

What will the proposed bond projects cost?

The 2020 bond proposal is a **ZERO-TAX-RATE-INCREASE PROPOSAL**. This means that the **5.85 mills** the district is currently levying per household will not change. The bond would generate approximately **\$59,475,000** and allow the district to fund proposed projects while keeping general fund dollars in our classrooms.



Why is the District proposing a bond program now?

- ✓ Favorable interest rates at this time mean the District could complete projects with a **ZERO-TAX-RATE INCREASE** over the current amount levied.
- ✓ **Updated technology is essential for 21st-century learning** and helps provide skills students may need in the future.
- ✓ Safety and security enhancements can **help ensure students, administrators, and visitors are entering a safe and secure environment.**
- ✓ Preserving our educational facilities and infrastructure can **help protect and preserve community home values.**

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON MARCH 10!



- January 25:** Absentee ballots available to voters
- February 24:** Last day for online voter registration
- February 25 - March 10:** In-person voter registration

To learn more, visit southgateschools.com/bond or contact Superintendent, Jill Pastor, at (734) 246-4600 or email pastorj@sgate.k12.mi.us



**WHOLE CHILD. WHOLE SCHOOL.
WHOLE COMMUNITY.**



ZERO-TAX-RATE-INCREASE PROPOSAL!

REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, MARCH 10!



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Why is Southgate Community Schools proposing a bond?

Each day at Southgate Community Schools, nearly 3,500 students walk through the doors of our buildings. We understand that the **WHOLE CHILD** shows up to learn, meaning their education is just as important to us as the many aspects that make up who they are as individuals and what they need to find success.

It's important that the students in our district remain competitive as they move through their educational journeys, including their time after they graduate from Southgate Community Schools. As local school districts continue to carry out bond programs, enriching the educational experience of their students, our proposed bond would help Southgate Community Schools students keep pace with their peers and prepare them for lifelong learning.

Our **\$59,475,000** bond proposal would allow us to improve facility infrastructure and classroom learning environments, enhance the safety and security of our places of learning, create opportunities for digital citizenship, and support fine arts and fitness programs which help foster emotional and physical wellbeing of our students.

What are the potential community benefits?



Strong schools can help preserve home values.



Every student could be impacted within 2 years.



New opportunities for students can help improve their lives in a meaningful way.



Can help the District foster a **WHOLE COMMUNITY** of learners including students, staff, parents, and residents.



Facility Renovations

\$34.7 million

Renovate restroom facilities

Replace elementary classroom flooring

Upgrade furniture in classrooms

Replace lighting with LED

Install plumbing, electrical, and HVAC system upgrades

Replace roofing



Safety & Security Enhancements

\$3.0 million

Enhance video surveillance systems

Construct safe & secure entries

Install classroom safety egress windows

Replace critical electrical equipment and emergency generator

Replace exterior concrete to ensure safety



Technology Upgrades

\$7.2 million

Install upgrades to technology infrastructure

Upgrade computer lab devices

Provide new learning devices for students

Introduce new teaching devices in classrooms for enhanced learning



Fine Arts & Fitness Upgrades

\$14.5 million

Construct new pool and weight room at Anderson High School

Remodel auditorium including seating, aisle lighting, and acoustics

Provide students with new musical equipment

Install athletic field turf



All proposed projects can be completed with a **ZERO-TAX-RATE INCREASE!**

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