to support learning and career pathway standards.

**Significant Common Area and Hallway Enhancements:** Derby High School hallways received several transformative updates including new flooring, refreshed paint, improved lighting, dynamic graphics and the installation of additional collaborative seating areas. Many common areas and restrooms also received updates including two banks of restrooms which were completely renovated with new finishes and fixtures. The commons area flooring, lighting and ceiling were renovated. Enhancements to these spaces were essential for multiple reasons, serving to increase safety, improve functionality and cultivate a more inviting school environment.







AFTER: MEDIA CENTER



AFTER: SCIENCE ROOM



AFTER: CULINARY ARTS

**Auditorium:** Upgrades and improvements were made to the auditorium, including the stage, sound booth, audience seating and behind-the-scenes areas. Updated finishes as well as upgrades to electrical, sound and audio-visual systems were also completed. *(pictured below)*

**Panther Activity Center and Gymnasium:** Before the bond, there was a lack of physical education (PE) space at Derby High School, requiring multiple classes with different needs to use the main gymnasium at one time. This made it difficult to do certain activities and support the curriculum needs of each class. Some classes also used the commons or hallway areas because of limited space. An indoor activity center was built for additional multipurpose PE space, featuring a turf field to allow for a variety of activities to occur. This space has also been beneficial for several activities/athletics groups that have been able to use the space for indoor practice when the weather is not ideal to be outside. The main and auxiliary gym bleachers were replaced to better accommodate the student population and provide a more comfortable, safer and accessible seating solution for staff, students and visitors.



BEFORE: MAIN GYMNASIUM



AFTER: MAIN GYMNASIUM  
PHOTO BY ALEXA BOHRER



AFTER: PANTHER ACTIVITY CENTER  
PHOTO BY KAELEYN KISSACK



AFTER: BATHROOMS





# DERBY HIGH SCHOOL CONTINUED

**Parking Lot with Connecting Drives:** A new drive was constructed connecting the parking lots to Rock Road to improve traffic flow and allow for safer, more efficient access to the building.

**Building Exterior:** Exterior work included a new parking lot and new LED parking lot and sidewalk lighting across the campus.

**Building Operation Improvements:** Throughout the high school, upgrades were made to the technology backbone, intercom, clock, security, building control systems and some boiler/hot water heaters.



## UTILIZATION OF REMAINING BOND FUNDS

When the bulk of the bond projects were finalized, the Board of Education had the opportunity to review the remaining bond funds. At the February 28, 2022 board meeting, three projects within the scope of the original bond language were approved to be completed from the remaining bond funds.

- **Derby High School Administration Addition:** At the August 22, 2022 board meeting, the Board of Education approved the guaranteed maximum price for this project of \$1,218,282. Construction was completed at the start of the 2023-2024 school year. This provided needed space for student support services who previously had multiple individuals working out of the same space. It also provided counselors and principals space for meetings with parents/guardians. Additionally, outside agencies that visit the school frequently would have a dedicated space to provide services to students.

- **Derby High School Classroom Lighting:** With a budget of \$400,000 this project replaced existing lighting with new fluorescent lights in classrooms and new ceilings where required. This was not the entire school. It was the first phase of a multi-year replacement plan, which will include capital outlay dollars. This initial phase was completed over the summer of 2023. With all the original bond projects now complete, the remaining cash balance of \$31,812 will also help continue progress on LED lighting improvements at DHS in 2024.

- **El Paso Elementary Ceilings and Lights:** A portion of the ceiling and lights were replaced during the original bond project. The Board of Education approved \$581,032 of additional allocated funds to replace the remaining old ceilings and also added new LED lighting. Students and staff now benefit from brighter LED lighting in these rooms. Staff also now can dim the room if needed.

*Note: The Derby High School administration addition was in the original scope of work for DHS but was delayed until other projects across the district were completed. Lighting at El Paso Elementary and DHS is an allowable use of remaining dollars based on bond election language approved by voters.*



# PANTHER LEARNING CENTER: AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO EDUCATION

The Panther Learning Center (PLC) is now in its third year at Derby High School. As a result of Strategic Plan efforts, the PLC was established to offer students an alternative/non-traditional program that addresses barriers and needs through an individualized student support plan. The district's Alternative Learning Department supports and supervises academic programs offered through the PLC, as well as develops ways to address credit recovery, acceleration and modified programming. This includes a partnership with WSU Tech to offer some Career and Technical Education (CTE) and concurrent credit courses. Resources are also available to support social-emotional learning education, foster care and McKinney-Vento needs.

"I am amazed by the progress of the students in the Panther Learning Center," Luan Sparks, Director of Alternative Learning, said. "In three short years, we have had the opportunity to engage DHS students who are struggling and provide support and resources to get them back on track to earn their high school diploma as well as the next step. Students have been able to transition into the workforce, technical education programs, college and the military. Our student success is truly a collective result of our students, parents, staff and community partners working together to positively impact the trajectory of every student."

