

# School Bond Proposal

**VOTE BY MAY 7, 2024!**



**NO TAX  
RATE  
INCREASE**  
expected over  
the current rate

# Bond Overview

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SAFETY &  
SECURITY



NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD  
CENTER



BUILDING & LEARNING  
EFFICIENCIES



ATHLETICS & FINE ARTS  
FACILITIES



# Agenda

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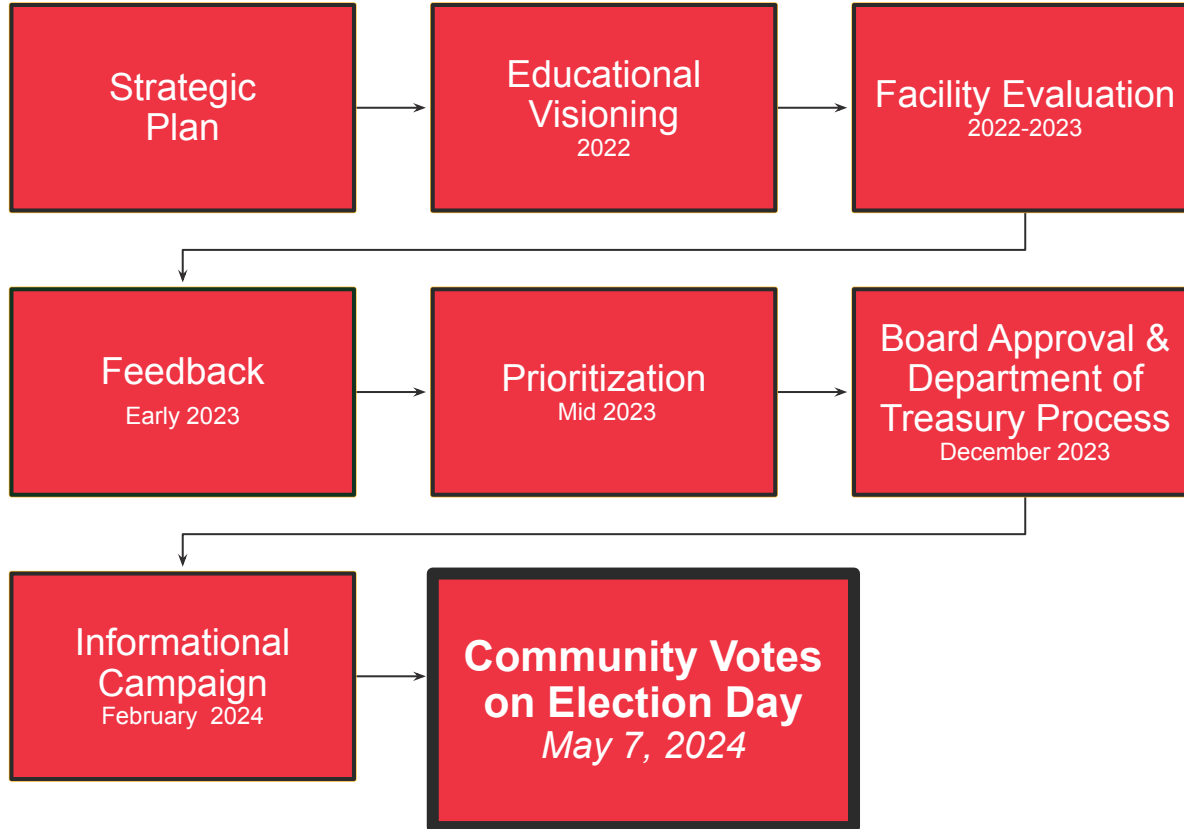
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***BOND PLANNING &  
ENGAGEMENT***

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# Process



# Strategic Plan

## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

St. Johns Public Schools will provide an educational experience that prepares all students to become individuals who think critically, live purposefully, lead responsibly, communicate persuasively, and serve others generously.

## **DISTRICT VISION:**

To become schools that embrace change through pursuit, evaluation and celebration of new knowledge and skills. To provide every student with the choice to undertake advanced learning without remediation.

