2022 BOND
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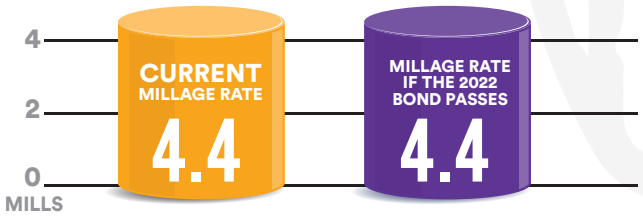
2022 BOND INFORMATION

MAY 3 BALLOT PROPOSAL

- Creation of The Hive of Innovation & Creativity; renovations to the Elementary/Middle School and High School; and playground upgrades
- $9.5 million bond proposal

ZERO INCREASE
TO THE EXPECTED BOND MILLAGE RATE



HOW WOULD BOND 2022 IMPACT OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS?

Research has shown that with proper environmental conditions, students' focus and attention increase. In addition, modernized science labs, STEM lab, classroom spaces, study areas, and media center would support our goals of improving achievement and leveling the playing field for our students by enabling our staff and students to engage in high levels of instructional delivery, research and collaboration, information access and project-based instruction.

All registered voters can vote absentee in the May 2022 election! *www.michigan.gov/vote*

ENHANCED PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

FUTURE-READY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

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CONCORD COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." - Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Roosevelt's quote is hanging on the wall in my office to serve as a reminder that while the future is uncertain, we can choose to build opportunities to better prepare our students for the future.

Collaboratively, Concord can design a rich, meaningful learning experience along with supporting 21st- century facilities to give our students necessary real world skills. Concord Community Schools seeks to provide each student with opportunity and access to programming, PK-12, that allows them to find their voice, passion, path, and career. We have used uncertain times to begin and build programs that prepare our students to master the critical attributes of problem solving, persevering, communicating, collaborating, and contributing to the community.

In the last twelve months, we expanded our engineering programs by adding a FUSE and robotics course in the fourth and fifth grade, provided our third graders with robotics instruction through Shop Rat, added PLTW and art K-3, and recently added First Lego Robotics Explore into our Jr. Jackets program. The district grew by adding 4 new FIRST robotics teams bringing the total to 14 teams serving over 100 students. Additionally, we have added media production, biomedical, and engineering courses at the high school. The growth has been incredible, but our facilities lack the space and infrastructure to adequately support these programs.

On May 3rd, the Concord community will decide on a ballot issue that will define our schools for years to come. **The expected zero tax rate increase bond will generate $9.5 million to complete a critical portion of the long term facilities plan.** This phase in the plan balances school needs with taxpayer resources to ensure our facilities are up to date and support the programs that help our students shatter expectations. First, the bond would ensure our ES/MS building has up to date classrooms, science labs, cafeteria, and media center while also adding much needed playground equipment for recess. Then the Hive of Innovation and Creativity would be a K-12 STEM facility that would foster our students ability to develop critical thinking while also learning skills in programming, art, CAD design, manufacturing, production, collaboration, and much more. **Without expecting to increase taxes, this proposal provides a learning environment that would prepare our students for the future by giving each student the opportunity to build skills they could not in any other school district.**

If you have any questions, please email me at rebecca.hutchinson@concordschools.net or call 517-524-8850

Sincerely,

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EXAMPLES OF FUTURE-READY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Images depict the types of spaces that could be achieved from the 2022 Bond

KEY FEATURES

CONCORD ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Remodel classrooms
- Remodel media center
- Remodel gymnasium and stage
- Remodel the Administration Building
- Remodel science labs
- Remodel cafeteria
- New playground equipment

THE HIVE OF INNOVATION & CREATIVITY

- New center for multi-grade-level STEM programs
- New flexible furniture
- New instructional technology

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL

- Remodel science lab
- Replace casework
- Continue the flexible furniture projects
- Continue the replacement of parking lots and driveways

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HOW DOES BOND 2022, BOND 2017, AND FUTURE FACILITY NEEDS FIT INTO THE DISTRICT'S LONG-TERM FACILITIES PLAN?

In 2017 Concord community supported a $5M bond issue to take care of infrastructure and program needs identified in a buildings assessment. As part of a comprehensive long-term strategic plan, the District addressed most of the high school building needs and the critical needs for the ES/MS building.

The Board is committed to complete the work initiated back then by upgrading our elementary/middle school and providing a new building for all grade levels dedicated to STEM and robotics programs, The Hive of Innovation and Creativity.

Furthermore, the Board is also committed to keeping tax rates where they are if this bond passes. In 2021, existing debt was paid off and any additional improvements would be made without expecting to raise taxes. With this long-term approach to our facility needs, the Board has committed to keep our facilities in good shape, while being sensitive to taxpayers.

QUESTIONS?

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