

BOND & BSSF RENEWAL INFORMATION

BALLOT PROPOSALS MAINTAIN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

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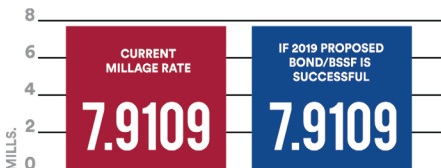
BALLOT PROPOSALS

1 \$182 Million Bond Proposal

2 Renewal of the Current Building & Site Sinking Fund Millage



ZERO INCREASE TO TAX RATE \$182 MILLION BOND



SUPERINTENDENT LETTER

Dear Huron Valley Community Member,

While I'm relatively new to the Huron Valley community, it hasn't taken long to realize that the people of our region – the townships of Commerce, Highland, Milford and White Lake and the Village of Milford – are tough-minded, tenacious and hard-working. Our residents exhibit a grit that allows them to tackle any challenge. As superintendent of schools, I find it gratifying to work in a community that cares so deeply for its own.

On November 5, the Huron Valley community will decide on two ballot initiatives, setting the course for the long-term success of our schools. The first is a zero tax rate increase bond that will generate \$182 million. The second is a 10-year building & site sinking fund renewal that will generate approximately \$2.1 to \$2.4 million annually. **If approved, both proposals will result in a zero tax rate increase for taxpayers** while ensuring every school in the district receives much-needed updates, including significant security improvements. We must do more to assure the safety of our students and staff and these proposals will allow us to do just that.

Our plan, developed over 600 hours by a 45-member committee of parents, community members, staff and students, will invest in academics, arts and athletics at all schools. We were deliberate in creating



a proposal that would not raise the current tax rate and thus would reflect a fiscally responsible approach to making necessary improvements across the district.

This issue of *Education Matters* outlines details contained in the proposals. We hope you find it helpful in making your decision on Election Day. In addition, the HVS website contains detailed building plans and specific ballot language.

Please email me at paul.salah@hvs.org or call 248-684-8000 if you have questions.

Thank you for your willingness to be informed. See you on November 5!

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Salah
Superintendent



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019 BOND & BSSF RENEWAL

SAFETY & SECURITY



PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES



TECHNOLOGY



SAFETY & SECURITY

This bond program aims to enhance safety and security throughout the district through a variety of features. Security barriers and fencing will be installed where needed on building grounds. Overall access to buildings will be monitored by secure entries adjacent to main offices and the addition or replacement of security cameras. A combination of exterior door replacement, interior door hardware upgrades, and an electronic access system will ensure security throughout the buildings. Finally, public address systems will be upgraded and a direct emergency connection to law enforcement will be added at all buildings so that communications regarding safety can be quick and effective.



INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

This bond program will address critical infrastructure issues and implement operational efficiencies with the goal of reducing energy use and utility costs. A major component of the infrastructure upgrades is a municipal water tie-in at the Bogie Lake campus. This will improve water quality for students, staff and residents in the area.

Five major infrastructure categories will be addressed at each building, with upgrades taking place according to each building's individual needs.

INTERIOR UPGRADES

New ceilings, interior door replacements

MECHANICAL UPGRADES

Mechanical systems, replace septic field

ELECTRICAL UPGRADES

LED lighting, controls, and sensors, technology, emergency lighting systems

EXTERIOR UPGRADES

Building and site lighting, front entrance identification, windows, roofing

SITE UPGRADES

Sidewalks, driveway, parking lot, bus/vehicular/pedestrian segregation



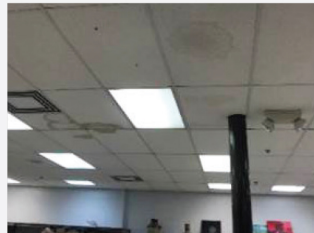
Outdated and inefficient heating



Broken and missing lockers



Small elementary gym barely fits one grade



Ceilings in disrepair



Damaged flooring

MUNICIPAL WATER TIE-IN ALONG BOGIE LAKE ROAD IMPROVES WATER QUALITY FOR STUDENTS, STAFF AND RESIDENTS IN THE AREA

DISTRICT-WIDE UPGRADES

Many upgrades are happening district-wide, which means the changes will be taking place at every school.

- Kitchen equipment upgrades
- District office relocation
- Maintenance equipment replacement/upgrades
- Replace broken furniture
- New Buses



PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

The additions and upgrades at each building were planned to ensure all students have comparable program offerings, learning environments and amenities at every school. These enhancements were developed around Huron Valley Schools' three pillars: academics, arts and athletics.

ACADEMICS

At the elementary level, classrooms and restrooms will be added where needed. Office additions or renovations are planned as needed. A new early childhood center addition at one of our elementary facilities will be built to accommodate our youngest learners.



At the middle school and high school levels, upgrades will take place to science labs, TV studio, and large group instruction spaces. Remodeling will also take place to make space for the construction trades. In addition to the above upgrades to support our learning environments, all buildings will see changes in the following areas:

STEAM

STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Schools will be receiving STEAM labs where hands-on, project based learning can take place in a multi-disciplinary, team-oriented space.



MEDIA CENTERS

Existing media centers will receive technology upgrades and broken furniture will be replaced to allow for flexibility and small and large group learning opportunities.

ARTS

At the elementary level, art and music rooms will be added as needed. Cafeterias will also be upgraded with stages. Gyms will be added where necessary to create a dedicated space for this function.

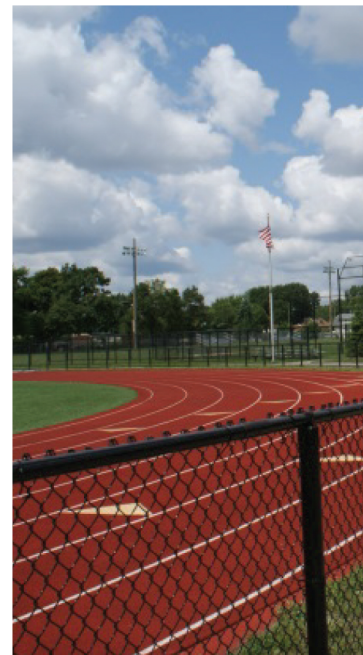
At the middle and high school levels, the band and performing arts programs will receive a number of enhancements including replacement of broken band instruments. New band rooms will be added at the middle schools and at Lakeland High School. Other projects include adding a new multi-purpose theater addition at Lakeland, upgrades to the Milford Theater and Little Theater, upgrades to the Lakeland Theater, expanding the art room at Harbor High School, and upgrading cafeterias to add accessibility to stages.



ATHLETICS

At the elementary level, gymnasiums will be added as necessary and a gross motor skills area will be added to Apollo ECC.

Athletics across the middle and high school levels will be enhanced with new athletics equipment, the addition of concessions/restrooms at Lakeland, resurfacing track and tennis courts at Lakeland and Milford, new turf at Lakeland and Milford, and renovations to other athletic facilities.



TECHNOLOGY

The bond program will allow upgrades to current equipment, as well as the installation of new technologies to support programs. Some examples include: replacement of student and staff computers and Chromebooks, new whiteboards with interactive flat display panels and projectors for assemblies and evening events. The bond would also allow the district to extend the wireless network and improve its speed and capacity.



BOND & BSSF RENEWAL GOALS/BENEFITS

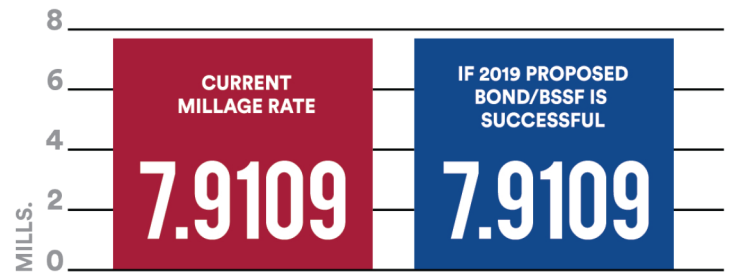
- Enhance safety and security throughout the district
- Enhance programs to support hands-on, project based learning and our pillars of academics, arts, and athletics
- Increase infrastructure & operational efficiencies with the goal of reducing energy use and utility costs
- Replace/upgrade current technology
- Support our schools while being fiscally responsible and maintaining a zero tax rate increase for taxpayers

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Bond programs can have a major impact on a community by:

- Preserving district facilities, which can protect and improve property values
- Creating a positive impact on student enrollment
- Creating a positive influence on business investment
- Increasing employee recruitment opportunities

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BOND FUNDS CAN BE USED FOR?

- Construction and remodeling of facilities
- Purchase of instructional technology equipment
- Equipment and furniture
- Site improvements
- Bus purchases

BOND FUNDS CANNOT BE USED FOR?

- Salaries and wages
- General operating expenses and maintenance
- Classroom supplies and textbooks



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TUESDAY **NOV. 5**

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