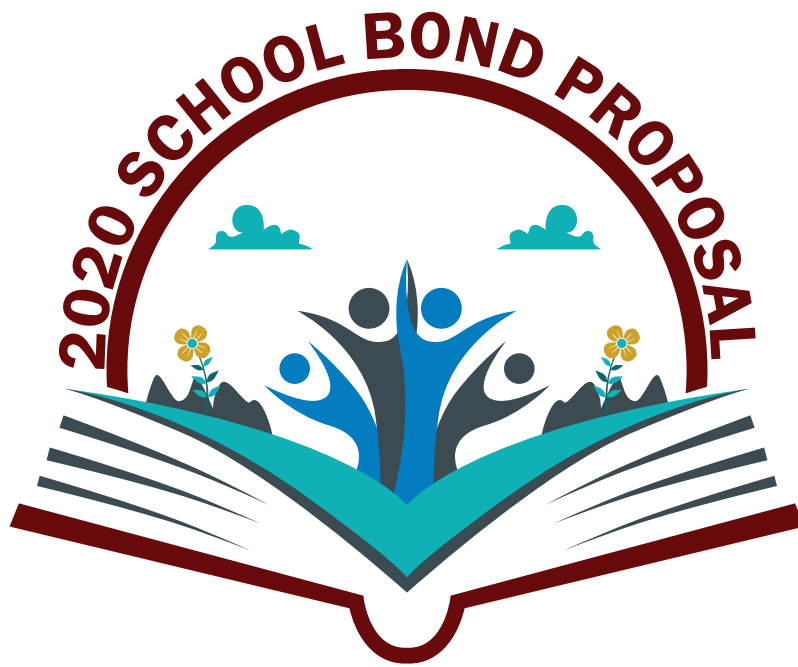


Southgate
Community Schools



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ZERO-TAX-RATE-INCREASE PROPOSAL!

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Q: What is the overall vision and mission of the March 10, 2020 bond proposal?

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.

Part of our decision to propose a bond program to the community was to address educational experience equity. 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.

Q: What are some of the major features of the proposed bond program?



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, and replace roofing.



Safety & Security Enhancements

\$3.0 million

Enhance video surveillance systems, construct a safe & secure entry at the high school, install classroom safety egress windows, replace critical electrical equipment and emergency generator, and 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, and 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 music equipment, and install athletic field turf.

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Q: What are the potential benefits of the bond program should voters approve?

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 the fine arts and fitness programs which help foster emotional and physical wellbeing of our students.

- Enhance the safety and security of our schools
- Keep stride with the pace of modern technology
- Improve learning environments
- Renovations to infrastructure to address issues associated with aging
- Allow focus of general fund dollars to be on in-classroom learning enhancements while bond dollars address critical infrastructure needs

Q: Would there be an increase in the estimated debt millage rate?

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.



Q: What can funds generated by bond be used for? What can they NOT be used for?

Bond proceeds can be used for the following items:

- a) Construction and remodeling of facilities;
- b) Purchase of technology equipment and infrastructure;
- c) Purchase of equipment and furniture;
- d) Site improvements

Bond proceeds cannot be used for the following items:

- a) Staff salaries and wages;
- b) General operating expenses, repairs and maintenance;
- c) Classroom supplies and textbooks; and
- d) Administrative costs.

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Q: What projects are happening at my child's school and buildings they will possibly attend in the future?

Allen Elementary School

- Install classroom safety egress windows
- Replace classroom and corridor doors
- Replace classroom flooring
- Renovate restrooms
- Upgrade video surveillance system
- Replace aging roofing systems
- Replace exterior doors and frames
- Replace hot water heaters
- Replace classroom drinking fountains
- Upgrade building heating system
- Electrical system upgrades
- Install LED lighting in classrooms
- Upgrade classroom furniture
- Replace student, teacher, and lab devices and audio visual equipment
- Upgrade building internet network
- Sitework upgrades including asphalt, sidewalks, and fencing renovations

Fordline Elementary School

- Install classroom safety egress windows
- Replace classroom and corridor doors
- Replace classroom flooring
- Renovate restrooms
- Upgrade video surveillance system
- Replace aging roofing systems
- Replace hot water heaters
- Upgrade building heating system
- Electrical system upgrades
- Install LED lighting in classrooms
- Upgrade classroom furniture
- Replace student, teacher, and lab devices and audio visual equipment
- Upgrade building internet network
- Replace damaged concrete sidewalks

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Q: What projects are happening at my child's school and buildings they will possibly attend in the future? (cont.)

Grogan Elementary School

- Install classroom safety egress windows
- Replace classroom and corridor doors
- Replace classroom flooring
- Renovate restrooms
- Upgrade video surveillance system
- Replace aging roofing systems
- Replace exterior doors and frames
- Replace hot water heaters
- Upgrade building heating system
- Electrical system upgrades
- Install LED lighting in classrooms
- Upgrade classroom furniture
- Replace student, teacher, and lab devices and audio visual equipment
- Upgrade building internet network
- Sitework upgrades including concrete drive approach, sidewalks, and fencing renovations

Shelters Elementary School

- Install classroom safety egress windows
- Replace classroom and corridor doors
- Replace classroom flooring
- Renovate restrooms
- Upgrade video surveillance system
- Replace aging roofing systems
- Replace exterior doors and frames
- Replace hot water heaters
- Upgrade building heating system
- Electrical system upgrades
- Install LED lighting in classrooms
- Upgrade classroom furniture
- Replace student, teacher, and lab devices and audio visual equipment
- Upgrade building internet network
- Sitework upgrades including replacement of asphalt loop and sidewalk renovations

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Q: What projects are happening at my child's school and buildings they will possibly attend in the future? (cont.)

