

## Our Mission: We engage, empower, and collaborate to ensure student success.

**Student Success:** We focus on preparing all students to succeed in school and life.

**Engage:** We prepare students for active participation in school and the global community.

**Empower:** We empower students to acquire and develop knowledge, skills, and talents.

**Collaborate:** We work together to promote safety, involvement, and student achievement.



### Nebo District Areas of Focus

- Students have access to **college courses** and an ability to earn their **associate's degree** upon graduation.
- Eighty-six percent** of Nebo student graduates took at least one **Concurrent Enrollment, Advanced Placement, or MATC/MTECH class** during their high school experience to help them become **college and career ready**.
- Advanced Placement (AP) students, in **20 different classes**, earned **4,353 college credits**.
- Nebo students, in **50 different classes**, earned approximately **23,110 college credits** by successfully completing **Concurrent Enrollment** classes.



- Nebo School District **saved** parents and students over **\$6.6 million** in the 2017-18 school year by providing Concurrent Enrollment and AP classes for **college credit**.
- Nebo District's Career and Technical Education students **passed 8,096 Skill Certification tests**.
- Nebo School District has a **graduation rate of 91 percent**, which is **significantly higher** than the state average of **86 percent**.
- The Nebo Education Foundation** received approximately **\$350,000** in donations to fund **projects** in schools.
- More than **\$18 million** was awarded in **scholarships** to our graduates this past year.
- Nebo District belongs to the **Utah Valley University K-16 Alliance** and is a member of the **Brigham Young University Public School Partnership**.

A message from the

### Nebo School Board of Education President



*Kristen Betts  
President*

The ultimate success of each student in Nebo School District is the shared responsibility of our students, parents, employees, and community in general. We firmly believe that by effectively communicating and working together, we will continue to succeed in providing a quality educational experience for our students. On behalf of the Nebo School District Board of Education, we express sincere appreciation for the overwhelming support and confidence we continue to receive from the patrons of Nebo School District as "Your Partner in Education."

#### Board Goals

Nebo School District will **develop strong collaborative leadership** in each **individual classroom, school, and department**. Nebo School District students will show **annual progress** toward the academic goals defined by the Nebo Board of Education and Superintendent Staff. For detailed information on these goals, go to: [www.nebo.edu/board-education](http://www.nebo.edu/board-education).

#### Board Schedule

The Nebo School Board of Education usually meets the **second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.** Many student groups perform and present at each of the School Board meetings. A complete listing of dates and places is available on our website: [www.nebo.edu](http://www.nebo.edu).

# Nebo

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## Nebo School District At-A-Glance 2018

### Nebo School District Board of Education

Shannon Acor, Rick Ainge, Kristen Betts, Randy Boothe, Christine Riley, Dean Rowley, Lisa Rowley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



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## Frequently Asked Questions About the 2018 Bond



**What is a bond?** Bond funds are for the construction of new buildings, renovation, and refurbishing of existing facilities and purchasing property. General obligation bonds carry the lowest possible interest rates and are the least costly form of financing available. Authorization from the voting public is required before the District may issue bonds. Utah law states that bond funds cannot be used for salaries.

**Why does Nebo School District need to bond?** Nebo continues to grow by approximately 500 students each year. Bond money is used to build new schools and make improvements to existing schools.

### What options does Nebo have available to address growth?

In order to accommodate an increasing student population, Nebo School District has three options. It can bond and build new schools, it can bring in portable classrooms, or it can increase class size. Nebo School District prefers to bond and build new schools as a long-term solution to address growth and as a potential way to reduce class size.

**Will the bond increase my property tax?** Current projections show that Nebo School District can bond without increasing property tax rates. Homeowner's property taxes will remain the same, provided that Utah County does not change the assessed value of their home.

**Why does one part of the ballot say property tax increase, and another say no tax increase?** Some people believe that if taxes could go down and do not, then it should be considered a tax increase. Nebo School District's new debt obligation will not require a tax rate increase for the bond. However, the number of years of the debt obligation will be lengthened.

**How can Nebo bond for \$298 million with no tax rate increase?** With growth, more taxpayers share the responsibility for payment and existing bonds have been deliberately structured to allow new bonds to

be issued without a tax rate increase. Nebo School District also qualifies for lower borrowing rates due to their AAA rating that is comparable to a personal credit score of 850. It is also important to understand that the money will be borrowed in smaller amounts (not all at once) over a number of years until the building projects are complete.

**What will the bond money be used for?** Recent public surveys have informed Nebo School District that the majority of parents are extremely interested in creating middle schools and rebuilding the older high schools. Therefore, Nebo School District is proposing to build three new middle schools and rebuild Payson High, Spanish Fork High, and Springville High. The new middle schools will be located within the boundaries of Springville High, Maple Mountain High, and Salem Hills High.

