



FACT SHEET

WLCSD 2013 Safety, Security & Technology Bond

1. In July 2013, the Board of Education approved a motion to ask the residents of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District to consider a \$67.5 million Safety, Security & Technology Bond.
2. The election is Tuesday, November 5, 2013.
3. The millage necessary to cover the debt payments for the \$67.5 million Safety, Security & Technology Bond will average .99 mils with the first year requiring .78 mils. The first year it would cost a home owner \$78/year for a \$200,000 home (SEV of \$100,000). The average millage over the life of the bonds is expected to be .99 which would mean a cost of \$99/year for a \$200,000 home. This is less than \$2 per week. This is a 30-year Bond; however, with refunding/refinancing of previous bonds, WLCSD has been able to pay our previous bonds off in less time.
4. The 2013 Bond is the third phase of a three-phase safety and security plan, the District initiated last year.
 - **Phase I** of the plan began in December 2012 with the District locking all of the school doors during school hours and hiring door monitors to ensure those entering buildings are identified.
 - **Phase II** of the plan included installing entrance intercom systems in all schools with Sinking Fund proceeds. Phase II was completed this summer.
 - **Phase III** of the plan is the 2013 Safety, Security & Technology Bond.
5. The 2013 Safety, Security & Technology Bond includes:
 - Comprehensive video surveillance systems.
 - Entrance and office modifications in all of our schools.
 - Keyless entry throughout the District.
 - Upgraded Fire Alarms and mass notification systems.
 - Emergency backup generators and emergency lighting upgrades.
 - Emergency responder signage.
 - Replacement of the District phone system and master clock systems.
 - Essential technology upgrades in all of the schools and classrooms to ensure equitable facilities that the entire community can enjoy.
 - Purchase replacement buses. (NOTE: The District will continue to own all buses and the transportation assets. They will also continue to purchase the fuel from a regional consortium for our transportation needs from the General Fund.)
 - Other much needed specific repair and renovation projects.
6. As a result of a declining general operating budget, Walled Lake Schools cannot make these upgrades with the current budget. The District continues to make reductions annually.
7. The 2013 Safety, Security & Technology Bond **cannot be used for:**
 - General Operating Budget expenses.
 - Salaries or benefits.
 - Anything other than what is listed in the bond application that was submitted to the State of Michigan.