

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Superintendent's Corner:

As we move into October the school year is officially in full swing! The energy in the building can be felt from exciting projects in the classrooms, homecoming approaching, and the excitement of fall sports. With so much activity, it's no surprise that everyone, students, staff, and families alike are feeling the rhythm of a busy school year. We thank you for your continued support in helping our students thrive.

In addition to the daily life of our schools, we are also engaging in an important community conversation, the upcoming school bond election. This bond is a significant opportunity to invest in the future of our students, teachers, and facilities. We know that any decision affecting our schools and community requires transparency and open conversation. We want everyone to be able to make an informed vote with accurate information surrounding their individual decision. If you've heard about the bond election and want to learn more, or if you simply have questions about how it may impact our school and community, I encourage you to reach out. We are here to provide details, share facts, and most importantly, listen to feedback.

Sincerely,
Riley Armes - Superintendent

From the Principal's Desk by Mr. Davenport

Last year, while attending an away ball game at a conference school, I was visiting with their principal about our school rivalry when he said, "You know, as bad as I want to beat you guys, Sterling has always been so hard to dislike". I've thought about that comment many times since. Whether I'm watching opposing players on the court, hearing their student section's taunts, or listening to their sidelines, there are very few other ways for me to form an opinion about another school. When forming my own opinion about other districts, I reflect on his words with pride, as they truly reflect the values we hold at Sterling.

There aren't many communities like ours, and the **JET PRIDE** people talk about is real. While being the only Jets in the state or one of the last unconsolidated schools in southeast Nebraska makes us unique, what truly sets us apart is our school community and I hope this always remains true.

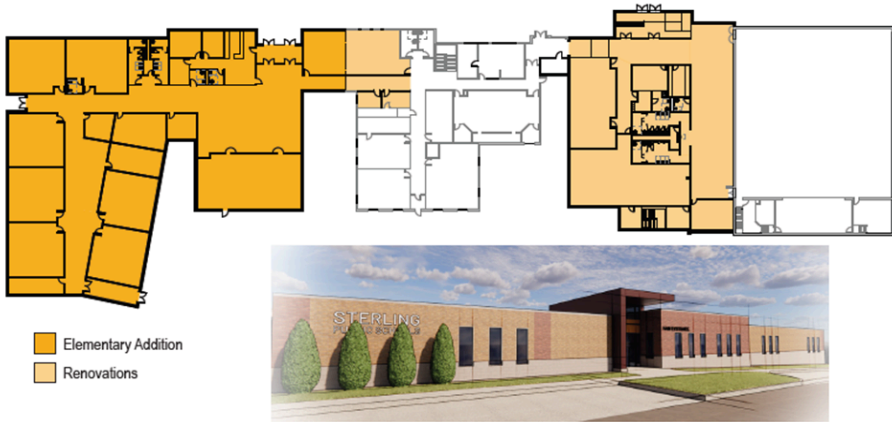
The upcoming bond election is on the horizon. This is an important decision that will shape the future of our schools, facilities, students, and community. No matter where you stand on the issue, I want to encourage each and every one of you to make your voice heard by casting your ballot.

When the school board voted to move forward with the election, they were not casting a vote based on personal opinion; they simply voted to allow the voice of the people of our district to be heard. This is a unique opportunity and one that will shape the future of Sterling Public Schools.

In small communities like ours, conversations about important issues can become passionate. That passion reflects how deeply we care about our values, often shown with strong emotions. At the same time, I ask that we approach these discussions with respect and civility, no matter our position on the bond.

Regardless of the outcome of the bond vote, we **WILL** have school next year and continue doing what we do best. Our teachers will keep teaching, our students will keep learning, and we will still need the support of the community. Thank you for caring so deeply about our school, our students, and for continuing to stand behind them. I know that everyone will cast their vote for what they believe is best.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE BOND?



PRIORITIZING SAFETY & SECURITY

We're committed to protecting every student and staff member. This bond will fund critical safety upgrades, including secure entrances, updated technology, and ADA compliance improvements — ensuring schools are safe and accessible for all.



ADDRESSING AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Our schools are showing their age — particularly the elementary school, which hasn't been renovated in over 40 years. This bond focuses on essential repairs: fixing roofs, upgrading plumbing and electrical systems, replacing outdated heating and cooling, and improving functional spaces like our kitchen and commons area — just what's needed to keep schools safe, functional, and up to code.



A SMART, RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

This is a needs-based bond, focused on lasting value, not luxury. Every dollar goes toward high-priority improvements, and the tax impact remains in line with similar districts. We've structured the bond to minimize long-term costs — making smart investments for students while being responsible with taxpayer dollars.

WE'VE STRUCTURED THE BOND TO MINIMIZE LONG-TERM COSTS — NO UNNECESSARY SPENDING!