Learn more at [www.derbyschools.com/PantherLearningCenter](http://www.derbyschools.com/PantherLearningCenter).



## A LASTING IMPACT

"Before the PLC, I wasn't doing school, nor did I care. I had bad grades, no friends, and it didn't matter. The PLC was my last chance. The staff made me feel wanted, I was encouraged and I was able to succeed. Then, when I got into WSU Tech classes offered at the PLC to earn my Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), I was all in. I was not going to fail. I was going to do whatever it took to succeed in school. It all came together for me. I now have friends, my high school diploma, and eight college hours. I learned to always try my hardest. It is worth it."

- Nichole Davis, Senior 2024

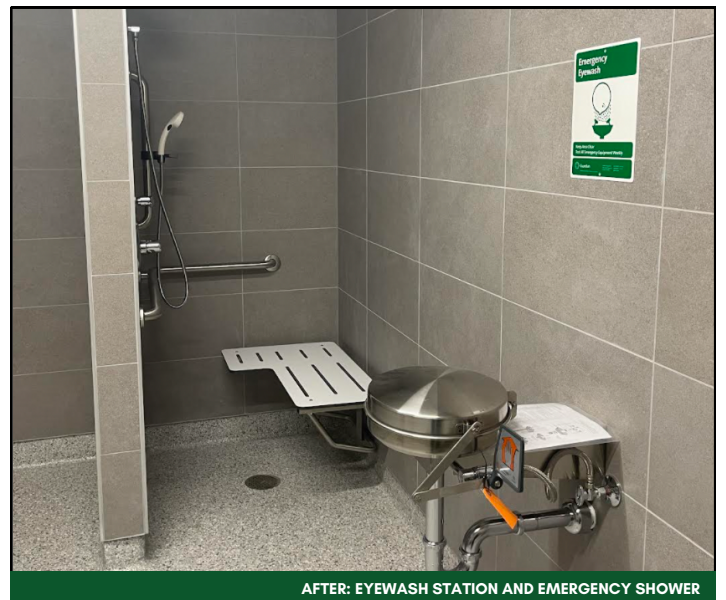




# MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS BUILDING

Bond enhancements for the Maintenance and Operations building aimed at improving both safety and functionality. The renovation encompassed refurbishing interior offices, restrooms, vehicle bays, storage facilities, woodworking areas and shop spaces. Additionally, upgrades to the building and site exterior enhanced accessibility, ensuring smoother vehicle movement and improved site navigation. The replacement of the building roof was prioritized to safeguard against structural deterioration and potential leaks.

Through these enhancements, safety was at the forefront. Bringing the industrial shop spaces up to current code standards helps the district ensure compliance with safety regulations, fostering a secure and conducive working environment. A new eyewash station and emergency shower were added for maintenance staff who regularly work with chemicals, wood chips, metal shavings, etc.





# TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLY CENTER

The former Transportation and Supply Center lacked a second maintenance bay necessary to keep up with large fleet needs. The school district's transportation fleet and overall student enrollment have grown since the building opened in 1969. Improvements to this building from the 2018 bond initiative greatly improved the overall efficiency of the building, including constructing a second maintenance bay and renovating the interior offices, restrooms, wash bay, storage and warehouse. Inside the building, the remodeled open office area and enlarged training room benefit staff members daily with improved communication and training opportunities. Additional restrooms were added with adequate fixture counts. The addition of a new wash bay opened up space in the maintenance area to provide more room for the mechanics to work and have more indoor parking for vehicles during inclement weather. By removing a wall that separated the old wash bay from the maintenance bay, floorspace was doubled for mechanics, allowing the district to complete some long-term repairs in-house rather than sending them to an outside shop. The building exterior was upgraded and repaired, including replacing the asbestos-filled insulation and a failing roof. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access was added as you enter the facility as well as parking lot repairs and site drainage corrections.





# UPGRADES FOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Through the bond, upgrades were made possible to Panther Stadium, Derby High School's athletic complex and Derby North Middle School's athletic complex. Additionally, the creation of the Panther Soccer Complex was made possible by repurposing space, formerly known as Bulldog Field, at the southeast corner of Madison Avenue and Westview Drive.

**Derby North Middle School Athletic Complex:** Installation of field and tennis lighting occurred, along with the construction of restroom facilities to complete Derby North's athletic complex.

**Derby High School Athletic Complex:** Located by the high school and built with 2012 bond issue funding, this space includes a running/walking track surrounding an artificial turf football field, bleachers and a storage building near the high school's tennis courts. Improvements through the 2018 bond included the construction of a concession and restroom facility.