Davidson Middle School

- Replace classroom and corridor doors
- Renovate restrooms
- Upgrade video surveillance system
- Replace aging roofing systems
- Replace exterior doors and frames
- Replace windows, including installation of safety egress windows
- Replace flooring
- Partial student corridor locker replacement
- Replace classroom cabinetry
- Replace hot water heaters
- Plumbing upgrades
- Upgrade building heating system
- Electrical system upgrades
- Install LED lighting in classrooms
- Replace media center exterior lighting
- Upgrade classroom furniture
- Replace student, teacher, and lab devices and audio visual equipment
- Upgrade building internet network
- Sitework upgrades including replacement of main drive approach, sidewalk replacements, renovation of bus loop, and fencing replacements

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Q: What projects are happening at my child's school and buildings they will possibly attend in the future? (cont.)

Anderson High School

- Construct new pool addition including demolition of old pool
- Construct new weight room addition
- Install classroom safety egress windows
- Replace classroom and corridor doors
- Renovate restrooms
- Renovate main office and counseling office to create a secure entry vestibule
- Upgrade video surveillance system
- Replace emergency generator
- Electrical system upgrades
- Provide new band equipment
- Replace aging roofing systems
- Replace exterior doors and frames
- Replace flooring
- Install acoustical treatments in music room
- Replace student corridor lockers
- Replace athletic lockers
- Renovate auditorium
- Replace hot water heaters
- Plumbing system upgrades
- Upgrade building heating system
- Electrical upgrades
- Install LED lighting in classrooms
- Upgrade classroom furniture
- Replace student, teacher, and lab devices and audio visual equipment
- Upgrade building internet network
- Install field turf on athletic field
- Upgrade baseball infield drainage
- Install new building marquee
- Replace concrete sidewalks

Asher Alternative High School

- Replace aging roofing systems
- Replace exterior doors and frames
- Replace hot water heaters
- Upgrade building heating system
- Electrical upgrades
- Upgrade building internet network
- Replace student devices

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Q: What projects are happening at my child's school and buildings they will possibly attend in the future? (cont.)

Beacon Day Treatment

- Replace aging roofing systems
- Replace hot water heaters
- Plumbing system upgrades
- Upgrade building heating system
- Electrical upgrades
- Upgrade food service equipment
- Replace damaged concrete sidewalks

North Pointe Elementary School

- Replace aging roofing systems
- Replace hot water heaters
- Upgrade building heating system
- Electrical upgrades

Q: What could happen if the bond proposal did not pass?

Over the past decade, several cuts in school funding throughout the State of Michigan, coupled with the rising cost of operating the school system, have put tremendous pressure on the district's general operating fund budget. Failure to approve the bond proposal would mean the district would have to delay much-needed improvements and any emergency projects would have to be paid for with general operating funds that would otherwise support educational enhancements for students.

Q: When and where can I register to vote?

To vote in the March 10, 2020 school election, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years of age by election day
- A resident of Michigan and Southgate Community Schools
- Registered to vote

You may register to vote online or by mail up until February 24, 2020. From February 25 – March 10, registration will be open in-person ONLY at your local clerk's office.

Voter registration forms and absentee ballots are available online at www.michigan.gov/sos.

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Q: What will appear on the official ballot? What does the language mean?

SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDING PROPOSAL

A

Shall Southgate Community School District, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Fifty-Nine Million Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$59,475,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

B

erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to Anderson High School; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school buildings; erecting, equipping, preparing, developing, and improving athletic fields and facilities, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

C

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2020, under current law, is 1.58 mills (\$1.58 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-six (26) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 4.21 mills (\$4.21 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$30,740,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0.00. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

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The district will send bonds totaling \$59,475,000 over one or more series (in this case, Southgate Community Schools plans to sell bonds in two series).

B

This is a high-level list of projects the district is proposing to complete with proceeds generated by the bond. For a more inclusive list, see the previous pages of this FAQ document.

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The proposed bond program is a **ZERO-TAX-RATE-INCREASE PROPOSAL**. The tax rate you are currently paying will not change if this bond successfully passes. This district does not plan to borrow money from the state to pay this bond. Estimated millage rates may change. Bond money is monitored by the state and cannot be used for operating expenses such as salaries.

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Q: How are other communities addressing the needs of their school districts?

School District	Debt Millage Rate (mills)	Sinking Fund Rate (mills)	District Enrollment (number of students)
ECORSE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	13.0000	3.0000	1172
CITY OF HARPER WOODS SCHOOLS	13.0000	0.0000	1784
RIVER ROUGE CITY SCHOOLS	13.0000	0.0000	2004
ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	12.0000	0.0000	3795
FLAT ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	11.2200	0.0000	1948
REDFORD UNION SCHOOL DIST	8.7500	0.0000	3278
ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	8.2500	3.0000	2930
SOUTH REDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT	8.1000	1.9910	3660
TRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	7.4300	0.0000	2573
LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT	7.3500	0.0000	3867
LINCOLN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	7.3500	1.4380	4921
HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT	7.0000	0.0000	2599
WOODHAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	7.0000	0.9778	5227
GIBRALTAR SCHOOL DISTRICT	6.8300	0.4958	3563
WYANDOTTE CITY SCHOOL DIST	6.0000	0.0000	4715
SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	5.8500	0.0000	3,500

*Information for millage rates sourced from LEA and reflects data as of 8/19/2020. District enrollment data sourced from RESA website and reflects data as of Fall 2017.

Q: What can I do if I have more questions about the bond proposal?

For more information on the proposal, visit www.southgateschools.com/bond

You are also welcome to contact Superintendent, Jill Pastor, at (734) 246-4600.

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