**What are the benefits of building middle schools?** Along with academic and social reasons, Nebo students can have a "straight alignment pattern" in their secondary schools. A "straight alignment pattern" means that all students in a middle school will go to the same junior high school and then to the same high school. In other words, the middle school and junior high boundaries are the same as the high school boundary.

**Why do we need to rebuild the older high schools?** Payson High, Spanish Fork High, and Springville High will all be approximately 60 years old when they are rebuilt. They are currently in constant need of costly repair. If the schools are rebuilt, the need for portables will be greatly reduced. The new schools would be adaptable and ready for technology-based learning, while also having increased security measures and modern security systems. New schools are also built to current seismic standards, reducing risk to those whom enter the buildings. All of these benefits help Nebo School District prepare for the future by addressing the academic and safety needs of students and staff.

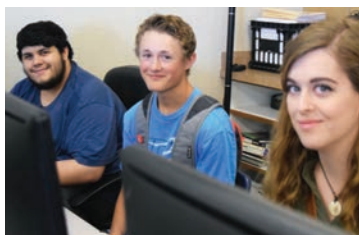
**What is the timeline for construction of the schools?** If the bond passes, the district will begin construction of the first new middle school in the Spring of 2019. The last high school will be completed by the Fall of 2026.

**Where can I go if I have more questions?** More information regarding the bond can be found on the Nebo School District website: [www.nebo.edu/bond2018](http://www.nebo.edu/bond2018).

## Nebo School District Quick Facts

Nebo School District:

- consistently scores **very well** on beginning and end-of-level assessments.
- operates **30 elementary** schools, **13 secondary** schools, and **5 special program** schools.
- is the **sixth-largest** district in Utah.
- has **126 buses** that travel approximately **8,778 miles** per day or **1.55 million miles** each year.
- serves **16,510 meals** per day or approximately **3 million meals** each year.
- is the **fifth-largest** employer in **Utah County** with approximately **4,500** full- and part-time employees.



## Technology

- Our district continues to **emphasize technology integration**. Currently, Nebo has **30,000** devices that include **computers, wireless Chromebooks, and iPads**.

## College and Career Ready

Every Nebo student can be prepared to succeed in college and in workforce training. Students can earn college credit through Advanced Placement (AP) and Concurrent Enrollment classes.

- The **Advanced Learning Center (ALC)** provides **early college** and **career** courses to high school students while students stay involved at their primary school. The ALC offers a wide variety of courses including **aviation, computer programming and repair, digital media, audio engineering, video production, medical science, criminal justice, building construction, engineering, robotics, manufacturing, and teacher education**. For more information, students should visit with their high school counselor or the ALC counselor at (801) 489-2833, or go to the ALC website at: [www.alc.nebo.edu](http://www.alc.nebo.edu).
- Career and Technical Education (CTE)** programs help students explore a variety of careers in **Business, Agriculture, Marketing, Information Technology, Health Science, Technology and Engineering, Family and Consumer Science, and Skilled and Technical** program areas. For more information, students should visit with their current high school counselor and go to: [www.utahcte.org](http://www.utahcte.org).

## Special Education Child Find

If you know of a child, newborn through age 21, that may have a disability or may need special education services, please contact your local school or call the Special Education Department in Nebo School District at 801-354-7416.

## Parent Information Guide

For the Parent Information Guide including federal notices and district policies, please go to: [www.nebo.edu/parents](http://www.nebo.edu/parents).

## Communication



Nebo provides a mobile app that may be used to view student information (schedules, grades, attendance, etc.) and school information (news, calendars, menus, etc.). For instructions to download the app go to: [www.nebo.edu/bb-mobile-app](http://www.nebo.edu/bb-mobile-app).

Nebo School District uses **Blackboard** to communicate with parents regarding attendance, school announcements, and **emergencies**. Messages can be sent as phone calls, emails, and text messages. Go to: [www.nebo.edu/parents/blackboard](http://www.nebo.edu/parents/blackboard) for more detailed information.



Please **like, follow** and **share Nebo School District** on social media including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to stay updated on current events and announcements.



## Nebo District is Committed to Maintaining Safe Schools

- A **Crisis Intervention Team** and **emergency response plans** are in place at every school.
- Nebo District has strict **safe and drug-free school policies**.
- Campus supervisors, security cameras, and school resource officers** provide additional safety for students and buildings.
- Nebo District **filters Internet and email** use for student safety.



## Nebo District is Energy Efficient

**One-hundred percent** of eligible facilities received national recognition for ENERGY STAR Certification Status.

## Nebo School District's Enrollment Growth

Nebo School District has approximately **33,000 students** and **4,500 employees**. Nebo's student **growth** continues at a steady rate of approximately **500 students each year**.

### Nebo Enrollment Trends