# Facilities Evaluation

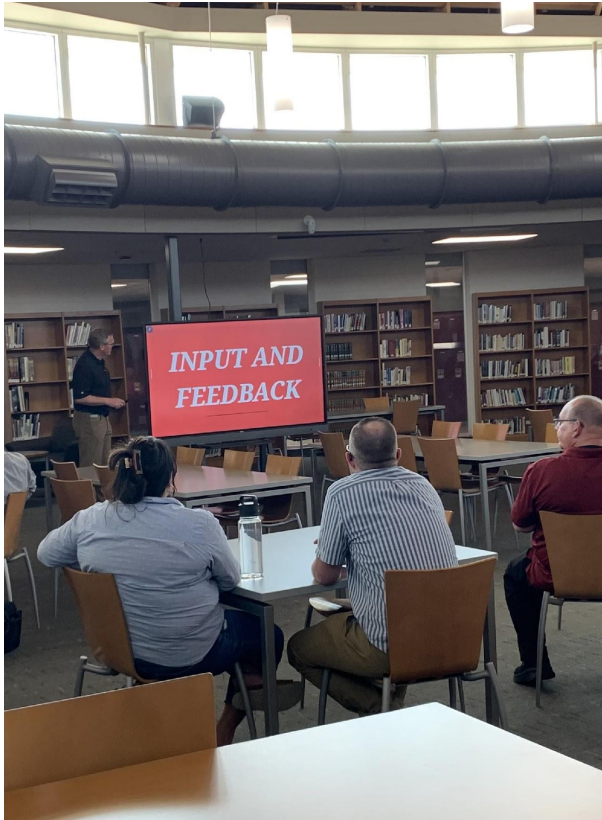
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**2022-2023**

- **Assessment of every building / site**
- **Needs categorized by time horizon**
- **Evaluating existing conditions & desired educational programming**



# Administration feedback



## ENGAGEMENT WITH PRINCIPALS & STAFF

- High-level discussion about facility challenges
- Evaluated feedback
- Prioritized infrastructure needs & programming opportunities

*Many staff requests aligned with infrastructure needs (classroom updates, technology improvements, etc.)*



# Community Feedback

## ENGAGEMENT WITH PARENTS & COMMUNITY

- **Surveying about facility challenges and opportunities**
- **Evaluated feedback**
- **Prioritize safety and security, infrastructure needs + programming opportunities**
- **Recent survey from over 700 individuals, typical size**



# ***FINANCIALS***

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# What is a Mill?

