

S SAUGATUCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL - MARCH 10, 2020

Planning for the future of Saugatuck Public Schools, the Board of Education is asking the community to consider a new bond proposal on the March 10, 2020 election ballot. If approved by voters, it would generate \$35,640,000 for improvements to Saugatuck Public Schools.

The Facilities Committee and Board of Education carefully reviewed input and feedback to develop a smaller proposal. Through conversations, meetings, and a post-bond survey, several adjustments to the bond proposal were made.



WHAT CHANGED?



- Reduced the total project cost by
-\$15.1M compared to 2018 proposal
-\$4.3M compared to 2019 proposal
- Reduced the taxpayer impact
-1.31 mills net impact compared to 2018
-0.71 mills net impact compared to 2019
- Shortened the term of the bond
from 27 to 22 years
- Reduced the project scope at the Middle/High School by focusing on renovations of existing spaces

WHAT STAYED THE SAME?

- The District is still utilizing the Guiding Principles that were developed as a part of the 2018 proposal. These important factors helped to inform project scope decisions.
- Improving safety and security throughout the schools
- Upgrading core infrastructure systems that have exceeded their useful lifecycles
- Creating up-to-date classrooms and collaborative spaces
- Improving air quality and increasing natural light
- Purchasing buses to replace the aging fleet
- The project scope at Douglas Elementary
- Relocating District Administration to the Middle School/High School to increase operational efficiency

PROPOSED RENOVATIONS BY AREA

DES Safety & Security	\$1,245,598
DES Science and Art	\$1,186,686
DES Classrooms and Bathrooms	\$3,004,055
DES Furniture and Equipment	\$520,000
DES Media Center	\$1,838,296
DES Paving, Sitework, Parent Loop	\$1,761,610
DES HVAC & BMS	\$791,220
DES Roofing	\$860,021
DES Lighting	\$275,207
DES Plumbing	\$160,537

PROPOSED RENOVATIONS BY AREA

MS/HS Safety & Security	\$2,494,420
MS/HS Science	\$1,530,838
MS/HS Band Room	\$2,064,051
MS/HS Furniture and Equipment	\$1,200,000
MS/HS Media Center & Tech Lab	\$2,967,074
MS/HS Classrooms, Bathrooms and Locker Rooms	\$1,912,831
MS/HS Kitchen, Cafeteria	\$1,519,371
MS/HS Paving, Sitework, Parent Loop	\$1,063,560
MS/HS HVAC & BMS	\$5,179,837
MS/HS Roofing	\$2,624,499
MS/HS Lighting	\$236,506
MS/HS Plumbing	\$703,784
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$35,640,000

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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.