

S SAUGATUCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL - MARCH 10, 2020

This bond proposal addresses the highest priority projects, and focuses on three key areas:

UPDATING AGING BUILDING SYSTEMS



- Updating core infrastructure systems that have exceeded their useful lifecycles including mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems
- Replacing roofs
- Enlarging lower elementary classrooms

Why renovate the schools?

Educational design and instructional methods have evolved over the decades, but most of the district's learning environments have not. Classrooms have not seen major renovations since they were originally built, with Douglas Elementary School originally constructed over 63 years ago and the High School over 46 years ago. Due to the age of these buildings, core infrastructure systems have exceeded their useful lifecycles. Over the years the district has made classroom additions to the schools - the Middle School addition to the High School 20 years ago, and the Douglas Elementary addition 10 years ago, but original infrastructure and classrooms were not updated during those times.

IMPROVING SAFETY AND SECURITY



- Improving safety and security with secure building entrances, new video surveillance systems, classroom door locking systems, and enhanced keycard access. Building infrastructure would include fire suppression systems, and ADA-accessibility upgrades
- Traffic and parking improvements at Douglas Elementary School
- New Buses to replace the aging fleet

Where can I find additional information?

Additional information will be provided during informational building tours. Please visit saugatuckpublicschools.com for tour dates, conceptual drawings, proposal details, frequently asked questions and answers, and a millage calculator.

If you have further questions, contact Dr. Tim Travis, Superintendent, at ttravis@saugatuckps.com or (269)857-1444.

UPDATING LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS



- Creating up-to-date classrooms and collaborative spaces for students, staff and community members
- Transforming outdated media centers into modern learning commons
- Constructing a new music and band room at the Middle School/High School to support the growing program
- Modernizing science, art, and technology classrooms
- Updating aging finishes such as flooring, cabinets, paint, and furniture as needed

Why update classrooms?

Modern learning environments support more collaborative and interactive teaching and learning styles. District programming has been enhanced, but the current buildings limit instruction and learning. These new collaborative spaces would also support our community's need for meeting spaces.