

VOTING INFORMATION

Polls are open: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Poll locations: Voters may cast a ballot at the polling location established by their city/township

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For an overview of the bond proposal, please visit the District website. Building specific project listings and renderings are on display at each school and online at www.lasd.net

Public information forums will be conducted. Please see the District website for details.

If you have further questions, contact **Jason Kennedy, Superintendent**, at (231) 845-7303 or by email at jkennedy@lasd.net



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IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If the bond proposal is approved by voters, the millage rate is expected to increase by approximately 1.71 mills over the 2018 debt tax rate. This is approximately an additional \$7.13 per month for each \$100,000 in home market value.

MARKET VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE	COST/YEAR	COST/MONTH	COST/WEEK
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$85.50	\$7.13	\$1.64
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$171.00	\$14.25	\$3.29
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$256.50	\$21.38	\$4.93



WHAT IS A BOND PROPOSAL AND HOW CAN FUNDS FROM A BOND BE SPENT?

A bond proposal is how a public school district asks its community for authorization to borrow money to pay for capital expenditures.

Voter-approved bond funds can be spent on new construction, additions, remodeling, site improvements, athletic facilities, playgrounds, buses, furnishings, equipment, and technology.

Funds raised through the sale of bonds cannot be used on operational expenses such as employee salaries and benefits, school supplies, and textbooks.

Bond funds must be kept separate from operating funds and must be audited by an independent auditing firm.



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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE - SAFE AND MODERN SCHOOLS

The Ludington Area School District Board of Education is asking the community to vote on a bond proposal on May 7, 2019. If approved, it would provide district-wide improvements to address identified and ongoing facility needs based on years of strategic planning, facility assessments, and community input.

The bond proposal was developed to create safe and modern schools, and address the aging facilities; the average age of the District's school buildings is 64 years old, and all schools are between 54 - 94 years old.



Three Key Projects for Safe and Modern Schools

- Building a new elementary school complex for pre-kindergarten through 5th grade students
- Major renovations and additions to the middle school and high school
- Improvements to athletic facilities, arts venues, and vocational and skilled trades teaching spaces

HOW WAS THE BOND PROPOSAL DEVELOPED?

This bond proposal was developed as a part of the District's Strategic Plan, and long-term master plan for school buildings and sites

During the planning process:

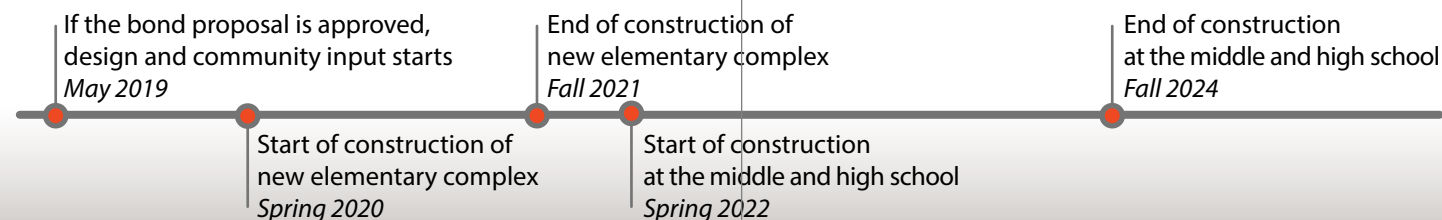
- All facilities and sites were assessed
- 11 community forums / Transformation Think Tanks were held
- Multiple community school site visits were conducted
- Community surveys were used to gather input and feedback

The State of Michigan defines the useful life of a school building at 40 years. The District's school buildings range between 54 - 94 years old. Many core infrastructure systems have outlived their expected life cycles.

The District has done as much preventative maintenance as possible; simply to the point where systems can no longer be repaired and should be replaced.

HOW WOULD THE APPROVAL OF THIS BOND PROPOSAL AFFECT ME?

