HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAY 5
ZERO-TAX-RATE INCREASE BOND PROPOSAL



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUICK FACTS

- **Election Day is Tuesday, May 5.** Voters of the Huron School District will vote on a $65 million zero-tax-rate increase bond proposal. If approved by voters, the bond proposal will fund upgrades and improvements without increasing the current tax rate.

- Proposed projects focus on four key areas:
  - **Infrastructure upgrades;**
  - **Safety & security improvements;**
  - **Learning environments & technology enhancements; and,**
  - **Athletic, performance, & play space upgrades**

- **Student-centered:** This bond proposal focuses on extending the useful life of all school facilities, ensuring students today and in the future learn in safe, up-to-date, and engaging learning environments.

- **A community-driven plan:** Before placing the bond proposal on the ballot, the school district gained community input through focus groups, surveys, and meetings to better understand what matters most to Huron families, staff, students, and residents. The feedback was used to ensure the plan reflects the priorities of the Huron community.



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HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY 5 BOND PROPOSAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is on the May 5 ballot?
A $65 million zero-tax-rate increase bond proposal. The bond proposal will not increase the current tax rate; it extends the rate residents are currently paying by replacing existing bond debt as it's paid off.

The bond proposal focuses on four key areas:

- **INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES**
- **SAFETY & SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS**
- **LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS & TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS**
- **ATHLETIC, PERFORMANCE, & PLAY SPACE UPGRADES**



How were the bond proposal projects identified?
A comprehensive facilities assessment was conducted across all school buildings to determine both immediate and long-term facility and programming needs, including structural repairs, safety measures, and educational enhancements.

In addition, the school district hosted focus panels with various community groups and conducted an online survey open to all Huron residents. The feedback from the community outreach initiative helped shape the final project list.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL BOND?

What is a bond?
Bonds are used for large-scale projects, such as new construction and major upgrades to buildings, technology, and learning environments.
Bond funds are not intended for daily operational expenses, such as salaries, utilities, and instructional supplies. When voters approve a bond proposal, the school district can sell bonds to generate the funds needed to complete the large-scale rojects included in the bond proposal.



Why is Huron School District asking the community to consider a bond proposal?
In Michigan, school districts must ask voters to approve bond proposals to fund major facility upgrades, safety and security improvements, technology enhancements, and new construction. The State of Michigan does not provide funding for these large-scale projects. The proposed bond enables Huron School District to make essential improvements to school facilities, ensuring they remain safe, secure, and well-equipped to support high-quality learning for all students now and into the future.



Can bond proposal funds be used for salaries or operating expenses?
No. Bond proposal funds cannot be used for employee salaries, benefits, or everyday operating costs such as utilities, classroom supplies, or maintenance. State law requires that bond funds may only be used for the specific facility projects described in the ballot language. All bond projects are independently audited to ensure funds are spent exactly as approved by voters.

BOND FUNDING: PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED USES

What can bond proposal funds be used for?
Michigan law dictates how bond funds can be used and what they cannot be used for.

Bonds can be used for:

- Constructing new school buildings
- Constructing additions to existing school buildings
- Remodeling existing school buildings
- Energy conservation improvements
- Land purchases
- Site development and improvements
- Athletic and physical education facility development and improvements
- Playground development and improvements
- Refunding debt (if new present value savings can be demonstrated)
- Direct bond program costs, such as professional fees, election fees, issuance costs, qualification fees, insurance fees, and final audit costs
- School bus purchases
- Purchasing loose furnishings and equipment (including administrative technology)
- Technology purchases are limited to hardware and communication devices that transmit, receive, or compute information for pupil instructional purposes only. The initial purchase of operating systems and customized application software is permitted if it is made concurrently with the initial hardware purchase

Bonds cannot be used for:

- Salaries, service contracts, lease payments, installment contracts, and supplies
- Repairs, maintenance, or maintenance agreements
- Purchasing automobiles, trucks, or vans
- Portable classrooms purchased for temporary use
- Uniforms
- Textbooks
- Upgrades to an existing computer operating system or application software
- Computer training, computer consulting, or computer maintenance contracts



BALLOT LANGUAGE

WHAT IS THE EXACT BALLOT LANGUAGE?
Below is the ballot language for the Huron School District's zero-tax-rate increase bond proposal.

HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND PROPOSAL

Shall Huron School District, Wayne and Monroe Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Sixty-Five Million Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars ($65,830,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

remodeling, including security improvements to, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; erecting, furnishing, and equipping school support facilities and buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school buildings; and equipping, developing, and improving playgrounds, athletic field and facilities, parking areas, driveways, and sites?

Public school districts typically issue bonds to finance long-term capital needs.

The following is for informational purposes only:

The bond is a ZERO-tax-rate increase for residents. This bond will not increase the current tax rate.

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2026, under current law, is 2.17 mills ($2.17 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.63 mills ($3.63 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is $35,935,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is approximately $2,147,792. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

The estimated millage for this proposal would be levied in 2025 is 2.17 mills. resulting in a ZERO mill net increase over the current levy.

The length of the bond term is 30 years.