**Panther Soccer Complex and Tennis Courts:** A dedicated soccer complex with a concession/restroom building was designed with an irrigated, competition soccer field with field lighting. Tennis Courts were removed near Panther Stadium for much-needed parking and four new courts were rebuilt with LED lighting near the soccer complex. It was originally proposed to install an asphalt walking track around the field but was determined to not be feasible. It was approved by a previous Board of Education to not add this track.

**Panther Stadium:** The bond work at Panther Stadium placed significant emphasis on improving Americans with Disabilities (ADA) accessibility as well as increasing space to accommodate event attendees and fit participating student-athletes. This project provides Derby High School with a brand new stadium for 4,000+ fans and significantly improves the line of sight from the bleachers. LED lighting provides consistent lighting across the field while reducing light spillage into the neighboring residential area. The project also included several updated amenities such as an upgraded press box, ticket plaza, concession stand, fan shop, bathrooms, locker rooms and an expanded parking lot. The replacement of artificial turf and resurfacing of the running track further contributed to the updated stadium features. Overall this project provides a safer and more secure athletic complex for fans and student-athletes.



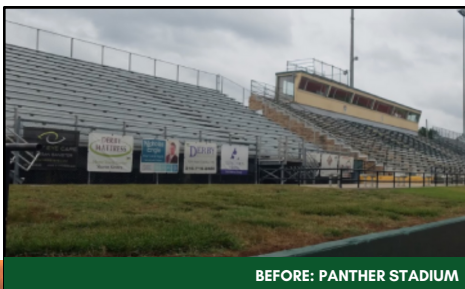
AFTER: DERBY NORTH ATHLETIC COMPLEX



AFTER: TENNIS COURTS



AFTER: PANTHER SOCCER COMPLEX  
PHOTO BY DELAINEY STEPHENSON



BEFORE: PANTHER STADIUM



AFTER: PANTHER STADIUM



AFTER: PANTHER STADIUM





# COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Even if you do not have a student currently attending Derby Public Schools, there are many benefits of school facilities for community members. From private indoor or outdoor facilities rentals for youth practices, fine arts performances, special events or utilizing community open hours of three walking tracks, three tennis court locations and nine Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible playgrounds, the community can benefit from these beautiful spaces! To learn more, visit [www.derbyschools.com/district/wellness](http://www.derbyschools.com/district/wellness).

## Walking Tracks



Panther Stadium

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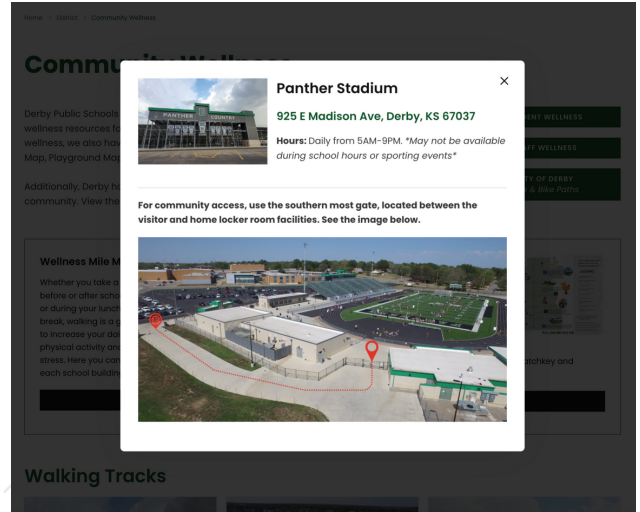
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## Tennis Courts



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Derby North Middle School Tennis Court

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## DERBY

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND MAP

MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF THE 2018 BOND



Hop a ride on the express train at the Early Childhood playground or enjoy kicking a soccer ball around at Cooper's upcoming irrigated soccer field.



Use your imagination to slide, climb and jump or learn the alphabet in sign language all under a canopy of shade at Oaklawn.



Rock or surf, and hold on tight to this play structure at Derby Hills, or spend time at the General Store.



Zip down El Paso's roller slide or run across a fun bridge that connects two different levels on one of two playground structures.



Enjoy two full playgrounds at Swaney, including one that is fully ADA compliant while making music at many instruments placed around the play area. Prior to the 2018 Bond, Swaney was the only playground with ADA equipment.



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USD 260 District Boundaries

PLAY, RUN AND HAVE FUN

Come **swing, slide and play** at one of our nine elementary playgrounds!

## LOCATIONS

- COOPER ELEMENTARY**  
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- DERBY HILLS ELEMENTARY**  
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All playgrounds are equipped with an ADA-compliant playset accessory and are open to the public when school or school programs (such as Latchkey and PrimeTime) are not in session. When you visit a playground, share photos using #USD260ADAPlaygrounds.





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