

Breckenridge Community Schools

Bond 2020

Frequently Asked Questions

QUESTION: When is the election?

ANSWER: The special election will be held August 4th, 2020.

QUESTION: Where can I vote?

ANSWER: You will vote at your typical polling place

QUESTION: How much is the bond proposal?

ANSWER: The election would provide \$14,950,000.

QUESTION: What will the ballot say?

ANSWER: The paragraph below will be the actual ballot language.

Shall Breckenridge Community Schools, Gratiot, Midland and Saginaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Fourteen Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$14,950,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping an addition to the elementary school building; remodeling, equipping and re equipping and furnishing and refurnishing school buildings; acquiring, installing, equipping or re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; purchasing school buses; and preparing, developing, improving and equipping athletic fields and facilities and sites?

QUESTION: What is the increase in mills?

ANSWER: If passed, the proposal will increase 1.5 mills from the current levy. That is \$1.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

QUESTION: How would this affect my taxes?

ANSWER: A property valued at \$60,000 carrying a taxable value of \$30,000 would see an increase in taxes of \$45.00 per year or \$3.75 per month which equates to 12 cents per day.

QUESTION: Are the proposed benefits in line with the district's Strategic Plan?

ANSWER: Yes! The upgrades to the facilities as well as the purchase of new busses will help us meet our mission. Please see the belief statement:

Breckenridge Community Schools will provide facilities and transportation to meet the needs of our students and community.

QUESTION: Does any of the bond dollars go for raises or wages?

ANSWER: No, bond dollars cannot be used for wages.

QUESTION: Has Breckenridge Schools received any grants?

ANSWER: In the past 5 years we have received grants exceeding hundreds of thousands of dollars. Most recently, we were awarded a \$60,000 Michigan State Police School Safety Grant that is being used for Key Access and key control as well as numbering all doors on the buildings so that emergency personnel can respond quicker.

QUESTION: What security enhancements will be made?

ANSWER: Replacement of existing analog camera system and increase the amount of camera surveillance. The connecting doors between classrooms will be locked or filled in. Emergency lighting will be installed in restrooms.

QUESTION: What kind of energy and cost saving improvements are Planned?

ANSWER: Inoperable and non energy efficient windows will be replaced throughout both buildings. Existing lighting will upgrade to energy efficient LED lighting in buildings and on facility grounds.

QUESTION: If the bond passes when would the work begin?

ANSWER: The architectural firm and the construction management firm will begin immediately. Request for proposals and bids will be taken. Items for purchase such as technology and busses would be ordered as early as summer.

QUESTION: How will the money be used?

ANSWER: See Project List at the end of the FAQ list.

QUESTION: Who should I contact if I want more information?

ANSWER: You may contact Kimberly Thompson, Superintendent at 989-842-3182 extension 5 or email kthompson@breckhuskies.org.

The highlights of how the bond money will be used is as follows:

District-Wide

- Renovate restrooms to code
- Upgrade to energy efficient lighting
- Replace fire alarm systems
- Install new camera systems
- Upgrade kitchens
- Replace sidewalks/concrete where needed
- Purchase instructional technology
- Purchase new buses

Middle/High School

- Renovate original 1966 science labs
- Upgrade mechanical, plumbing and electrical throughout the building
- Replace floors and ceilings
- Replace middle school windows
- Renovate high school locker rooms
- Replace middle school bleachers
- Upgrade weight room equipment
- Replace stage lighting and control system

Elementary School

- Demolish A-Wing (East Elementary, built in 1954)
- Construct new energy efficient classroom wing
- Replace roof
- Replace windows
- Replace bleachers to meet code
- Replace movable wall between gym
- Replace flooring
- Upgrade doors

Athletic Facilities

- Correct site drainage in football/track complex
- Remove/Replace 400-meter track
- Remove/Replace stadium sidewalk
- Renovate concession stand in football/track stadium
- Remove/Replace baseball and softball dugouts and press boxes
- Upgrade fencing and playing fields