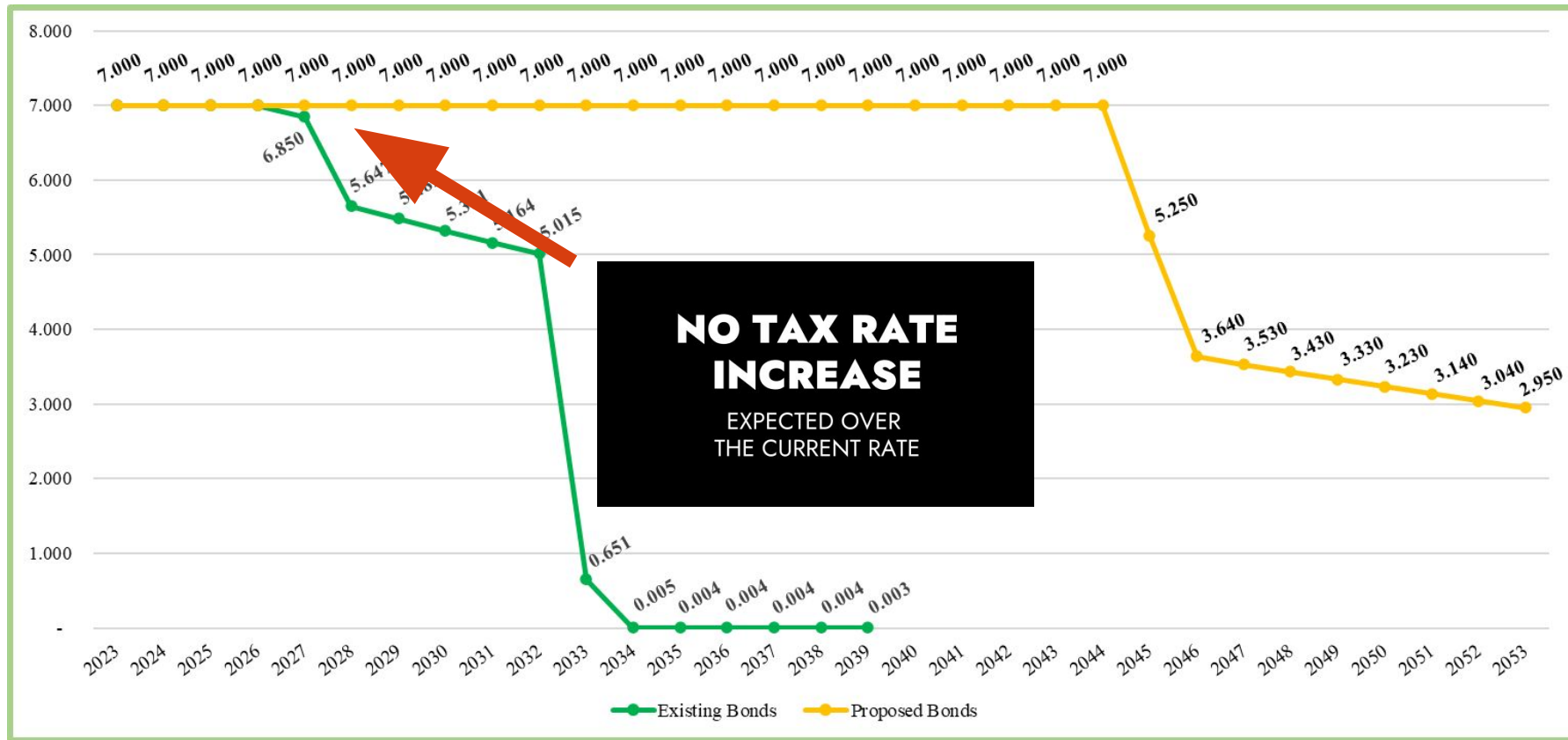
The property tax rate in Michigan is referred to as a millage, and it's figured in mills. One mill is equal to 1/1,000 of a dollar. Or, more simply, for every \$1,000 in taxable value, a property owner will pay \$1 in property tax.

Market Value	Taxable Value (0.5)	Equation	Cost Per Year
\$100,000	\$50,000	$\$50,000/1000 \times \$1 = 50$	\$50.00
\$150,000	\$75,000	$\$75,000/1000 \times \$1 = 75$	\$75.00
\$200,000	\$100,000	$\$100,000/1000 \times \$1 = 100$	\$100.00
\$250,000	\$125,000	$\$125,000/1000 \times \$1 = 125$	\$125.00
\$300,000	\$150,000	$\$150,000/1000 \times \$1 = 150$	\$150.00
\$350,000	\$175,000	$\$175,000/1000 \times \$1 = 175$	\$175.00

# What can bond funds be spent on?

<i>Funds CAN be spent on...</i>	<i>Funds CANNOT be spent on...</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <b>Purchase</b> of or development of real estate for school buildings</li><li>✓ <b>Construction</b> of school buildings or additions</li><li>✓ <b>Renovations</b> of school buildings and athletic facilities</li><li>✓ <b>Technology equipment</b></li><li>✓ <b>School security</b> improvements</li><li>✓ <b>School buses, furnishings, and equipment</b></li><li>✓ <b>Playground</b> development and improvement</li><li>✓ <b>Energy conservation improvements</b></li><li>✓ <b>Asbestos abatement</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>x <b>Repair</b> of school buildings</li><li>x <b>Maintenance</b> of school buildings</li><li>x <b>Staff salaries</b> and <b>benefits</b></li><li>x <b>Curriculum</b></li></ul>

