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Just So You Know

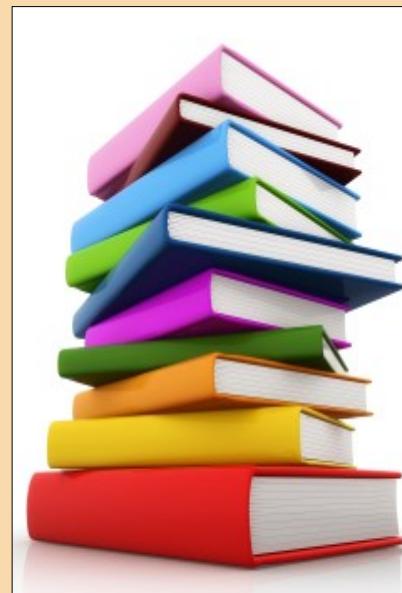
How does Emery District stack up against other districts on school safety?

In March 2018, Governor Herbert requested each school district and charter school respond to a school safety survey. This survey was repeated at the request of the Utah School Superintendents Association in Oct. 2019. Over 81 percent of district and charter schools participated. Here are the results with notes about the Emery District:

Access: Percentage of Schools Limiting Access via-

Controlled Access- 2018 41%...2019 74% (**Five of 10 Emery District Schools have controlled access.**)

A Single Access Point- 2018 77%... 2019 79% (**Six of 10 Emery District Schools have single access.**)



Hardware: Percentage of Schools with-

Interior Classroom Door Locks- 2018 60%... 2019 83% (**One of 10 schools in the Emery District Schools has interior classroom door locks.**)

Camera Systems- 2018 86%... 2019 89% (**Ten of 10 schools in the Emery District have camera systems.**)

Personnel: Schools-

On Track to Complete Required Drills- 2018 94%... 2019 99% (**Ten of 10 schools in the Emery District are on track to complete required drills.**)

With A School Resource Officer- 2018 44%... 2019 49%

High Schools- 2018 71%... 2019 73% (**Emery High has a resource officer; Green River High School does not.**)

Elementary Schools (K-8)- 2018 37%... 2019 44% (**No elementary school in the Emery District has a resource officer.**)

Since January 2018, public schools have completed over \$26 million worth of school safety projects. Schools indicated a need of over \$90 million for additional safety projects.

Vision Statement:

"Education is a collaborative effort of home, community, and school. Students experience success on a daily basis and excel in performance through applying knowledge to real life situations. Schools are student-centered, guided by educators who possess excellent leadership and educational skills. Education expands beyond the classroom walls through the use of technology, and the curriculum meets the highest standards of an ever-changing world. Graduates are prepared to enter the workforce or continue their formal education at an advanced technical institution or a college or university. The Emery County School District believes that learning today provides leadership for tomorrow."

District committee considers building needs

The Emery School District last bonded for new construction and remodel in the 90's. The passage of that bond resulted in capital improvements on every school campus as well as the construction of the Spartan Center at Emery High School. It wasn't until 2012 that the district again began seriously looking into capital needs and contracted with VCBO Architecture to conduct a thorough review of existing facilities. No new construction came as a result of that study despite the identification of priority needs. Those needs have generally remained the same, and in many cases, have become not only priorities, but necessities.

Coming into the 2019-2020 school year, the Emery Board of Education acknowledged that our school buildings and supporting facilities are deteriorating to the point of potentially impacting student safety and education. As a result, the Board commissioned the creation of an Emery District Facilities Committee to look into the district's most critical needs, establish a building/remodel priority list, and establish a timeline for future bonding. The Board also appointed Business Administrator Jared Black to organize and chair the committee. Board President Tracey Johnson and Superintendent Larry W. Davis were also appointed as committee members.

The first meeting of the committee took place on Nov. 18, and included a review of the 2012 VCBO Facility Analysis, discussion of a possible bonding timeline, and priority needs relevant to each school and other district facilities. It was noted in that meeting that a thorough review of district needs and facilities should involve discussion of possible consolidation.

To facilitate the committee's background knowledge regarding building needs, site visits were held on Dec. 3, when members were shown first hand degrading infrastructure at district schools and other facilities.

As a follow up to the initial meeting and site visits, the committee met again on Jan. 21, to discuss the state of district property, set priorities for improvements, and discuss a timeline for possible bonding.

