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On Tuesday, May 5, 2026, voters in Saugatuck Public Schools will consider a building and site sinking fund millage proposal.

The proposal is primarily a renewal of the district's existing sinking fund millage, with a restoration that would restore the millage rate to 0.5 mills (which is the millage rate that Saugatuck voters approved in 2022 at the last sinking fund millage renewal). If approved, it would authorize the district to levy up to 0.5 mills for a period of three years for purposes permitted under Michigan law related to building and site improvements.

A sinking fund millage is a funding mechanism separate from a bond. The district's 2020 bond program funded major facility improvements. The sinking fund millage, if approved by voters, would continue to be used for allowable expenses as defined by law, including construction or repair of school buildings, security improvements, technology infrastructure, and other building and site-related projects. Sinking fund millage revenues cannot be used for employee salaries or routine operating expenses.

If approved, the district may allocate sinking fund revenue toward eligible projects such as mechanical systems that were not addressed by prior bond work, safety and security-related improvements, instructional technology, and facility and site upgrades. Final decisions regarding specific projects will be made by the Board of Education in accordance with legal requirements.

Historically, the district has used sinking fund revenues for purposes including mechanical system repairs, roofing, school security measures, and instructional technology.

Additional information about the sinking fund proposal, including ballot language and election details, is available on the district's website at [www.SaugatuckPublicSchools.com](http://www.SaugatuckPublicSchools.com) or through local election authorities. You may also contact Mark Neidlinger, Superintendent, at [mneidlinger@Saugatuckps.com](mailto:mneidlinger@Saugatuckps.com).

Voters may review the information available and vote on or before the May 5, 2026 election.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Neidlinger".

Mark Neidlinger,  
Superintendent  
Saugatuck Public Schools

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