- The bond proposal would generate \$100,935,000 to complete the district-wide improvements
- The estimated impact to property taxes would be approximately 1.71 mills, an additional \$85 per year for the average taxpayer with a market value home of \$100,000



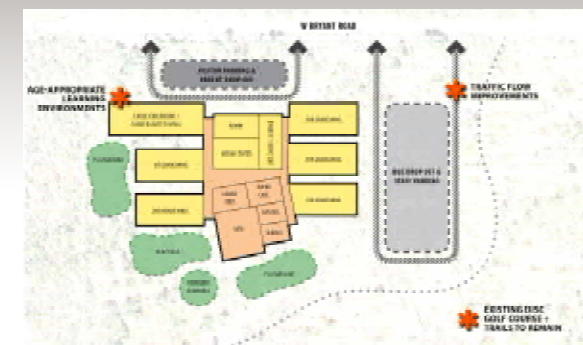
BOND PROJECTS SUMMARY

FEATURES OF THE SAFE AND MODERN SCHOOLS

- Physical **safety** and **security** built into the design of the schools
- Age-appropriate classrooms and learning spaces with integrated technology and flexible furniture to inspire **21st century learning**
- Creating **operational efficiency** by consolidating four lower elementary and pre-kindergarten buildings into one building with shared resources
- Safer and more efficient **traffic flow** during student drop-off and pick-up
- Buildings would be **energy efficient** and **ADA-accessible**

DISTRICT-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS

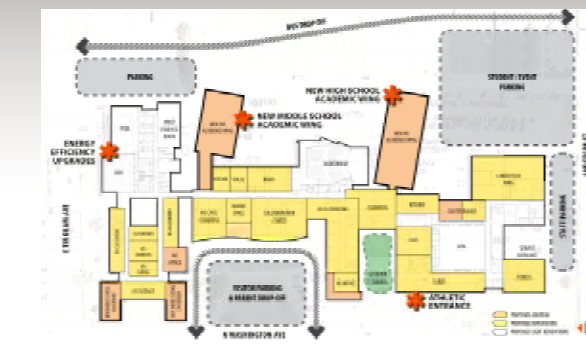
- New school buses to keep district transportation modern and safe
- Athletic improvements to aging facilities including
 - Pool infrastructure and mechanical system
 - Football and soccer field turf
 - Track and field area improvements
 - Baseball and softball field improvements
 - New team room



For a larger view of these conceptual building and site graphics, please visit the District website

BUILDING A NEW ELEMENTARY COMPLEX

- Providing up-to-date school safety and security including secure building entrances, classroom door locking systems, and appropriate playgrounds
- Safer and more efficient traffic flow during student drop-off and pick-up, and separate bus loop
- Designing a modern elementary school building for pre-kindergarten through 5th grade students to replace the aging elementary school buildings, which average 70 years old. The new facility would be energy efficient and ADA-accessible.
- Creating age-appropriate classrooms and learning spaces with integrated technology and flexible furniture that inspire 21st century learning
- Increasing District operational efficiency by consolidating four schools into one larger school with shared resources, which would provide equitable resources for all elementary students
- Utilizing property that the District already owns. In 1999, the LASD Board of Education purchased property with the intention to later develop the site for a new school building. Now that our schools have aged beyond repair, the District is following through with that plan. A significant amount of the property would remain undisturbed.



RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

- Improving building security with updates to secure building entrances, new video surveillance system, classroom door locking systems, and enhanced key card access
- Impacting all learning environments by creating modern learning environments with integrated technology and flexible furniture that inspire 21st century learning
- Updating educational technology including student and staff devices, and technology infrastructure
- Maintaining a strong focus on skilled trades and vocational programs by enhancing the career tech classrooms
- Replacing aged infrastructure including roofs, boilers, plumbing, mechanical and electrical systems along with cabinetry, furnishings, and equipment
- Improving the entire building by bringing it up to current building codes, including ADA-accessibility
- Tending to these basic needs will extend the life of the buildings, enhance energy efficiency, improve air quality, and enable our schools to serve our community well into the future

PLEASE VOTE ON THE BOND PROPOSAL: TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019