

# FICTION VS. FACT

## FICTION



This proposal will increase my taxes.



The school never lowers my taxes.



Addition of a STEM wing isn't necessary.



Schools should fund significant construction projects.



The proposal only helps some schools.



The district has too much debt.



The district mismanages money and has no oversight.



LOCS does not care about Special Education.



The district doesn't listen to the needs of the community.



There should be no improvements when enrollment is decreasing.



There was no transparency for the 2018 Bond.

## FACT



This proposal will **keep the current debt mill rate** of 7.00 for homeowners.



In the summer of 2026, **LOCS lowered all residents' debt mill rate** from 7.49 to 7.00.



As **career-focused education evolves**, LOCS needs to provide appropriate, modern spaces.



Michigan funding distinctions: **Community** funds building projects; **State** funds academics and staff salaries.



**All LOCS students** would receive safety and technology at their current buildings and an updated high school.



Nearly **every school district in Michigan** carries significant debt, due to major facility project updates.



**LOCS has clean (unmodified) audits every year**, posts its financial statements on lakeorionschools.org and the state approved the bond proposal and the projects are audited.



LOCS is one of the few districts with an **Assistant Superintendent for special education**, has made significant facility updates for special education, and has it as a major inclusion in this proposal.



LOCS held **two community surveys and an in-person workshop** for any community member interested in attending. The proposal was shaped and adjusted based on that feedback.



This proposal is based on **supporting current student opportunities** for modern learning and safety, not additional classrooms.



The 2018 Bond's **posted project photos, financials and updates** are on [LakeOrionSchools.org](https://LakeOrionSchools.org), since its passage in November 2017.