

Flushing Community Schools: Bond Proposal Overview

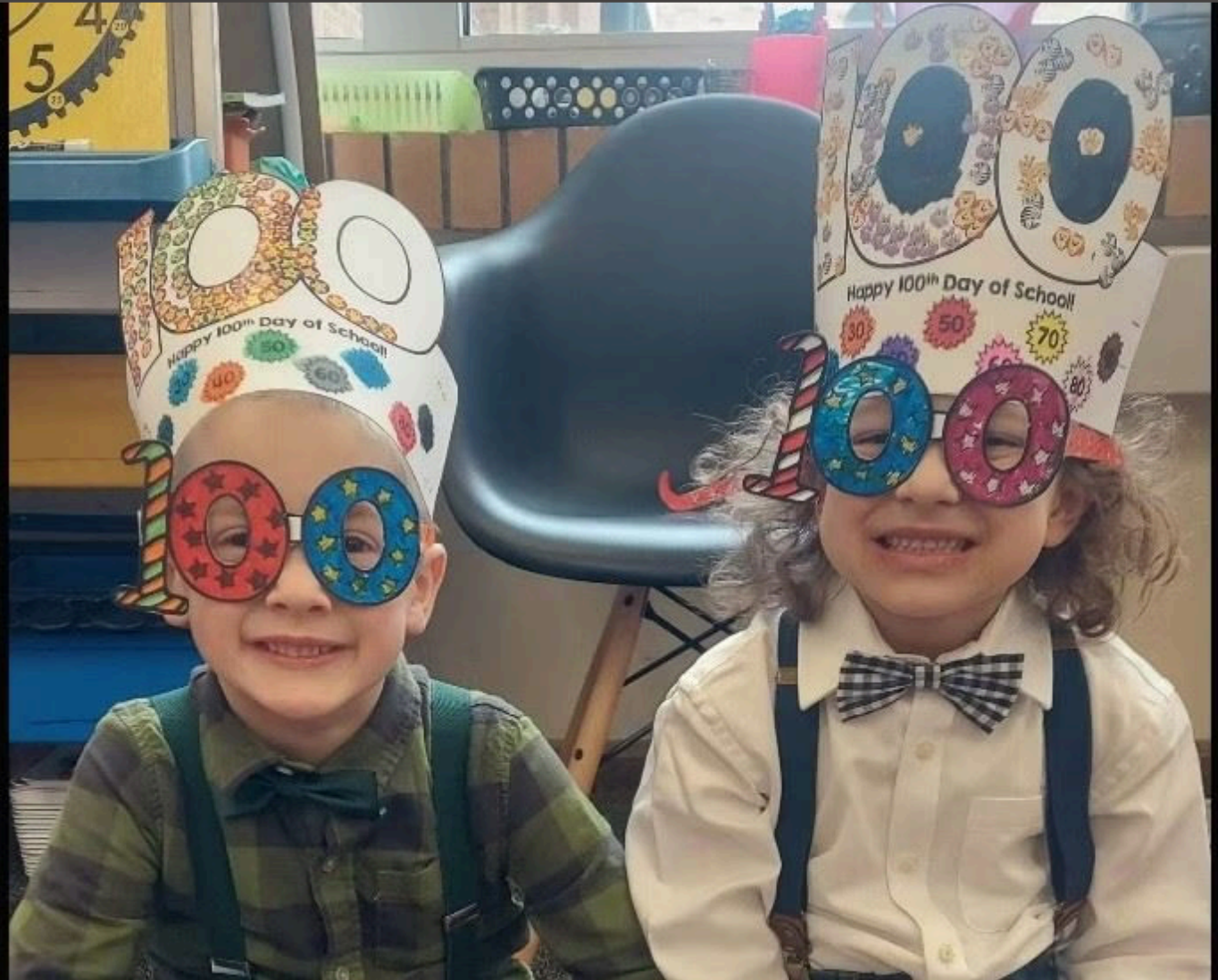
VOTE MAY 7, 2024

The essential facts about the upcoming bond proposal.



"Safeguarding Our Future"

**Celebrating
100 days of
school!**





NO CHANGE to the Current Tax Rate

1 \$23.55M Initiative

Funds earmarked for comprehensive school improvements over the next 6-24 months.

2 Zero Mill Increase

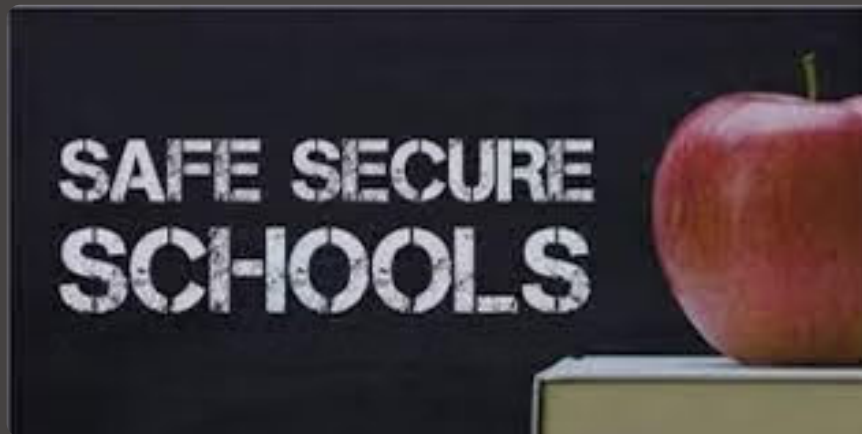
Maintains the current debt levy, respecting the Flushing community's financial position.

3 This is an extension of the current 3.18 millage rate that has already been voter approved.

Bonds will be sold beginning in 2024- 20 year term.

Safety and Security





1 Advanced Systems

Upgraded software and hardware will bolster building security. From coded door entry systems for employees and guests to the installation of additional security cameras

2 Secure Entries

New secondary entryways where necessary to ensure student safety

3 Ballistic Film

Additional protective measure to ensure student safety. This would significantly delay the entry of any intruder.

SAFE & SECURE SCHOOLS





















Investment in Instructional Technology

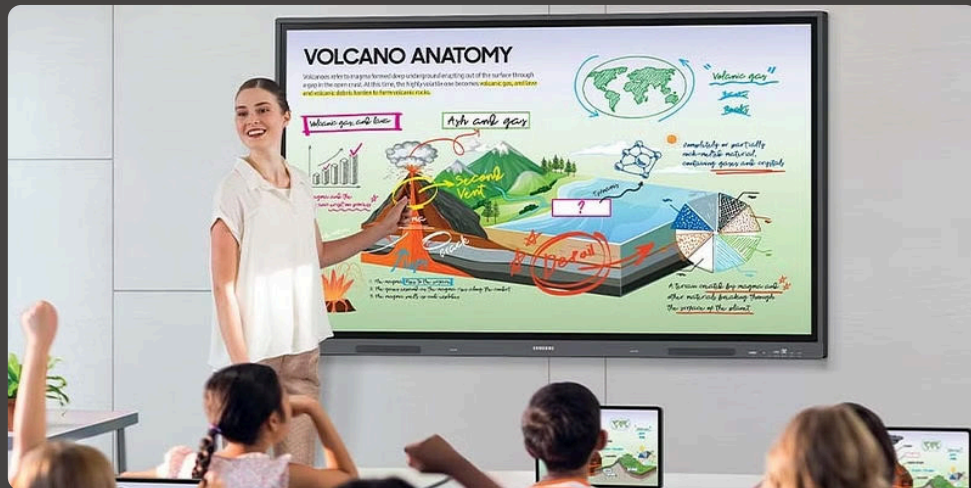
Interactive

In-Class Technology

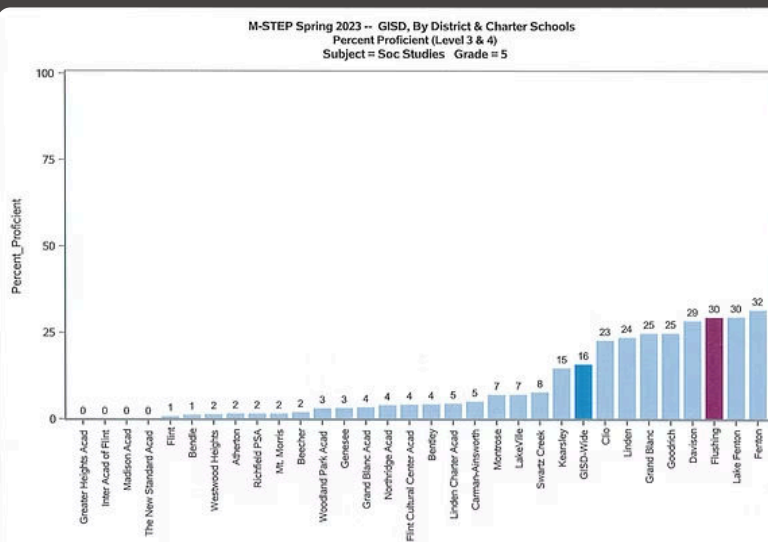
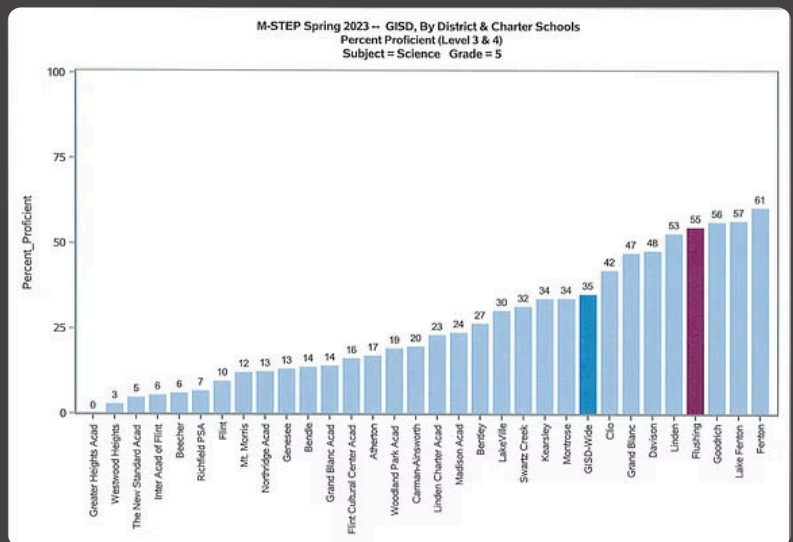
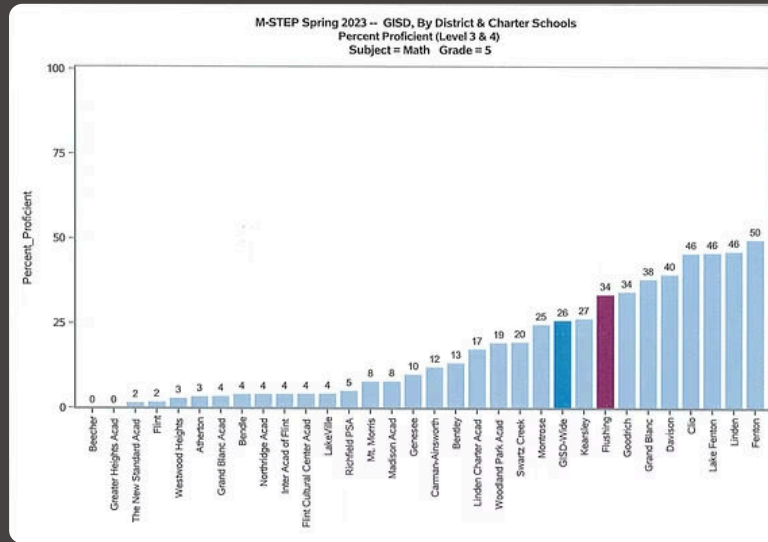
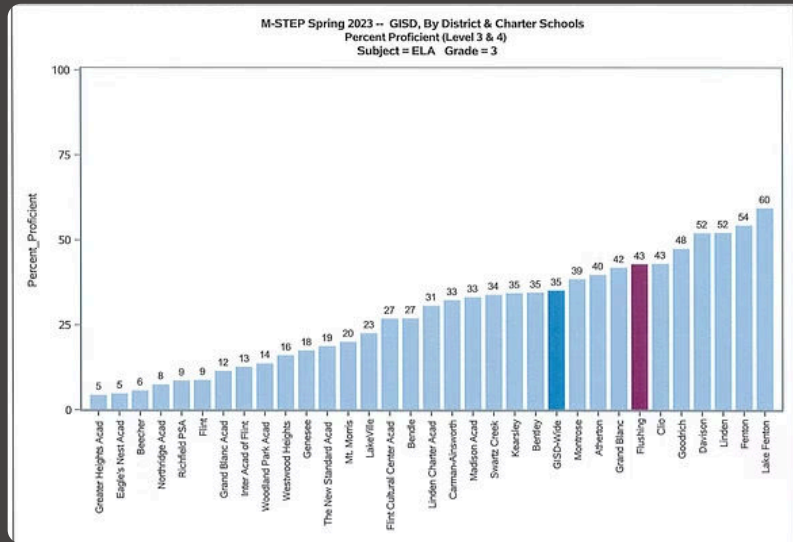
Modernizing tools to elevate the learning experience. Including immersive, and interactive technology such as virtual reality or smartboards meant to enhance the school experience and aid in learning for all students

Forward Thinking

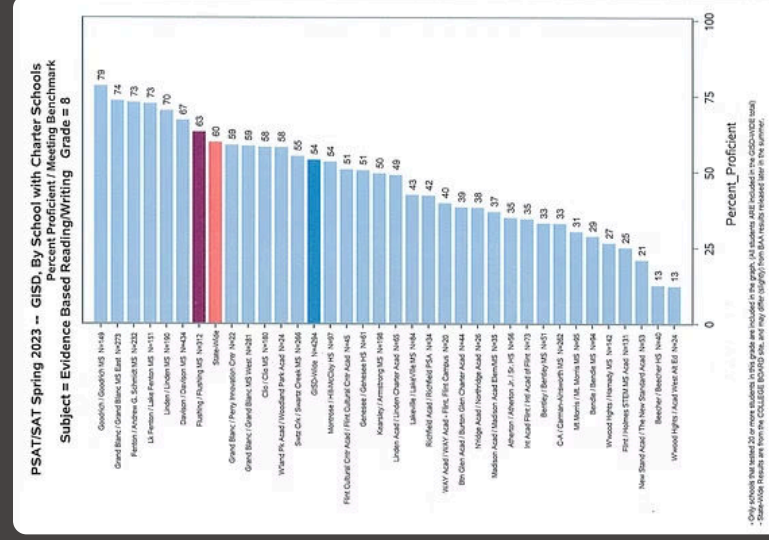
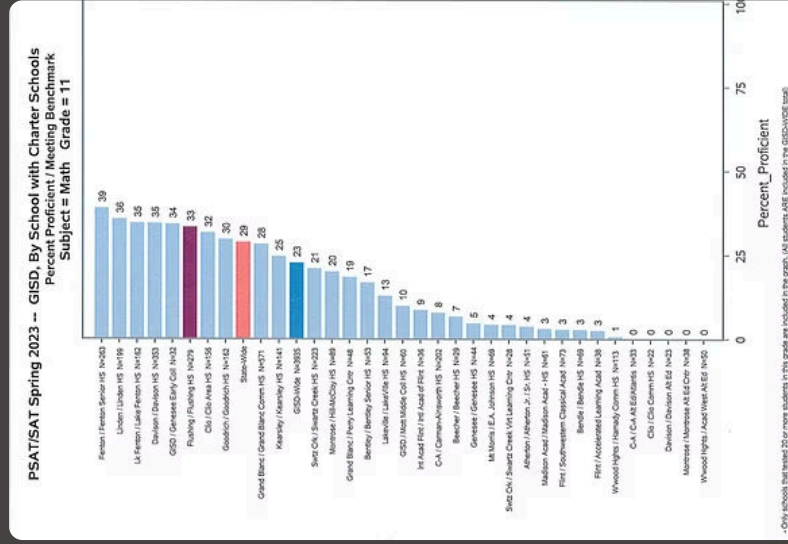
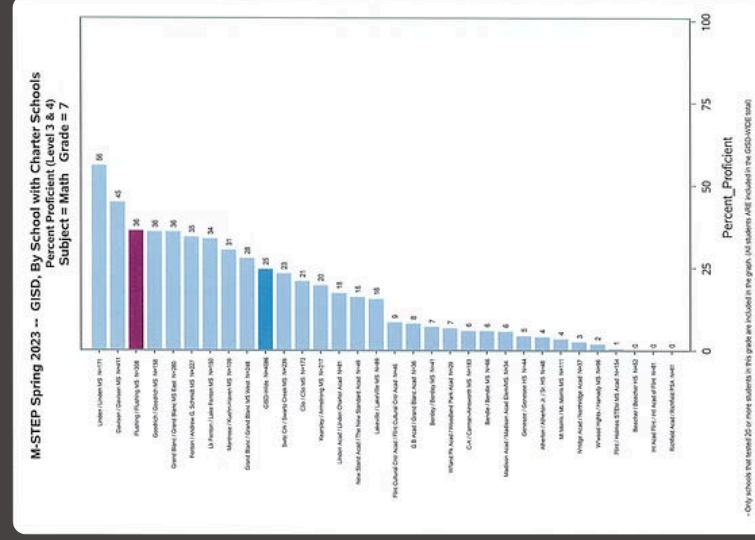
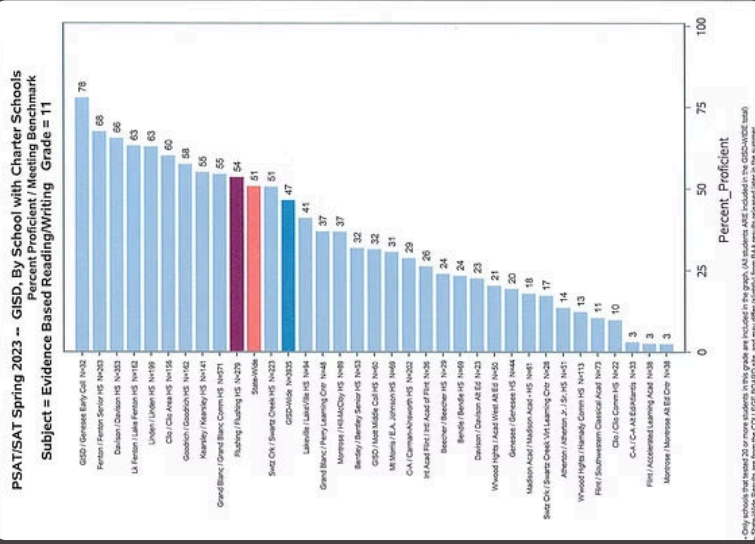
Decisions utilizing latest research and led by recommendations from instructional technology teams made up of our 231 instructional staff members.



Just One Snapshot, One Indicator...



Secondary - One Snapshot, One Indicator



The Challenges our Kids are Facing...

The Real world is walking through the front door every single day. This has created a number of challenges for schools, which has resulted in a greater number of resources being allocated to address these challenges.

- Depression/ Mental Health Challenges**
- Physical Health Challenges - Obesity**
- Sleep deprivation**
- Toxic Stress/ Anxiety/ Apathy/ Attendance issues (Truancy)**
- Social Media/ Telephone Addiction**
- Escalation of CPI referrals**
- Growing number of EI/ CI/ ASD/ ADHD challenges**

ACES Scores (Adverse Childhood Experiences) that are continuing to escalate... Loss of loved one, divorce, economic hardship, verbal/emotional/ physical/ sexual abuse, witnessing domestic abuse, violence toward the mother, substance abuse, lack of child support being paid, unstable employment/difficulties, living with a relative, arrest of a parent or relative. Any other significant trauma or systemic stress has a dramatic impact on a students ability to learn. Look at the Research!

Ages 5-18 - 12.5% / 87.5% - We need to continue to be positive partners in support of all of our students.

Elementary Playground Enhancements



1 Asphalt Updates

Necessary improvements for safe and enjoyable play spaces.

2 Rejuvenating Play

Aiming to provide durable and welcoming play areas for children.



















Auditorium Upgrades

1 Acoustic Excellence

Installing an updated crystal clear sound system.

2 Visual Refresh

New Carpet installed and stage to be refinished

3 Enhanced Lighting

Upgraded lighting system to enhance the overall experience for performers and patrons















HVAC System Enhancements

1 Climate Control

Extending A/C to gyms and cafeterias for comfortable learning spaces.



2 Comprehensive Upgrades that were not part of our last bond project.

Our students already enjoy a climate controlled classroom.







Athletic Complex Improvements

1

Resurface Tennis Courts

2

Remodel/ Update Baseball and Softball Fields, including new press boxes, backstops/ netting, dugouts and bleachers. Update/ Renovate grass soccer facility.

3

New Asphalt paving at baseball fields/ tennis courts

4

Resurface Northeast Parking lot @FHS

5

Construct a new 3500 seat multi-use athletic field and track that includes:

- Restrooms and Concession buildings

- Synthetic turf field

- Track and field event space

- Home and Visitor team rooms as well as officials room.

- Used for P.E. Class, Band, Track, Lacrosse, Soccer, Football etc.



































Why do we need this upgrade?

















**After the First Rain of the Season...*



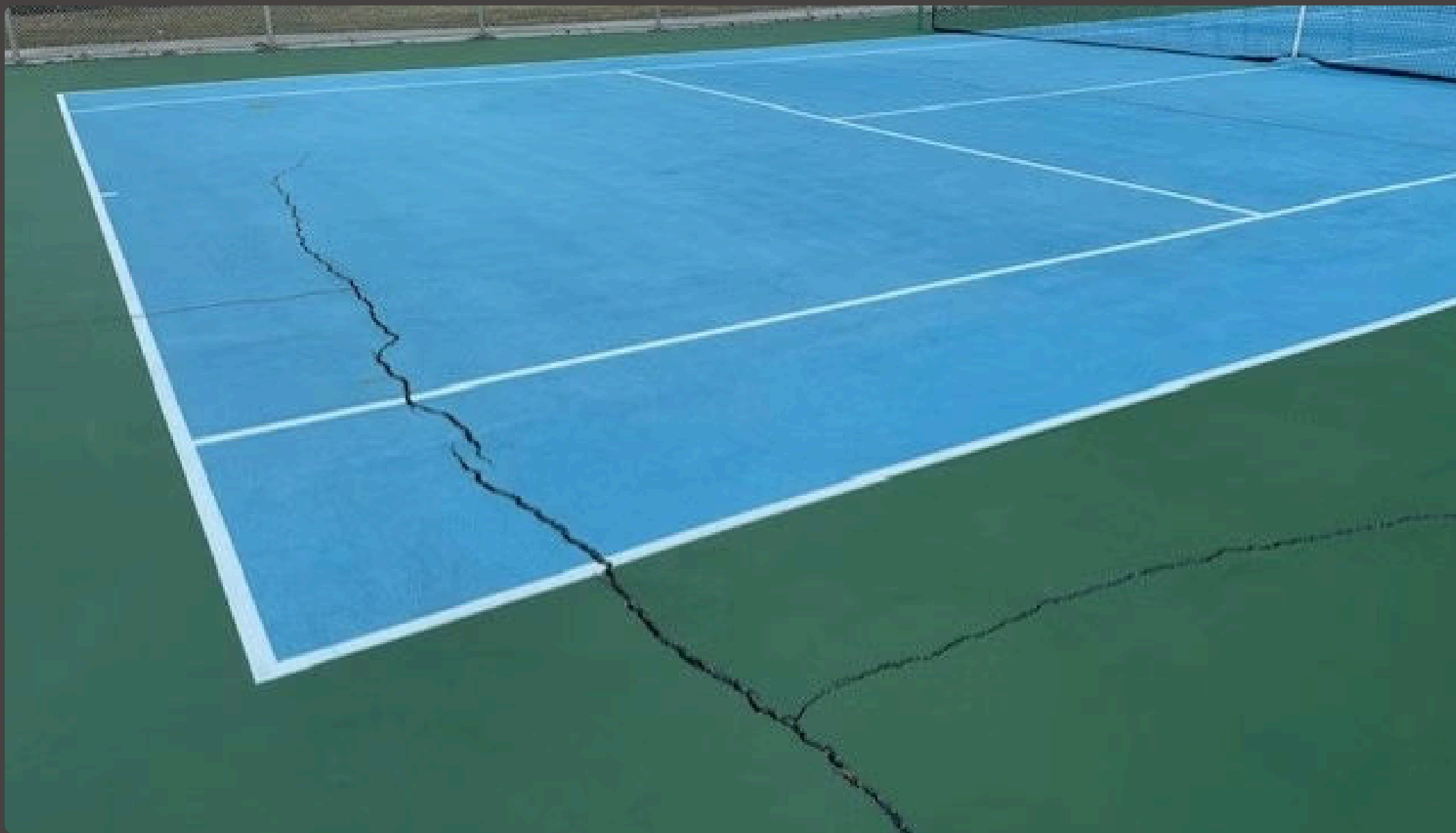


CONCESSIONS



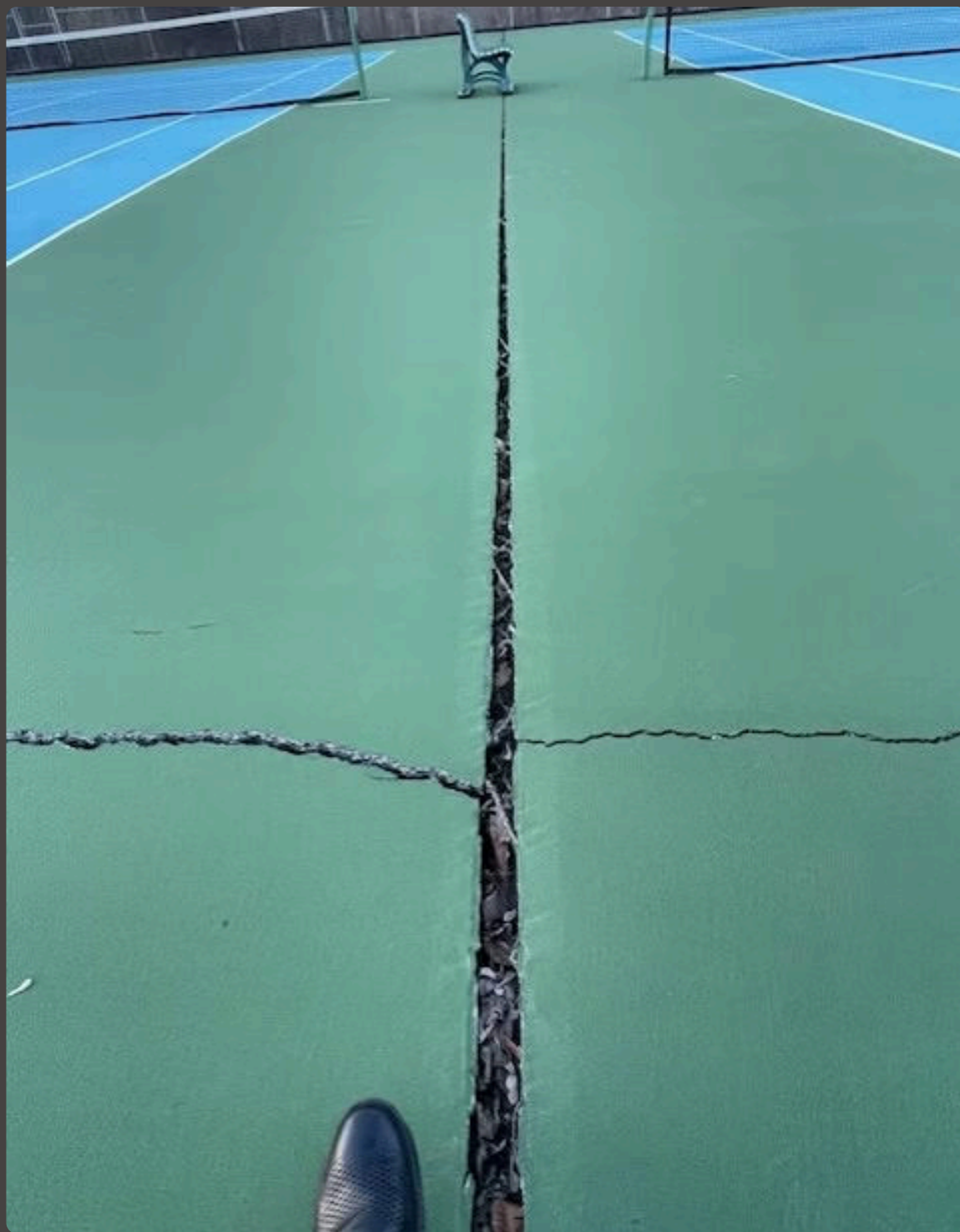














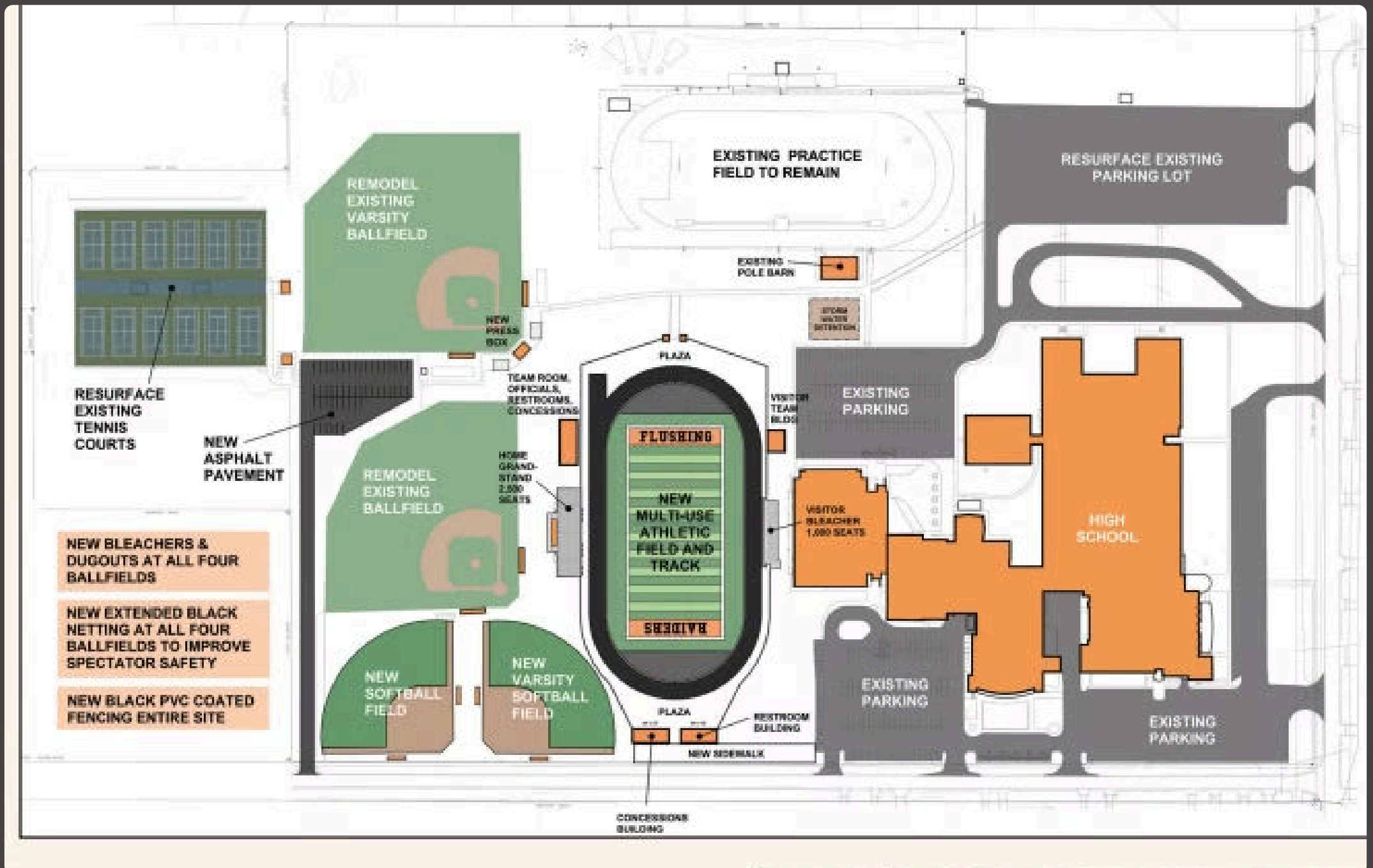


Benefits of building a new Multi-Purpose Athletic Facility

We'd have the ability to utilize the turf field year-round for practices, games, training, and potentially hold other large events. Right now, we use Raider Field approximately 20 days per year. My educated guess is our coaches, teachers, and athletes would use the field over 250-280 days per year.

- Our maintenance crew would be given hundreds of hours back to work in other areas of the district. (mowing, painting lines, treating the field)
- We'd be able to host large events that we can't host now: Marching Band Competitions, track meets with more than 3 teams, post-season football, soccer and lacrosse beyond the district level.)
- Parking space would be plentiful and no longer worry about vehicles getting stuck in the grassy/ muddy parking lot.
- Concessions and restrooms that would be used for all Fall and Spring sports teams.
- We could finally provide shelter for spectators and teams for inclement weather
- We would catch up to our other county schools in relation to our outdoor facilities. Of the 12 schools in the FML, we are one of three still playing on natural grass. All of our outdoor facilities need time, attention, and resources.
- Our current track facility has no running water, no electricity (need to use generator for events). We cannot host large events due to bleacher space, and our bathrooms are not easily accessible. We are the only FML school to have to decline hosting league meets due to facility. The sound, lighting, infield and running surface is in serious need of an upgrade.

Tentative Blueprint of High School Campus after Renovations



School Improvement Millage Rate Comparison (Genesee County)

Mt. Morris	2.00 Mills
Flint	2.82 Mills
Kearsley	2.90 Mills
Flushing	3.18 Mills Now and if approved
Clio	3.75 Mills
Swartz Creek	3.90 Mills
Carman-Ainsworth	4.10 Mills
Linden	4.19 Mills
Fenton	5.00 Mills
Davison	5.14 Mills
Grand Blanc	6.30 Mills
Montrose	7.00 Mills
Goodrich	7.75 Mills
Bendle	13.00 Mills
Genesee	14.64 Mills

Flushing Community Schools currently features one of the lowest school improvement debt millage rates in the county.

School Improvement Millages Approved in the last 5 years (\$ Dollar Value)

Montrose	15.9 Million
Kearsley	21.6 Million
FLUSHING **IF APPROVED	23.5 Million
Brandon	26.1 Million
Clio	40.6 Million
Owosso	45.5 Million
Swartz Creek	48 Million
Linden	55 Million
Davison	71.4 Million
Grand Blanc	87 Million
Holly	97 Million
Fenton	122.5 Million

What is a "Mill"?

A "mill" is a unit of property tax measurement used in the context of a school millage. It represents one-tenth of one percent (0.001) of the taxable value of a property. The millage rate is used to calculate the amount of property tax that property owners will pay to support local schools.

<u>House Value</u>	<u>Taxable Value (est.)</u>	<u>3.18 mills/annual \$</u>	<u>Diff. If Approved</u>
\$80,000	\$40,000	\$127.20 a year	\$0 No Change
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$159.00 a year	\$0 No Change
\$120,000	\$60,000	\$190.80 a year	\$0 No Change
\$140,000	\$70,000	\$222.60 a year	\$0 No Change
\$160,000	\$80,000	\$254.40 a year	\$0 No Change
\$180,000	\$90,000	\$286.20 a year	\$0 No Change
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$318.00 a year	\$0 No Change
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If Approved, your current tax rate for approved school improvement bonds will not change. It will stay 3.18 mills, rather than roll back, as dictated by the Headlee Amendment of 1994. Because Property Values have gone up rapidly in the last few years, the entire 3.18 mills can no longer be levied without approval of the voters! Without voter approval, the levy is expected to rollback .45 mills to 2.73 Mills next year, which will be the second lowest millage rate of the 21 public school districts in the county. The savings if defeated is equal to \$45 a year for someone with a \$200,000 house, less than \$4 a month, less than \$1 a week.

If this Fails on May 7th.....

Owner of a \$100,000 house will save \$22.50 a year

\$1.87 a month or 43 cents a week

Owner of a \$150,000 house will save \$33.75 a year

\$2.81 a month or 64 cents a week

Owner of a \$200,000 house will save \$45.00 a year

\$3.75 a month or 86 cents a week

*estimate based on actual taxable values

**" The Superior Quality of
Flushing Community Schools **is a**
Foundational Pillar of Flushing
Area Property Values"**

-Justin Ham

Ham Realty Group

"Highly regarded school districts such as Flushing tend to attract more buyers as parents prioritize providing their children with a quality education. As a result homes within these districts experience increased demand leading to higher home values. If our school district is thriving so is the community and our home values."

-Kari Hartley

Re/Max Town and Country

Flushing schools **are** highly regarded
and often noted as a major contributor
to the increase in area home values,
indicating the high demand for
excellent education **among prospective**
homebuyers.

-Lyndsie Cook

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Great Schools Boost the Overall Value of Your Home.

School Districts can make or break a home sale.

Most people, when buying a home, are not buying just the house; they are buying a community and what it has to offer. Schools play a big part in that. If it's a top school system, people are willing to pay a little extra to get into that area. In fact, **30% of buyers between the ages of 33-42 named "quality of the school district" as a top factor in choosing their neighborhood** (2023 NAR Home Buyers and Seller Generational Trends). A desirable school district attracts buyers and can lead to increased demand for homes in that district, and homes in those districts tend to sell faster.

What characteristics make a school more desirable? According to a survey done by Realtor.com:

- 1 – High Test Scores and Accelerated Programs
- 2 - Modern, Interactive Technology in the Classroom
- 3 – Diversity and After-School Programs
- 4 – Modern, Well-Equipped Sports Facilities and Music Programs
- 5 – Advanced School Security Systems.

The presence of these amenities suggests a commitment to providing a comprehensive educational experience, making the surrounding properties more desirable. In fact, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research, property values increase by around \$20 for every \$1 spent on school funding.

There's no doubt that school districts play a crucial role in shaping home values; primarily because education is a key priority for so many families. As a result, homes located in sought after school districts tend to have higher property values and often provide a solid long-term investment opportunity.

Tara McNamara – Crown Real Estate Group

Flushing, MI

***Tentative School Improvement Millage Rate Schedule If Approved**

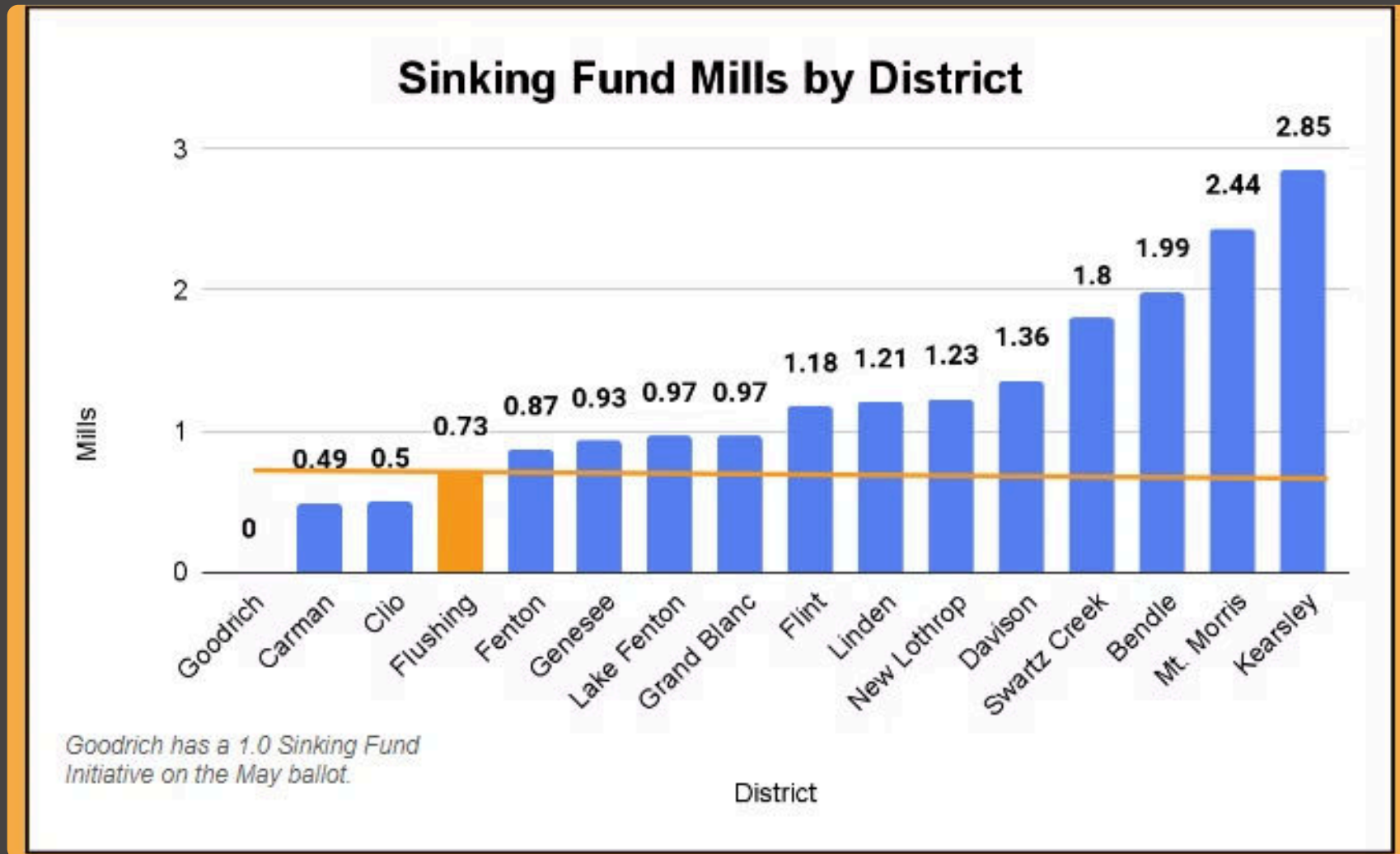
*Based on conservative annual growth of 3.5% until 2029 and annual growth of 1.46% thereafter

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Expected Millage Rate to Retire School Improvement Bond Debt</u>
2025-2032	3.18 Mills
2033	3.14 Mills
2034	3.09 Mills
2035	3.05 Mills
2036	3.01 Mills
2037	2.96 Mills
2038	2.92 Mills
2039	2.07 Mills
2040	2.04 Mills
2041	2.01 Mills
2042	1.98 Mills
2043	1.95 Mills
2044	1.92 Mills
2045	1.12 Mills

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What About the Sinking Fund?



The Sinking Fund for Flushing Community Schools has been overwhelmingly supported and voter approved by the Flushing community every 5 years since 1986. This millage raises roughly \$588,000 a year to handle necessary repairs within our district. Since 2016, this fund has been used to repair and install lockers, repave the front and side lots at Elms Elementary, repave the Seymour parking lot and bus loop, the High School bus loop, repair and resurfacing of gym floors, bathroom repairs, boiler repair at Springview, boiler replacement at Central Elementary, numerous ongoing roof repairs, including parts of Flushing High School, Flushing Middle School, and a large roof replacement planned for this spring/summer at the Early Childhood Center. This fund does not come close to meeting the extensive needs of our district included in this School Improvement bond.

Financial Position of the district

Annual Audit - Yeo and Yeo completes a thorough audit of every school related fund. Copy of Report is on our Transparency Page / Reported to board

Exemplary Audits - Highest approval, including "Unmodified" rating, meaning every aspect of the audit is as it should be, without any adjustment, modification, incongruence, or disagreement.

General Fund Balance of 16.4% or \$8.76 Million (22-23) - Best Practice recommendation from MSBO is a fund balance of 15-20%.

*Cash Flow, Payroll, Unknown Enrollment, favorable bond ratings, avoiding mid-year layoffs, emergency, avoid the need to borrow for payroll.

***July 1st - Work Starts; First State Aid payment in in mid/late October....**

*As you would expect....We have one of the lowest fund balances in the county because we are putting money into the classroom.

(14.8-16.4) <https://www.mischooldata.org/fund-balance>

"Safeguarding Our Future"

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and Community!

We want our kids to have the best school experience in all aspects. Academically, Artistically, Athletically and Social-Emotionally

Flushing Community Schools currently levies one of the lowest school improvement debt millage rates in the county, and that is not changing.

We have continued to be extremely Financially Responsible and sensitive to the financial climate of our community.

This is how significant structural school improvements are made in Michigan Schools. There is no other mechanism. In order for school districts to thrive, they need the support and the VOTE of the community!

Outcome and Benefits

Educational Quality

Enhanced facilities directly contribute to academic enrichment, ensuring the best learning environment for all of our students.

Community Value

Commitment to maintaining the district's positive educational reputation, positively impacting property Values.

Long-Term Investment

Funds projects that help us maintain our school districts standing as a destination district.

Protects General Fund Resources - A passed school improvement bond allows school districts to take care of needs in the district while protecting as many general fund resources as possible. Every project that gets completed with approved bond funds is a project that doesn't need to use general funds, therefore allowing more financial resources to flow to the classroom in support of students.

This will not raise your current tax rate!

Thank you!



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Any Questions?



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