Also in that meeting, subcommittees were created to address specific components of the committee's mission. The committee agreed that the highest priority regarding building upgrade and new construction is Emery High School with improvements at Ferron Elementary, Huntington Elementary, and the district office rounding out the top four. Other schools and district facilities not included on the initial priority list are included on a "second tier" list which would be addressed in the future.

Regarding the subcommittees, the following were created: Communication under the leadership of Superintendent Davis; design, architecture, and construction under the leadership of Jared Black with Steven Gordon over secondary schools and Jackie Allred and Kerry Lake over elementary schools. The committee discussed public relations and set plans for publishing reports on the committee's work as well as the condition of the district's facilities. Also, site visits to recently constructed high schools and elementary schools around the state are being arranged for member of the committee.

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Emery School District Facilities Committee

Jared Black*	Royd Hatt
Larry Davis	Tracey Johnson
Megan Durrant	Jackie Allred
Melinda Durrant	Steven Gordon
Kerry Lake	Melanie Jensen
Yvonne Jensen	Curt Collard
Kayce Fluckey	JR Jones
Bryant Snow	Doug Johnson

*Chairman

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In a round-table discussion to open the meeting, the following topics surfaced:

- The importance of monitoring current state tax reform and the impact it might have on local bonding
- The importance of conducting thorough and in-depth research and analysis by the committee
- The concern about decline or growth in student numbers
- The importance of looking at the district as a whole and not just at the highest priorities
- The option of doing the priority needs in phases rather than simultaneously
- Conducting research into how schools are currently using their available space
- Considering what can be done through the process to prolong the life of some of the district's newer schools
- Proceeding cautiously about trying to do too much too quickly at the risk of confusing the public
- Respecting stakeholders in considering consolidation options
- Consider the costs/savings of consolidation
- Consideration of consolidation and whether to deal with it initially or later in the process
- The necessity of upgrading facilities as soon as possible to minimize inflating costs
- Research the comparative costs of new construction vs. remodeling

Timeline for Bonding

Utah Code for Local Government Bonding Act is 11-14-1 to 5

Tuesday, Aug 11:	Regular Board meeting to adopt Election Resolution.
Thursday, Aug 20:	Last day to adopt a resolution calling the bond election and deliver the resolution to the Lieutenant Governor and the Election Officer. Resolution must include the ballot proposition.
Tuesday, Aug 25:	First publication of the "Notice of Public Hearing" in The ETV News.
Tuesday, Sept 1:	Second publication of the "Notice of Public Hearing" in the ETV News.
Friday, Sept 4:	Board must submit an argument in favor of the bond proposition to the Election Officer (500 words or less). Last day an eligible voter may submit an argument against the voted local levy proposition to the Election Officer (500 words or less).
Tuesday, Sept 8:	Public hearing.
Sept 21 – Oct 19:	Voter information pamphlet must be mailed during these dates. Effective July 1, 2015, the voter information pamphlet must also include a "plan of finance" that specifies the specific project or project for which bond proceeds are to be used and a priority designation for each project.
Wednesday, Sept 23:	Bond Counsel delivers "Notice of Bond Election" to the ETV News (First publication must be published between 21 and 35 days prior to the election).
Thursday, Sept 24:	Last day the Board an eligible voter may submit rebuttal arguments to the Election Officer (250 words or less).
Tuesday, Sept 29:	Begin distribution of informational brochures to homes of residents.
Tuesday, Sept 29:	First of four consecutive publication of "Notice of Bond Election" published in The ETV News.
Sept 29 – Oct 13:	First publication of the "Notice of Bond Election" published during these dates in the ETV News.
October:	Meeting with the Utah Taxpayers Association (optional)
Friday, Oct 2:	By this date the Board (i) post the arguments and rebuttal arguments to the statewide Electronic Voter Information Website and the Board's website and (ii) publish the arguments and rebuttal arguments in the District's newsletter or other periodical (if applicable).
Tuesday, Oct 6:	Second of four consecutive publication of "Notice of Bond Election" published in The ETV News.
Tuesday, Oct 13:	Third of four consecutive publication of "Notice of Bond Election" published in The ETV News.
Tuesday, Oct 20:	Fourth of four consecutive publication of "Notice of Bond Election" published in The ETV News.
Monday, Nov 2:	Board must submit an argument in favor of the bond proposition to the Election Officer (500 words or less). Last day an eligible voter may submit an argument against the voted local levy proposition to the Election Officer (500 words or less).
Tuesday, Nov 3:	Special Bond Election at designated polling places.
Nov 10-19	The Board must hold a meeting after 12:00 pm to canvass the returns of the election.

construction vs. remodeling

- Consider the importance of school safety

While it is the committee's mission to review all facility needs in the district, prioritize those needs, and create a timeline for new construction and remodeling, it will be the Emery School Board which has final authority over what would be advanced to the voters in a bond election. Such decisions will come after a public comment period. Although early in the process, it is the consensus of the committee that the matter go before voters in the November 2020 general election.

