

NCS D 2025 Bond Program: Frequently Asked Questions

What proposal is on the November 4, 2025, ballot?

Novi Community School District's (NCS D's) Board of Education is asking voters to consider a transformative \$425 million bond proposal. This investment would deliver essential upgrades across K-8 schools and unify decades of additions to the high school into one bold, unified plan.

How and why was this plan developed?

Our district hosted 40 staff sessions, 12 student sessions, four community town halls, and more than 100 coordinated meetings with stakeholders throughout the community to develop this bold, comprehensive plan that benefits students, teachers, staff, and community members.

Historically, numerous small additions have been made to the high school in response to our rapidly growing community, which have not necessarily been intentionally connected. By taking a more comprehensive and holistic approach, our district will be able to unify every square foot of the high school campus in a proactive manner.

How is it possible that this is a zero tax-rate increase from the existing millage rate?

The current debt millage rate is 6.750. If passed, the millage rate is estimated to stay at or below 6.750.

Property tax costs may be lower for senior citizens or households with incomes below a certain level that qualify for the Homestead Property Tax Credit. For more information, visit Michigan.gov/taxes/iit/credits/hptc.

How do our community's investments compare to those of other districts in the state from 2015 to 2024?

Please reference the chart below.

COMPARABLE DISTRICT FACILITY INVESTMENTS (2015-2024)

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools	\$566 million
Huron Valley Schools	\$543 million
Forest Hills Public Schools	\$470 million
Okemos Public Schools	\$300 million
Northville Public Schools	\$239.4 million
Novi Community School District	\$185 Million

What projects would be implemented if passed?

The following proposed projects will be implemented if the 2025 bond proposal passes:

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL: A BOLD, COMPREHENSIVE VISION AND PLAN

- New academic innovation hub, event commons, and skylight atrium
- New multi-sport courts, an indoor track, a turf field, a natatorium, and a competition gym
- Performing arts lobby addition and extensive auditorium remodel
- Expansion and remodel of the Black Box Theatre and band/orchestra rooms

NOVI K-8: ADDITIONS, SAFETY, AND NECESSARY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

- Elementary classroom additions, extensive remodeling, and playground improvements
- Middle school STEM addition, secure athletic wing entrance, new turf field, and concessions complex

BUSES, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY ("FFE&T")

- Equip learning spaces with smart technology and modern furniture
- Provide the necessary equipment to create supportive environments

To find more information on the proposed projects, please visit our bond page at novi.k12.mi.us/district1/2025-bond

What is the anticipated timing for projects in the proposed bond program?

Projects will be strategically planned and implemented through market analysis, bid packaging, and timing strategies, with biannual board updates to provide transparency and accountability.

How does the bond support educational goals?

The proposed bond projects enhance student success by transforming learning environments to better support modern educational needs. Specifically:

- Modernized and unified high school facilities will help provide students with access to updated academic, athletic, and performing arts spaces that foster engagement, creativity, and collaboration.
- Strategic K-8 improvements, such as new STEM spaces and classroom additions, will help expand learning opportunities and improve safety and accessibility.
- Flexible furniture and innovative technology will help create adaptable classrooms that support diverse learning styles and instructional methods.

- Upgraded infrastructure, including energy-efficient systems and improved safety features, helps ensure students learn in comfortable, secure, and future-ready environments.

Together, these investments can create conditions that directly support academic achievement, student well-being, and long-term success.

Why is NCS D going out for a bond program in 2025 after the 2019 bond issue?

The 2019 bond was issued before a pandemic that resulted in supply chain issues and an unforeseen economic period. COVID disruptions made it difficult to promise all projects would come to fruition, such as the new activity center.

The 2025 bond program presents a unique opportunity to rebuild the progress lost during the disruptions. We strategically developed a comprehensive vision and plan to unify decades of additions and benefit students, teachers, staff, and community members at a cost that will not impact Novi's community members.

What can bond money be used for?

Under current state law, bond dollars **may** be used for the construction, equipping, furnishing, and remodeling of facilities; purchasing instructional technology equipment; and site improvements.

Bond proceeds **may not** be used to pay for teacher or administrator salaries, routine maintenance or repair costs, or other school district operating expenses.

Where do I register to vote?

The last day to register by mail or online is 15 days before the election (October 20). For in-person voting, you can register to vote at your city clerk's office up to 8 p.m. on election day. To find your polling location, visit michigan.gov/vote.

When is Election Day?

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, is Election Day, and polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can find your voting location through the Secretary of State website at www.michigan.gov/sos.

If I am unable to vote on November 4, what are my options?

All registered voters in Michigan can vote before Election Day by voting early in person or by using what's called an absentee ballot. You can vote by absentee ballot through the mail, without having to leave your home. You can apply for an absentee ballot online, through the mail, or in person at the [City of Novi Clerk's office](#).

After voting, you can then return your absentee ballot at your local clerk's office, your city or township's secure drop box, your early voting site, or your Election Day polling place. Visit michigan.gov/vote for additional information on absentee and early voting.

Where can I go to learn more about the bond proposal?

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