Bonds can not be used to repair or maintain school facilities, or cover employee salaries or operating costs

BOND PROPOSAL INFORMATION

How will the bond proposal benefit residents who don't have students in the Huron School District?
Strong schools benefit every resident, regardless of whether they have students enrolled. School facilities are used for a variety of purposes, including public meetings, dance recitals, Little League games, and township holiday activities.

The proposed bond projects will enhance these shared spaces and help preserve schools as important centers of community life. Well-maintained, up-to-date school buildings help protect property values, attract new families, and strengthen the overall appeal of the Huron community.



How could approving the bond proposal impact home values?
Research indicates that communities with high-quality school facilities and strong educational programming tend to have higher property values. The proposed bond projects for the Huron School District are designed to enhance the safety, functionality, and appearance of school buildings, which can positively impact home values.



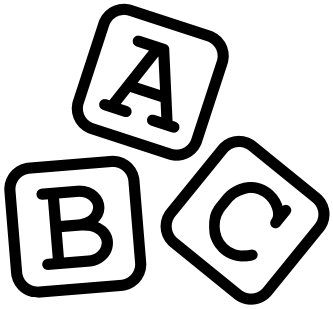
What happens if voters don't approve the bond proposal?
If voters do not approve the bond proposal, the planned facility improvement projects will not move forward as proposed. While urgent improvements will still need to be addressed, the school district will have to rely on its general operating budget to cover these costs. This shift could significantly reduce the funding available for educational programming, staffing, classroom materials, and daily operations of the school district.

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BOND PROPOSAL INFORMATION

What is the role of Ferguson and Sunnyside?
The Ferguson Center is home to Huron School District's Young 5's and Kindergarten programs, serving as the first step in a child's educational journey within the school district. While Sunnyside Kindergarten Center once served this role, it now operates under Wayne Metro, offering Great Start Readiness Program, preschool, and latchkey programs that prepare students for entry into Huron Schools.



What is the benefit to Huron residents of these two centers?
This partnership allows the school district to focus its resources on providing a research-based, age-appropriate environment at the Ferguson Center, where learning, collaboration, and safety are prioritized, while Wayne Metro continues to nurture early childhood development through preschool programming that naturally feeds into Huron Schools.

Does a YES vote mean you support the bond proposal?
YES. Voters who support the Huron School District's May 2026 bond proposal should vote YES. Voters who do not support the bond proposal should vote NO.



How will residents be informed about the bond proposal?
Huron School District is committed to providing information about the bond proposal through community forums, mailings, the school district website, social media, and local news outlets.

Where can I get more information about the bond proposal?
For more information on the bond proposal,

- Visit www.huronschools.com and click on ***Bond Information***
- Contact Superintendent of Schools, Donovan Rowe
  - By phone at: 734-782-2441
  - By email at: rowed@huronschools.org

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INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

When is Election Day?
Election Day is Tuesday, May 5, 2026.
Absentee ballots will be available beginning March 26.

Who is eligible to vote in this election?
Anyone who lives within the Huron School District, is at least 18 years old as of May 5, 2026, and is registered to vote can vote in this election.

Can I vote by absentee ballot?
Yes. You may request an absentee ballot application through your local clerk's office or online at www.michigan.gov/vote by selecting "*Vote at Home*."

Where can I find more information about voting?
For details on voter registration, polling locations, or absentee voting, visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.michigan.gov/vote or contact your local clerk's office.





Where can I share my thoughts about the bond proposal?
Share your feedback on the bond proposal by visiting **www.research.net/r/HuronBondSurvey** or scan the QR code.

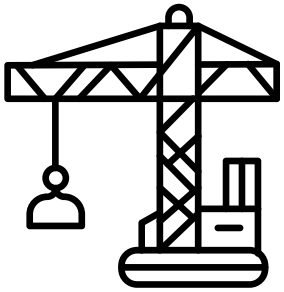
A list of proposed projects begins on the following page.

UPDATING CORE INFRASTRUCTURE

Replacing membrane roofing	Transportation Building
Replacing surface on canopies	Brown Elementary
Renovating select bathrooms	Brown Elementary Miller Elementary Sunnyside Kindergarten Center
Replacing select vinyl flooring & select carpeting	District-wide
Installing walk-off mats at exterior doors	Brown Elementary
Renovating architectural work to support HVAC upgrades	District-wide
Replacing fencing	Brown Elementary Miller Elementary
Repaving parking lot	Miller Elementary
Installing dumpster pad	Miller Elementary
Installing new flag pole	Renton Junior High School Huron High School
Replacing damaged vents (louvers)	Huron High School
Replacing rusted support beams (lintels)	Huron High School
Replacing damaged exterior brick (masonry)	District-wide
Upgrading stormwater management system	Huron High School
Upgrading electrical service & wiring	Sunnyside Kindergarten Center
Installing new oil/sand separator	Transportation Building
Replacing fuel tank	Transportation Building
Replacing sidewalks	District-wide
Replacing classroom unit ventilators, rooftop units, air handling units, exhaust fans, & condensing units	District-wide
Replacing rooftop unit heating & cooling ventilation	Brown Elementary
Upgrading electrical to support mechanical upgrades	District-wide
Installing new parking lot light poles	Transportation Building
Replacing aging hydronic plumbing	Miller Elementary Sunnyside Kindergarten Center
Replacing boilers	District-wide
Replacing hot water heater	District-wide
Converting classroom HVAC from air handling units to unit ventilators	Renton Junior High School
Upgrading electrical service & wiring	Sunnyside Kindergarten Center
Replacing select HVAC temperature controls	District-wide
Upgrading technology infrastructure (network, wireless, cabling, servers, & storage)	District-wide

