



SAUGATUCK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THANK YOU!

In March of 2020, our community passed a bond worth \$35.6 million.

These funds were used to improve our old and outdated facilities.

This is what they look like now.



DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY

MAIN
ENTRANCE





SAUGATUCK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MIDDLE SCHOOL
& HIGH SCHOOL
401

OFFICE ENTRANCE



**SAUGATUCK
TRAILBLAZERS**

The 2020 Bond

- Total rehab and addition to DES and natural playground
- Total rehab and additions to the Middle School and High School
- New central office that is tied to the Middle School and High School
- Large focus on safety and security measures
- Weight Room
- Science Labs
- Locker Rooms
- Heating and Cooling needs

What's the Difference?

A **bond** allows a district to borrow money for large projects and repay it over time.

A **sinking fund** allows a district to collect funds annually, and use them for eligible projects and repairs without borrowing.

BSSF - Building Site Sinking Fund

Applicable uses under the law:

- Site work and Infrastructure - parking lots, playgrounds, athletic fields or courts
- School Safety Improvements - cameras, communication systems, entryways
- Land purchases - tied to school uses
- Instructional Technology - student equipment and all infrastructure
- Construction and Repairs - roofs, HVAC, plumbing, windows and structural work

The Ask:

On May 5th, voters in Saugatuck Public Schools will consider a building site sinking fund millage proposal to renew the district's existing sinking fund millage with a restoration that would restore the millage rate to 0.5 mills. If approved, this would authorize the district to continue to levy up to 0.5 mills for a period of three years for the purposes permitted under Michigan law related to building and site improvements.

Building Site Sinking Fund millage revenues cannot be used for employee salaries or routine operating expenses.

BSSF History in Saugatuck

Here's the recent history of Saugatuck's BSSF millage elections:

May 7, 2013: the district's voters approved a "partial renewal" of the previous sinking fund millage 0.50 mill for 5 years, 2013 to 2017. The vote was 656-465.

May 8, 2018: the district's voters approved a new sinking fund millage of 0.50 mill for 5 years, 2018 to 2022. The vote was 976-779.

November 8, 2022: the district's voters approved a renewal and restoration of the sinking fund millage - 0.50 mill for 3 years, 2023 to 2025. The vote was 2109-1468.

Why Now?

Our previous BSSF millage expired in December 2025.

Previous Projects

- Student Technology - 5 years
- Boilers
- Carpet
- HS Track Resurfacing - 15 years
- Demerest Property
- Parking & Paving Projects - 7 years

Potential Projects and Uses if Approved By Voters and BOE:

- Mechanical System Repairs
- Remaining Roofing
- School Security Measures
- Theater Upgrades
- Instructional Technology
- Athletic Fields and Courts
- Parking Lots

What Impact Would 0.5 mills Have?

If voters approve the BSSF millage on May 5th, Saugatuck Public Schools would anticipate to receive \$527,000 for the 2026-2027 school year. This is based on our current tax base.

How Does This Impact You, the Voter?

A 0.5 millage means that for every \$1000 of taxable value, you would continue to pay 50 cents toward the Building Site Sinking Fund. Taxable value is roughly 50% of the market value which is set by the assessor.

\$5 annually for every \$10,000 of taxable value

\$50 annually for every \$100,000 of taxable value

You May Vote

May 5th or Before!

