



BUILDING OPPORTUNITY



**BOND
2024**

ENSURING TOMORROW

What's on the May 7th Ballot?

Voters in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District will consider a bond proposal focused on creating a modern learning environment for students along with updating our facilities related to health, safety, security, energy conservation, and more.

The proposal authorizes the issuance of \$250 million in bonds, touching every building in our District, while decreasing our bond debt millage rate.

Tax Impact of Bond 2024

.08 millage decrease

Bond 2024 Areas of Focus



Safety & Security



Technology Upgrades



Program Enhancements



Infrastructure Improvements



Dear WLCSD 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/PTSA's, 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.

Throughout 2023, the district engaged with stakeholders to study the future footprint of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District. Their work, which is scheduled to continue through next fall, has a vision of expanded opportunities for students and ensuring our district remains a leader not only in our region, but in the state for many years to come. To show their support, our Board of Education has decided unanimously to pursue a new strategic plan and to support a \$250 million bond proposal which will be on the ballot on May 7, 2024.

Just as houses and businesses maintain their facilities and update technology, so does our school district. 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 similar bond proposals in 2019, 2013, 2004, 2000, and 1996. As a result of their past investment, our school district and our students have been able to thrive.

I encourage you to inform yourself about the upcoming election, and I welcome your continued partnership with us on this transformative journey for our school district. If you have any questions along the way, please feel free to submit them via email at info@wlcsl.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!

Dr. John Bernia,
Superintendent

Vote on or before May 7, 2024

Questions?

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Program Enhancements

Goals of Bond 2024

- Continue safety and security upgrades throughout the district
- Upgrade our schools to support expanded learning opportunities
- Increase operational efficiencies and reduce energy and utility costs
- Upgrade current technology
- Implement major capital improvements while reducing the current debt millage rate by 0.08 mills

Elementary 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



New Wixom Elementary



Artist Rendering

Originally built in 1949, Wixom Elementary will be replaced on a new site owned by the District. It will result in a state-of-the-art facility as well as improved storm water management measures, right of way improvements, and traffic safety devices.

Alignment at our Middle Schools

Consolidation of 4 schools into 3 allows equitable spaces for enriched programming at each location while meeting the District's Strategic Plan. The District will study middle school alignment to assure the most optimum solution for our students and staff. With passage of the bond, money would be allocated to the repurposing of one of our middle schools.



Additional Upgrades

- New home for ATP, Twin Sun, ESC functions
- Upgrades to Operations Building

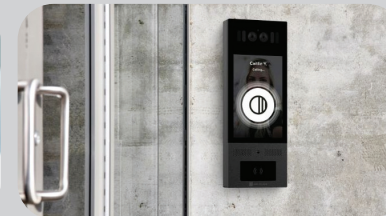
Outdoor Education Center

- Sidewalk Replacement
- Upgrade Ropes Course
- Roofing
- Stabilize basement wall
- Siding and renovation at Dorms
- Energy management system updates
- Faucet replacement to touchless in classrooms and new water heaters
- Interior renovation (carpet replacement, cabinet replacement, restroom upgrades)
- Kitchen renovation



Safety & Security

- 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

- 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

Upgrades at our High Schools

Northern High School

- Major interior upgrades (media center, science classrooms, teacher prep)
- Window and roof replacements
- Locker room updates
- Pool timing system and scoreboard upgrades
- Pool filtration system upgrades
- Energy management systems enhancements (air handling units and hot water heaters)
- Electrical updates (LED lights)
- Paving & sidewalk replacement
- Stadium lights, irrigation at playing fields

Central High School

- Major interior upgrades (wrestling & fitness area, media center/learning commons, science classrooms, computer labs, collaboration areas, ESC POD, and Innovation Hub)
- Window and roof replacements
- Locker room upgrades
- Refinish wood floor
- Energy management systems enhancements (replace boilers, chillers, air handling units and hot water heaters)
- Electrical upgrades (distribution system, LED lights)
- Paving & sidewalk replacement
- Stadium lights

Continuation of Upgrades to Western High School

- Paving & sidewalk upgrades
- Stadium lights
- New restrooms at tennis/baseball area
- Window and siding replacement
- Roof replacements
- Renovations to fine arts, performing arts, and athletic areas
- Pool and gym bleacher replacement
- HVAC and electrical distribution system upgrades



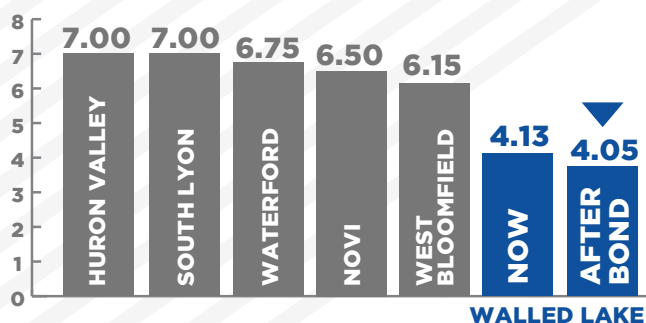


Financial & Election Info

Tax Impact of Bond 2024

Bond 2024, estimated at \$250 million will not increase the tax rate. If the bond passes, our annual debt millage is expected to decrease by .08 mills. This decrease is achievable by restructuring the debt and extending the millage rate. This keeps the WLCSD bond debt rate among the lowest in the area.

Debt Millage Comparison



Walled Lake ranks 23rd lowest of 28 Oakland County Districts for bond debt millage rate.



Nationwide research has shown that improving school district facilities may:

- Protect and improve property values
- Create a positive impact on student enrollment

Savings Provided by Bond 2024

- HVAC system upgrades provide more efficient systems and operational cost savings
- Replacing existing lighting with LED fixtures provides considerable energy cost savings
- Emergency backup generators will allow the District to continue instruction when there is a power outage
- Significant service and repair costs will be saved with the new technology systems, the multi-function copiers, and most other new systems
- Upgraded energy management systems will conserve energy and significantly reduce energy and utility costs

Early Voting on Site

Early voting is open nine (9) consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday before the election and ending on the Sunday before the election. Early voting is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except on Thursday when the hours are noon to 8:00 p.m.

Commerce, Walled Lake, Wixom, Wolverine Lake Commerce Twp. Community Library
180 E. Commerce Rd.
Commerce Twp., MI 48382

Farmington Hills Costick Activities Center
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Commerce, West Bloomfield, Orchard Lake West Bloomfield Twp. Public Library
4600 Walnut Lake Rd.
WB Twp., MI 48323

White Lake Highland Twp. Hall Auditorium
205 N. John St.
Highland, MI 48357

Novi Novi Civic Center
45175 Ten Mile
Novi, MI 48375

All - Central County Facility Waterford Oaks Activity Center
2800 Watkins Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48328

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