Okemos Community,

Thank you for your steadfast support of Okemos Public Schools and the shared responsibility that we have in preparing learners to succeed each day.

The Board of Education and district administration continue to work diligently to be good stewards of the financial public investments that our community entrust to us. As we look to the future of educating our community's children, we continue working to achieve our mission of "Together…educating with excellence, inspiring each learner for life."

Currently, the district is evaluating school, building and grounds improvements needed to meet our instructional model, enrollment increases seen over the last decade, as well as to address pressing issues of aging infrastructure. Looking ahead to a potential 2022 bond program, with a **continuation of the current millage rate**, the district has a significant opportunity to work with our community in re-imagining the future of our facilities and grounds. The next year will involve many important information gathering activities such as a thorough facility assessment, comprehensive interviews with staff, and solicitation of feedback from community members.

To that end, we are asking that you please take a few minutes to read the attached OPS bond facts publication and to complete the linked initial survey regarding facility and grounds needs in the district. Your feedback is essential as we consider how to best serve Okemos students, staff and the community as we move forward. The survey will be open until November 3rd.
Thank you in advance for your time and input.

John J. Hood
Superintendent