Lara Barnett: An asset to her school and to our district

Given all that teachers do, it is often challenging to find the right words to thank them. However, we, the EEA presidency, would like to express our deepest gratitude for our peers/teachers throughout the district.

Lara Barnett is an incredible asset to San Rafael Middle School. Many of her peers at SRMS state she is the most organized teacher. She has so many balls in the air at the same time and NEVER lets a single one drop. Her classes are loved by the students. She has great success with her computer classes, and loves being able to teach PE. She is so creative in all of her lessons and demonstrations. She is

the kind of teacher that every student just naturally respects. She is prepared and works hard to be her best self. She has high expectations for herself and everyone around her, including our faculty. She is a leader here at San Rafael. She is a positive influence at SRMS.

Lara runs daily reports on tardiness, citizenship, and lunch detentions. She truly manages the paperwork on our entire probation system. She is a good moral compass for the school. Lara provides support and strength to those who need it.

Lara has incredible school spirit and always supports the students at sporting



Lara Barnett

events and musical productions. After school she can usually be found at a sporting event watching and cheering on her own kids. Sports are a huge part of Lara's life. She may not admit it, but she is very competitive! Not only does she enjoy her own children's activities, she loves cheering on all her past students!

Lara is very musically talented as well, and has found much enjoyment in band, chorus, and drama activities. She has also instilled a real love of music in her own children, and they are each extremely talented. Lara participates in a singing group that performs around the county.

Lara is an extremely honest, hardworking woman. SRMS is so lucky to have had her these past 22 years. She will feel very uncomfortable with this praise and acknowledgment, but she absolutely deserves it!



San Rafael CTE, PE, and Computer Technology teacher Lara Barnett chats with Principal Doug Mecham while getting her middle school computer class underway.

**Ferron and
Castle Dale
Qualify for
State Robotics**

CASTLE DALE-
Emery High host-
ed several ele-
mentary robotic
teams in regional
competition Jan.

18. In the end,
teams from Fer-
ron (right) and

Castle Dale
(below) qualified
for the state meet
to be held Feb. 1,
in St. George.

Castle Dale was
the overall winner
at region. Con-
gratulations.

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**Emery School District
Mission Statement:**

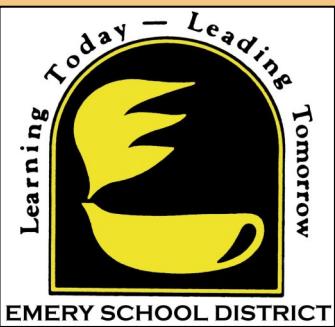
"The mission of the Emery County School District is to provide a comprehensive education that will prepare students to take a proactive and responsible role in an ever-changing world."

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District Calendar:

Jan. 27: 2020 Utah Legislature begins and continues through March 12

Jan. 30: Digital Teaching & Learning Team Meeting, 9 am, DO

Feb. 4: District Technology Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm, DO

Feb. 5: District Spelling Bee, 12:30 registration, 1 pm competition, Emery High Little Theater

Feb. 7: Utah School Superintendents Association Meeting, 9 am, Utah Capitol

Feb. 10: Midterm Early-Out PLC Day



YOUNG AND OLD COLLIDE: Celebrating 100 days of school is Cottonwood Elementary's Jaxon Branstiter, a kindergarten student in Mrs. Rasmussen's class, who was among those who dressed up as a Centenarian.

STICKY NOTES:



NEW DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS: As of the first of the year, the Emery School District Office will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4 pm. Use of the office after regular business hours will be scheduled as needed.

SCHOOL WEB CALENDARS: To find out what is happening in each of the Emery District's 10 schools, go to the Emery Website at www.emeryschools.org, and click on the "schools" drop-down menu. Choose the school you are looking for, click on the name, and you will be taken to the school website where you can locate the school calendar.

FEBRUARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: The Board will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Cleveland Elementary at 6:30 pm for a work session and 7 pm for regular board meeting.