

February 2, 2024

Dear Walled Lake Schools community:

Over the past two decades, our partnership with the community has allowed our students and graduates to make a difference across our region and around the world. Our school district and community have worked together to ensure strong programs in academics, the arts, and athletics. Our facilities have been well-maintained, making our community a destination that attracts new families moving into the region.

Our community engages with and supports the work of the district. Senior adults volunteer in our schools and help with reading programs. Parents and guardians are active in our PTAs/PTSAs, assisting with the music programs and our various academic and athletic programs. Our students volunteer across our community to help local organizations (both businesses and nonprofits) provide hope to those in need. Working together, the community and the district are stronger.

In the spirit of community and district partnership, during last night's meeting, the Walled Lake Schools' Board of Education selected G&D Associates to support the district's comprehensive strategic planning process. The district's strategic planning process will include considerable opportunities for community stakeholder input related to the future of our school district.

As we look to the future, the Walled Lake Schools' Board of Education continues to ensure that our facilities and programs reflect excellence. Just as houses and businesses maintain their facilities and update technology, so does our school district. With that in mind, last night, the Walled Lake Schools' Board of Education also approved moving forward with a \$250 million bond election on May 7, 2024. This proposal will result in a decrease in the millage rate.

The 2024 bond proposal is focused on student safety, educational opportunities, technology, and facilities; the millage rates associated with this proposal will provide a tax decrease for residents. Over the past two decades, our community has supported bond proposals in 2019, 2013, and 2004. As a result of their past investment, our school district and our students have been able to thrive.

A list of the 2024 bond projects, by school, will be published on the District's website, in late February, as well as the bond language, frequently asked questions, videos, and other information. To help inform our community, the District will host a series of informational bond meetings over the next several months. Meeting dates, locations, and times will also be on our bond webpage. I encourage you to attend one or more of these important information sessions.

We welcome your continued partnership with us on this transformative journey for our school district through strategic planning and the May 7 bond election. If you have any questions along the way, please feel free to submit them via email at info@wlcsd.org or feel free to use our 2024 Bond [question submission form](#). As we establish the next chapter in the Walled Lake

Consolidated School District's history, we are not just building structures; we are constructing a legacy of excellence that will endure for generations to come.

Thank you for your continued engagement with and support of the mission of Walled Lake!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools