

**RECREATION FUND**

**December 2024**

Date of Election: August 2, 2022

<b>MUNICIPALITY</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
City of Bridgman	421	147
Lake Charter Twp.	503	260
Baroda Twp.	17	15
Lincoln Twp.	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>422</b>

Total Votes – 1363

69% in favor of Recreation Fund Millage

31% against Recreation Fund Millage

*Ballot Language - This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy public recreation millage previously approved by the electors that will expire with the 2022 levy and restores a portion of that millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee: Amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963.*

*Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 0.4884 mill (\$0.04884 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be accessed against all property in Bridgman Public School District, Berrien County, Michigan, be renewed and also be increased by 0.016 mill (\$0.016 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a total of 0.5 mill, for a period of 10 years 2023 to 2032, inclusive to continue to provide funds for operating a system of public recreation and playgrounds; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2023 is approximately \$758,811 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2022 tax levy and a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" Amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963)?*

**Purpose of the Recreation Fund:**

The Recreation Fund supports the continued operation of public recreation programs, playgrounds, and the Bridgman Aquatic Center, as approved by voters in prior years. This dedicated funding ensures these valuable community resources remain accessible and sustainable.

**Problem:**

The district's general fund does not have sufficient resources to cover the operational costs of the Bridgman Aquatic Center and community recreation programs. Recreation Fund revenue is essential to address these long-term needs, allowing the district to allocate general fund resources toward supporting students' academic needs.

**Other:**

In accordance with state law, all expenditures from the Recreation Fund are subject to an independent audit.

Recreation Fund monies **cannot** be used to pay for salaries, wages, or benefits for teachers, administrators, or other district employees, except for costs directly related to the Aquatic Center.

Recreation Fund all four (4) municipalities (City of Bridgman, Lake Charter Twp., Baroda Twp., Lincoln Twp.)

SCHOOL YEAR	REVENUE	EXPENSES	FUND BALANCE
2021-2022	\$744,382.29	\$862,592.24	\$1,222,263
2022 -2023	\$745,974.10	\$903,111.43	\$1,143,533
2023 - 2024	\$834,264.26	\$419,640.77	\$1,682,021
2024 - 2025	<b>\$860,127.44</b>	<b>\$247,268.71</b>	\$2,294,879.73
2025 - 2026	\$747,887.11	Unknown	\$3,042,766.84
2026 - 2027	\$747,887.11	Unknown	\$3,790,653.95
2027 – 2028	\$747,887.11	Unknown	\$4,538,541.06
2028 – 2029	\$775,604.14	Unknown	\$5,314,145.20
2029 – 2030	\$804,707.03	Unknown	\$6,118,852.23
2030 – 2031	\$835,265.06	Unknown	\$6,954,117.29

\*\*Purple highlighted area as of 12/3/2024 (Property Value Increase)

\*\* Green highlighted areas as of 12/3/2024

\*\*Yellow highlighted areas are Projections as of 12/3/2024

Lake Charter Twp.

SCHOOL YEAR	REVENUE
2021-2022	\$678,256.54
2022 -2023	\$679,964.60
2023 - 2024	\$761,867.18
2024 - 2025	<b>\$791,346.77</b>
2025 - 2026	\$675,021.08
2026 - 2027	\$675,021.08
2027 – 2028	\$675,021.08
2028 – 2029	\$702,738.22
2029 – 2030	\$731,841.10
2030 – 2031	\$762,399.13

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**Recommendation(s):**

- 1) Utilize the Recreation Fund prudently to safeguard the operations of the Aquatics Center and community recreation programs while setting aside resources to address anticipated facility renovations or repairs in the future.**
- 2) Approve that all Recreation Fund expenditures, including those from the Pool Fund, exceeding \$10,000 require prior approval from the Board of Education, with the exception of utilities, payroll, routine expenses, and emergencies. Any emergency expenditures will be reported to the Board of Education within 48 hours**
- 3) The District will be reducing programming and staffing as part of efforts to address budget constraints, which will include reorganizing the administrative structure of the Aquatic Center. Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, the District will eliminate 1 FTE (full-time equivalent) position.**
- 4) Adjust and Expand Patron Fee Structure – Beginning on July 1, 2025, revise the fee structure to include differentiated rates for residents and non-residents, ensuring fair access and equity. This may involve implementing tiered pricing based on residency status, increasing fees to reflect operational costs and inflation, and introducing additional charges for specialized programs or facilities. Such adjustments will help sustain programs and services while maintaining accessibility for residents.**