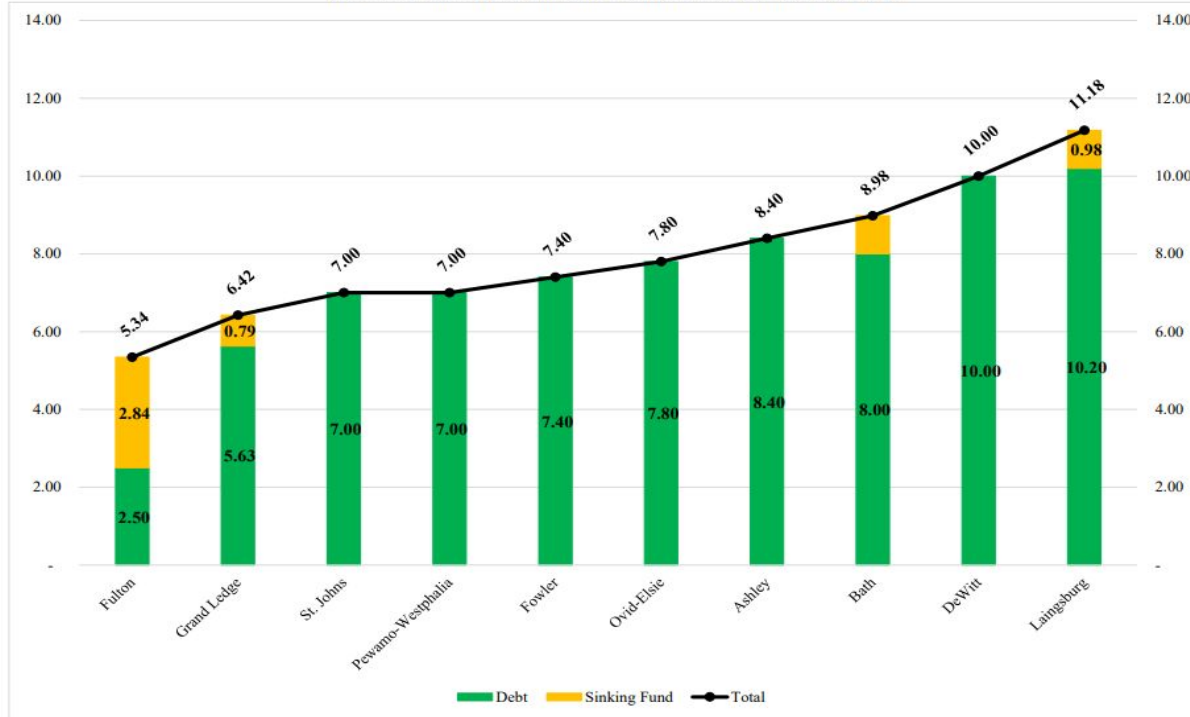
# Bond Debt Millage Rate



# NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS



**COMPARISON OF AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2022 TOTAL MILLAGE RATES**  
(Per Michigan Department of Treasury Website as of 8/22/23)



# ***PROJECT BREAKDOWN***



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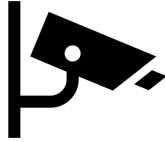
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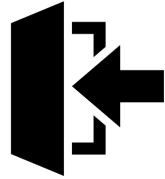


# Bond Project Breakdown

## SAFETY & SECURITY



- **Increased Exterior Door Monitoring** through expanded access control systems and improved security camera systems



- **Secure Entrances** with new entrance vestibules at Eureka, Gateway, and Oakview that mirror those of other buildings on campus



- **Replacement Doors and Locks** to bolster security within the buildings



# Bond Project Breakdown

## BUILDING & LEARNING EFFICIENCIES



- Add elementary classrooms
- Update and modernize learning environments
- Upgrade High School Metals, Wood, & Auto Shop
- Replace transportation building
- Enhance audio/visual technologies, landscaping, and finishings
- Improve heating & cooling
- Update deteriorating parking lots
- Install new elementary playgrounds

# Bond Project Breakdown

## ATHLETICS & FINE ARTS FACILITIES



- **Multi-use turf field to replace the soccer field**
- **Improve tennis, track, wrestling, baseball and softball spaces**
- **Upgrade auditorium lighting and stage**
- **New musical instruments**



# ***VOTING INFORMATION***



# Voting Information

## **Absentee voting:**

- **March 28**—Absentee ballots become available
- Contact your local clerk with questions

## **In-person Voting:**

*Polls are open Tuesday, May 7, from 7 a.m.- 8 p.m.*

## **Registering to vote:**

- **April 22, 2024**—Last day to register by mail
- **May 7, 2024**—May register to vote in person

*Visit **Michigan.gov/vote** with questions!*

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***THANK YOU!***