UPDATING CORE INFRASTRUCTURE

Why are infrastructure updates being included in the bond proposal?
Infrastructure improvements are essential to providing students with appropriate learning environments. Many school roofs, doors, and mechanical systems are outdated, and maintaining them is critical to improve safety and create comfortable learning spaces.
By investing in infrastructure, the school district creates a reliable foundation for all future improvements, supporting safety, efficiency, and enhanced learning environments across the Huron School District.





What are the major infrastructure improvements being proposed?
The bond proposal focuses on essential infrastructure upgrades that improve building reliability, efficiency, and long-term performance. Planned improvements include:

- Architectural updates that support HVAC updates, such as modifications needed to accommodate new equipment and improve overall system performance.
- HVAC upgrades across multiple buildings, including the replacement of aging unit ventilators, rooftop units, air-handling units, and boilers.
- Updated temperature control systems to ensure more consistent, efficient heating and cooling throughout school facilities.

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ADVANCING SAFETY & SECURITY

Replacing exterior hollow metal doors, frames, & hardware	District-wide
Adding security hardware (boot system) to interior doors	District-wide
Installing impact resistant film on interior windows	District-wide
Expanding & replacing security alarm	District-wide
Upgrading emergency notification system	District-wide
Installing mics/speakers to secure entries	District-wide
Expanding access control system	District-wide
Expanding video surveillance system	District-wide
Enhancing security between Admin & High School	Huron High School
Reconfiguring parking lot & drop off loop	Huron High School
Replacing phone system	District-wide

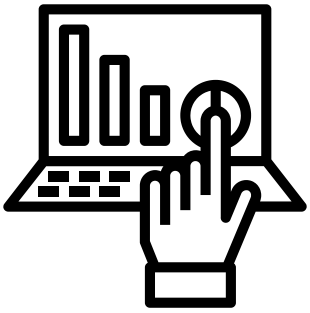
What is the projected timeline for reconfiguring parking lots and drop-off loops?
Work on parking lot and drop-off loop improvements is scheduled to begin in Spring 2027 with a projected completion date of Fall 2027, coordinated with the district's overall bond construction schedule.



Why are safety and security enhancements important to the students and staff in the Huron School District?
Safety and security enhancements help ensure that students and staff can learn and work in a protected environment. Updates such as improved doors and hardware, enhanced access control systems, and upgraded emergency notification tools allow schools to respond quickly in emergencies and maintain safe, welcoming, and well-monitored school buildings.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS & TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS

Upgrading sound systems (gym/cafeteria/athletics)	District-wide
Replacing classroom displays	District-wide
Replacing classroom audio systems	District-wide
Replacing document cameras	District-wide
Replacing video systems (gym/cafeteria)	District-wide
Creating collaborative spaces & purchasing technology tools	District-wide
Replacing classroom furniture	District-wide
Renovating areas to accomodate new classroom displays	District-wide



How do these upgrades support teaching and learning?
Enhancing learning environments and instructional technology ensures that students and teachers have the tools they need to engage, collaborate, and succeed in an updated classroom. Upgrading classrooms and replacing outdated furniture creates flexible, interactive spaces that support modern teaching practices and reflect how today's students learn best.

Will staff be involved in the decision-making process for the purchase of furniture?
Yes, staff will be consulted during the furniture purchasing process.



ATHLETIC, PERFORMANCE, & PLAY SPACE UPGRADES

Improving playground & upgrading play equipment	Brown Elementary Miller Elementary
Improving acoustics in band room	Renton Junior High School Huron High School
Replacing band & choir sound systems	Huron High School
Constructing new athletic support/concession building	Huron High School
Replacing auditorium aisle carpet, seating, stage flooring, & aisle lighting	Huron High School
Replacing theatrical lighting	Huron High School
Replacing auditorium sound system	Huron High School
Purchasing band equipment	Renton Junior High School Huron High School
Installing new tennis courts	Huron High School
Installing new turf baseball & softball fields (bleachers, dugouts, fencing, & concourse)	Huron High School
Renovating site & utilities to support athletic fields	Huron High School

What is the projected timeline for the athletic improvements included in the bond proposal?
The athletic improvements are scheduled to begin in Spring 2027 and have a projected completion date of Fall 2027, aligning with the school district's overall bond construction timeline.



What role do upgraded athletic, performance, and play spaces play in the Huron School District?
Upgrading athletic, performance, and play environments enhances the overall educational experience by providing students with well-designed spaces to learn, practice, perform, and collaborate outside the traditional classroom. These areas also serve as important community gathering spaces for events, performances, and recreational activities, making them valuable resources for both the school district and the Huron community.