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Okemos Community:

Last year, Okemos Public Schools began a collaborative process to evaluate needs across the district. This summer the Board of Education unanimously voted to call for an election on a bond proposal for consideration by our voters. On November 8th, voters in the Okemos community will weigh in on a comprehensive ballot proposal which, if approved, is expected to maintain the current tax rate for our residents. The major projects in the proposal would:

- replace Cornell Elementary, Chippewa Middle School and Kinawa Middle School
- construct secure school entry corridors at all school buildings
- construct a new car line and additional learning space at Hiawatha
- replace building roofs, insulation, and mechanical systems where needed
- address aging infrastructure in every school building
- address aging and undersized fine arts and athletics facilities
- replace student “1 to 1” learning devices and classroom technology
- purchase flexible learning furniture in classrooms
- gradually replace our aging bus fleet
- allow the district to meet these needs, while preserving the district’s limited general fund for student programming.

The [district’s website](#) contains information that provides greater detail on the bond proposal, answers to frequently asked questions, and gives background information. To access this information directly, please scan the QR code or click on the link below:



[Okemos Schools Bond Information](#)

I invite you to watch a brief [introductory bond video](#) and encourage sharing of these resources with others as our goal is to inform the community about this important ballot proposal. And please, remember to vote November 8th!

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