



VOTE
by November 4th

On November 4, 2025, Ionia Public Schools voters will consider a bond proposal for district-wide improvements to our aging buildings.

If approved, the bond would provide \$84,500,000 for facility needs with a **zero-mill increase to the current tax rate.**

A proposal for updated school facilities:

Safety & Security

Ensuring there are secure entrance vestibules district-wide, upgrading doors, locks, and building access, and improving fire alarm systems

Modern Infrastructure

Equipping aging elementary buildings with learning environments for today's teaching and learning in layout, furniture, and equipment

Air Quality Improvements

Implementing air conditioning district-wide to improve student focus, avoid school cancellations, and recruit and retain high-quality staff

Right-Sized Facilities

Retiring the 103 year-old Emerson building, which cannot be renovated for best practices in safety and security, and providing students and staff with safer, more modern spaces by building a new wing at Boyce

Theater, Band & Choir

Responding to community prioritization of a new 900-seat Performing Arts Center for student and community use, replacing the aging Watt Auditorium



Improvements without increasing the millage rate

If approved, the bond would have a zero-mill increase over the current millage rate, expected to maintain the existing rate of 7.72 mills.

Why a bond proposal now?

IPS has facilities that are over 100 years old.

Through multiple surveys, public meetings, and engagement with focus groups, our community has prioritized updated spaces that **BETTER SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY.**

For years, we have worked diligently to steward our aging buildings, addressing our most pressing issues through a community-approved sinking fund. However, **AS OUR FACILITIES CONTINUE TO AGE, THE LIST OF NEEDS GROWS.**



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What is the financial impact?

If approved, there would be an expected **zero-mill increase to the current millage rate.**

CURRENT MILLS **PROPOSED MILLS**
7.72 → **7.72**

ZERO MILL INCREASE

IPS currently levies a 7.72 bond millage rate. If not approved, we could not fund the building improvement projects necessary to operate our district at our desired standards.

The proposal would allow a millage rate extension, with zero mill increase, to address facility needs.

Voting Information

**Polls are open Tuesday, November 4,
from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Absentee voter ballots
are available as early as September 25.

For more information on voting
visit www.michigan.gov/vote

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More Information

Visit www.ioniaschools.org/bond-2025
for FAQs, project info, and more about the bond.

Attend a community forum:

- **September 2 at 6 p.m.**
- **September 22 at 7 p.m.**
- **October 14 at 7 p.m.**

**Held in IHS Room 304*

Please contact IPS Superintendent Gurk at
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