



Vote May 7

Bond 2024

# What's on the Ballot?



- Election Day May 7, 2024
- Total Bond Proposal is \$250,085,000 touching every facility in the District
- Tax decrease of .08 mills

Tax Impact

OB millage decrease



#### How was this bond developed?

#### Jan 2023 – June 2023

Plante Moran Realpoint Study revealed the following:

- Enrollment declining leveling off around 11,500 students
- Current District footprint at 16,000 students

#### **Sept 2023 – Dec 2023**

Recommendation from Committee included:

- Maintain 3 High Schools; expand CTE offerings
- Repurpose a Middle School
- Close ESC and Twin Sun relocate these offices/programs
- Move ATP to a new facility
- Consider a Bond Program / Beginning 2025

#### **Dec 2023**

Board approved Recommendation for Bond 2024





# Bond 2024 Areas of Focus







Infrastructure Improvements



#### **Safety and Security**

Completed a review of all buildings and security systems by Secure Education Consultants. While the District does many things well, report identified areas to improve which are addressed below:

- Upgrade and enhance existing video surveillance system
- Upgrade and enhance existing electronic door controls throughout the district
- Enhance public address systems across the district
- Improved emergency responder systems
- Hardening of physical buildings using up-to-date technologies









#### **Technology Enhancements**

- Fiber optic network updates across the District
- Digital signage at all schools
- Updated networking equipment to further facilitate high-speed network connectivity within and between buildings
- Updated student devices
- New video displays and audio systems in each classroom for brighter and higher resolution capabilities











#### **Elementary School Upgrades**

- Playground equipment enhancement
- New digital signs
- New flag poles and lights
- Paving, sidewalks, and roadway upgrades
- Replacement of North Entry Canopy at Glengary
- Interior renovations (ceilings, carpet, LED lights where needed) and HVAC/electrical upgrades at multiple buildings
- Replacement of Wixom Elementary School on new site, aligned with City of Wixom Master Plan









#### **High School Upgrades**

- Interior upgrades at Northern and Central high schools focused on media centers, classrooms, collaboration spaces, etc.
- Infrastructure upgrades at Northern and Central high schools (i.e. lockers, flooring, windows, roofs, HVAC, & electrical) where needed
- Site upgrades (stadium lights, paving & sidewalk replacement)
- Continuation of upgrades at Western HS focused on fine and performing arts and athletic areas







#### Alignment at our Middle Schools

- Consolidation of 4 schools into 3, aligning with enrollment projections
- 3 versus 4 schools allows equitable spaces for enriched programming at each location
- After successful passage of Bond 2024, the District would study our middle school programs/spaces to ensure the most optimum outcome for the students and community









#### **Additional Upgrades**

- New home for ATP, Twin Sun, ESC functions
- Interior and exterior upgrades to the Outdoor Education Center
- Upgrades to Operations Building



#### Phase 3 of Facility Study (Sept – Dec 2024)

#### **SHOULD THE BOND PASS**

- Elementary Schools
  - How to manage universal Pre-K
  - Impact of a new elementary school
- Middle Schools
  - Boundaries / Facility to be repurposed
- High Schools
  - Programming changes, including building schedules
- Special Education
  - Alignment of program classrooms
  - New footprint for ATP to account for anticipated growth

#### IF THE BOND DOES NOT PASS

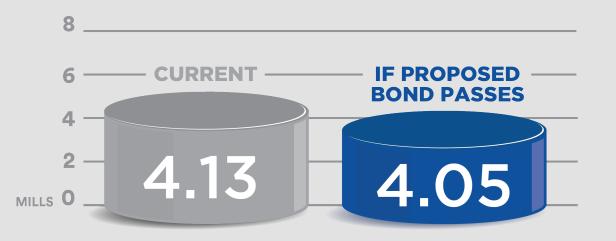
- Elementary Schools
  - How to manage universal Pre-K
- Middle Schools
  - Facility to be closed
- High Schools
  - Building schedule alignment, assessment of how long we can operate 3 schools with declining enrollment
- Special Education
  - Alignment of program classrooms
  - How to manage the growth of ATP in our existing facilities



#### **Tax Impact and Comparison**

#### .08 DECREASE

TO THE CURRENT BOND MILLAGE RATE



Walled Lake ranks 23<sup>rd</sup> lowest of 28 Oakland County Districts for bond debt millage rate



### In Summary, Importance of Bond 2024

The Board of Education believes Bond 2024 will benefit students and the community in a variety of ways, including:

- Continuing our strong focus on the safety and security of our students and staff
- Offering spaces, programs, and technology that engage students and promote a dynamic, collaborative, and stimulating atmosphere
- Providing improved environmental quality and operational efficiency by continuing to update outdated building systems/finishes
- Aligning our district footprint with enrollment projections, and providing comparable learning opportunities for all students
- Protecting our residential property values by having a strong and solid school system

#### **For More Information**

- Visit the District website at <u>www.wlcsd.org/bond</u>
- Information will be posted regularly in the District's
   Weekly Update and on District's social media platforms
- Submit questions via email at info@wlcsd.org





Thank You

### Questions?

Please Vote May 7