



# *Au Gres-Sims School District*

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## **Open Letter to Au Gres-Sims School District Voters**

Dear Au Gres-Sims Community,

Absentee ballots for the August 7, 2018 school bond election are now available. If you decide to apply for an absentee ballot, I want to make sure that you have information about the school district's bond proposal before you vote.

The primary purpose of the bond proposal is to provide funds to remodel and upgrade Au Gres-Sims schools and school facilities. Voter approval of the bond proposal will not change the current tax rate. There will be no tax rate increase.

Voter approval of the bond will allow the school district to...

- ✓ update and remodel classrooms and school facilities
- ✓ enhance student safety by constructing secure entrances at both schools and by creating a secure athletic entrance
- ✓ replace outdated boilers with a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system
- ✓ improve traffic flow and the safety of students, parents, and visitors by installing a defined, secure bus loop and a new parking lot

The August 7th bond proposal was designed to...

1. help assure that the Au Gres-Sims School District is safe, secure, up-to-date, and attractive to families
2. remodel, renovate, and upgrade the learning environment; including replacing boilers, remodeling classrooms, upgrading mechanical and electrical systems, improving kitchen equipment and parking lots, and installing restrooms that comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
3. help assure that the Au Gres-Sims School District's educational programs and facilities remain competitive with other school districts
4. reflect positively on homeowner property values and contribute to protecting the community's investment in its schools

The bond proposal projects are intended to impact every Au Gres-Sims school and school facility.

If voters approve the \$8.1 million bond proposal, the current tax rate will not change. It will simply be extended.

All proceeds of the bond proposal will be used to benefit the Au Gres-Sims School District. None of the revenue will be sent to any other school district or political entity.

To view a complete list of bond projects, go to [www.ags-schools.org](http://www.ags-schools.org) and click on *School Election Information*. If you have questions or need more information about this important election, please call our Business Services Director, Mary Lyon, at (989) 876-7150 ext. 244 or email her at [lyonm@ags-schools.org](mailto:lyonm@ags-schools.org), or contact me by phone (989) 876-7150, or email at [collierj@ags-schools.org](mailto:collierj@ags-schools.org).

In this election, voters can make one of three decisions:


- VOTE YES
- VOTE NO
- DON'T VOTE

Whatever you decide, please understand that *your vote is important!*

You can vote at the polls on August 7th or after June 23rd by absentee ballot.\*

Thank you for taking time to learn about the Au Gres-Sims School District's August 7th bond proposal. Please call if you have any questions or need more information.

Yours in Education,



Jeffrey Collier  
Superintendent of Schools

\* You can vote by absentee ballot if you expect to be out of town while the polls are open on August 7, 2018; if you are 60 years of age or older; if you are unable to vote without assistance at the polls; or, if you cannot attend the polls due to religious reasons. Beginning June 23, 2018 and ending at 4:00 p.m. on August 6, 2018 you can go to the local Clerk's Office where you reside, complete your absentee ballot application, and vote--all in one stop. The whole process takes about five minutes.