YOUR IMPACT

FOR THE PROPOSED \$17.5M BOND

The District's top priority was to keep the tax impact of the project as low as possible for our community.

RESIDENTIAL



\$18.75/month
 estimated impact per home
 (for \$100,000 assessed value)

AGRICULTURAL



\$9.82/acre per year
 estimated impact per acre
 (for average dryland assessed value in Johnson County)

Use the calculator on our website to find **your** personal tax impact!

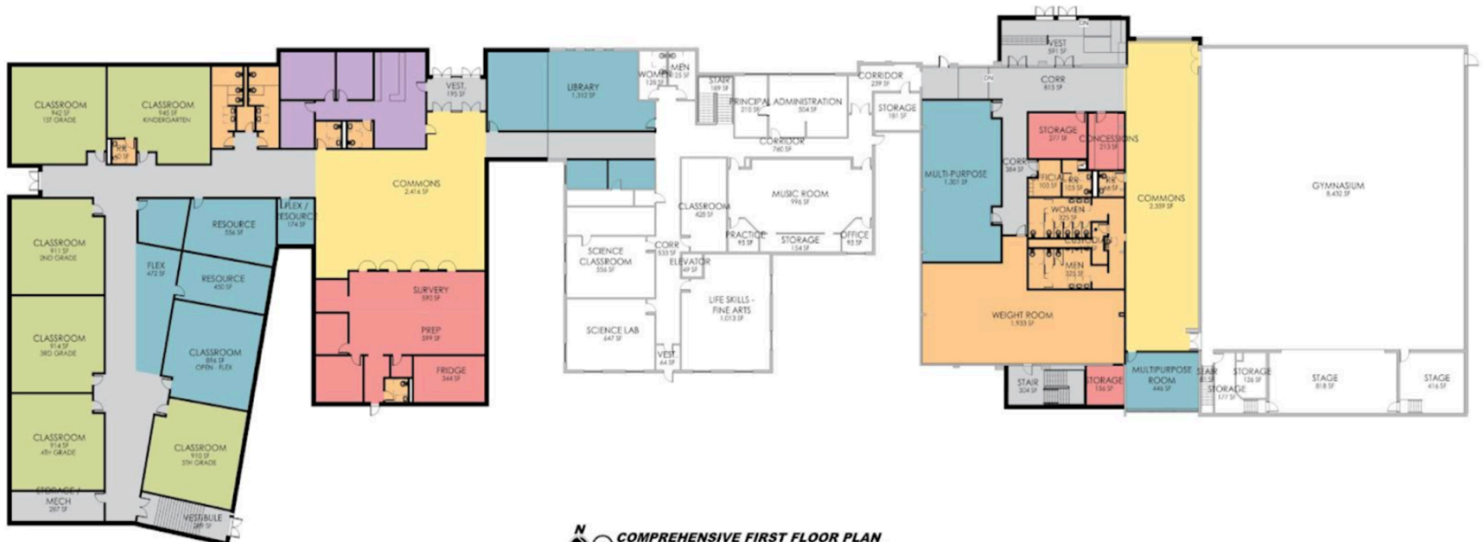


COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETINGS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
11:30AM
DOUGLAS COMMUNITY BUILDING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
7PM
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
FOLLOWING THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM



CHARACTER STRONG

In our school we show **RESPECT!!!**



OCTOBER 2025 MENUS

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
1	Donut, Fried Egg, Yogurt, Ham, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Taco Salad, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
2	Breakfast Tacos, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Pizza Fries, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
3	Coffee Cake, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Pancakes, Egg, Ham, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
6	Muffins, Sausage, Egg, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Burrito Bowl, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
7	Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Corn Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
8	Cereal, Ham, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
9	French Toast, Yogurt, Sausage, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Chicken & Dumplings, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
10	Frudel, Sausage, Egg, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Pizza, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
13	Biscuits & Gravy, Egg, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Beef Stew, Biscuit, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
14	Egg Bites, Sausage, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Chicken Tenders, Gravy, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
15	Ham Bar, Egg, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Tacos, Rice, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
16	Waffles, Ham, Egg, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Veggie Soup, Roll, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
17	Bagel, Egg, Sausage, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
20	Donut, Egg, Ham, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
21	Burrito, Yogurt, Sausage, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Sloppy Joe, Fries, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
22	Oatmeal, Egg, Ham, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Chicken & Rice, Roll, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
23	Tornado, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Tortellini, Bread Stick, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
24	Pancakes, Egg, Sausage	Burritos, Rice, Beans, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
27	Apple Turnover, Eggs, Ham, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Bacon & Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
28	Sandwich, Sausage, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Pizza, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
29	Blueberry Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit, Milk/Juice	Tomato Soup, Crackers, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
30	Chef's Choice	Chef's Choice
31	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider. *Menu is subject to change without notice.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 Booster Club Meeting - 6PM - Cafeteria YSA Meeting - 7PM - Cafeteria	29 JH VB @ JOHNSON-Brock - 2PM JH FB vs. Pawnee City - HOME - 4:30PM JV FB vs. Pawnee City - HOME - 6PM	30 VB @ Dorchester (JV/V) 6PM	Oct 1	2 VB vs. FCSH (JV/V) HOME - 5:30PM - Ron Boden Night	3 PreK Field Trip to Pearson Pumpkin Patch - Youth Sports Night FB vs. Diller-Odell - HOME - 7PM - PARENTS NIGHT - STEM Presentation @ Halftime	4 Harvest of Harmony Parade Dorchester JH VB Tournament - 10AM
5 Community Information Meeting @ Douglas Community Building - 11:30AM Sterling Elem VB Tournament - 1-4PM FCA Fields of Faith @ JCC - 6-8PM Community Information Meeting @ GYM - 7PM	6 FCA Meeting - 7:15AM Music Fundraiser Ends JH VB vs. Tri County - HOME - 2PM JH FB vs. Meridian - HOME - 4:30PM JV FB vs. Meridian - HOME - 6PM	7 CVA VB Triangular (CVA/Lew) 5PM	8 NO PRESCHOOL/PRE-KINDERGARTEN NO ELEMENTARY 1:37PM EARLY OUT (6-12) FFA Land Judging JH VB @ Diller-ODELL - 1PM	9 5th Grade Field Trip to Morrill Hall VB @ Elmwood-MURDOCK (JV/V) 6PM - Pink Out Night	10 K & 2nd Grade Field Trip to Roca Pumpkin Patch FB @ Pawnee City - 7PM	11 Lewiston JH VB Tournament - 8AM Falls City VB Invite - 10AM Elementary Flag Football - (Grades 1st-6th) Sterling Park 10-11AM
12 FFA Trash Pick Up - 3PM	13 JV FB vs. Lewiston - HOME - 6PM	14	15 JH FB vs. Lewiston - HOME - 2PM JH VB @ LCC - 4PM	16 FFA Harvest Bonanza @ Farmer's Coop Sterling from 4-6PM Homecoming Community Pep Rally	17 End of 1st Quarter Homecoming FB vs. Parkview Christian - HOME - 7PM	18 Elementary Flag Football - (Grades 1st-6th) Sterling Park 10-11AM
HOMECOMING WEEK						
19 Booster Club Meeting in the Cafeteria - 6PM	20 JV FB @ DILLER-Odell - 6PM School Board Meeting - 6PM Community Information Meeting @ GYM - 7PM	21 School Picture Retakes - 8AM VB vs. Southern (JV/V) HOME - 6PM - PARENTS NIGHT - Youth VB Night	22 NO PRESCHOOL/PRE-KINDERGARTEN 1:37PM EARLY OUT (K-12) JH VB vs. Pawnee City - HOME - 2PM	25 College Visit to IWCC FFA Livestock Judging @ SCC-Beatrice VB @ Johnson-Brock (JV/V) 6PM	24 NO PRESCHOOL/PRE-KINDERGARTEN 1:37PM EARLY OUT (K-12) Excellence Rally FB @ Lewiston - 3PM	25 FCA to Roca Scary Farm - 4:30PM
26 Youth Sports Meeting @ CB - 6PM	27 FFA Fundraiser Starts SCC Visit (Grades 9-12)	28	29 NO PRESCHOOL/PRE-KINDERGARTEN 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip to Johnson County Fairgrounds	30 College Visit to SCC-Lincoln	31 NO SCHOOL 1st Round of FB Playoffs	Nov 1 VB District Finals
VOLLEYBALL SUBDISTRICTS			NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION			

Calendar is subject to change. Please check the Weekly Bulletin, Facebook, or Google Calendar on the school website: www.sterlingjets.org for the most up-to-date info. Thank you!

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SUPERINTENDENT

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PREK - 12 PRINCIPAL

Jacob Davenport



THE FOUNDATION PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS
TO SENIORS WHO QUALIFY AND APPLY.
**THEY ARE LOOKING FOR
DONATIONS TO ASSIST STERLING
STUDENTS PURSUING A
SECONDARY EDUCATION.**



Please join us for the
annual community
TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY	5pm - 7pm
25	Downtown on
OCTOBER	Broadway/Main St
	STERLING, NE

Come Hungry! The Sterling
Rescue Squad is hosting a freewill
donation Hamburger/Hot Dog
Feed at the Fire Hall.

**Musical Presentation by
Mr. Gossard and the Sterling
Elementary Students**

BOOSTER APPAREL STORE:

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/nebraska/sterling/sterling-high-school>