



CENTRAL LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MAY 6, 2025

BOND PROPOSAL

KEY IMPROVEMENTS

- School security enhancements for the safety of all students and staff.
- Secure entrances will be added and audio and video surveillance will be enhanced. In addition, the bond will fund interior door locks, replace the fire alarm systems, and add additional exterior lighting.
- Replace roofing as well as mechanical and electrical systems that are past their useful life.
- Furnishing and refurbishing school buildings and facilities to create more modern and functional spaces for learning.
- Acquiring, installing, equipping, and re-equipping school buildings with advanced instructional technology.
- The development and improvement of playgrounds, structures, and facilities to provide students with more enriching and engaging outdoor experiences.

WHY DO WE NEED A BOND?

Major renovations and upgrades are needed to address school infrastructure and to enhance security and the overall learning environment. Most renovations and upgrades are necessary because various systems have reached the end of their useful life.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The bond proposal will require a 1.97 mill tax increase. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to retire this bond debt is 1.63 mills. Thus, the average yearly millage rate will be 1.63 mills over the life of the bond.

For a homeowner with a \$150,000 market value house (\$75,000 taxable value), the cost will be \$12.37 per month or about 41¢ per day.

QUESTIONS?

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VOTING INFORMATION

Residents of Central Lake Public Schools who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day and are registered to vote can vote in this election. Election Day is May 6th. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Any registered voter can cast an absentee ballot. Contact your local Clerk or visit www.michigan.gov/vote for more voting information.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



FAQ

Our community will have the opportunity to vote on a bond proposal on the May 6, 2025 election ballot. If approved, it will provide \$15,395,000 for building & site improvements to address identified and ongoing capital projects based on facility assessments and community input. If approved by voters, the 2025 bond millage is expected to have a 1.97 mill increase from the current tax year.

1. What is a bond proposal and how can bond funds be spent?

A bond proposal is how a public school district asks its community whether to authorize borrowing money to pay for capital expenditures. Voter-approved bond funds can be spent on additions, remodeling, site improvements, athletic facilities, playgrounds, furnishings, equipment, and other capital needs. Funds raised through the sale of bonds cannot be used for operational expenses such as employee salaries and benefits, school supplies, and textbooks. Bond funds must be kept separate from operating funds and must be audited by an independent auditing firm.

2. What was the process to determine what is in the bond proposal?

The District has consistently studied the current and projected needs of school buildings and educational programs to determine a facility plan. Using this information, supplemented with staff input, previous community forums, and revising the work lists from the November 2023 proposed bond, district leaders and the Board of Education are now asking voters to consider a school bond proposal on the May 6, 2024 election ballot.

3. What are the key projects in this bond proposal?

This bond proposal would address the highest priority projects as determined by the district and community input with a focus on Safety, Security and Infrastructure at both schools.

Central Lake Elementary School - Secure entry vestibule and lobby, new playground equipment and play area paving, Bus loop paving and sidewalk replacement, New countertops and casework in select classrooms, New K-2 lockers, Replace heating water system, boilers, pumps and piping, Replace classroom HVAC units, New building management system, Replace all electrical distribution panels, Replace all interior lighting, Add lighting controls to meet current energy code, Replace fire alarm system, Technology improvements and upgrades including student computing devices, printers and peripherals

Central Lake Middle School/High School - Secure entry vestibule addition, Bus loop paving and sidewalk replacement, New membrane roof, Roof and truss rehabilitation over gymnasium, Replace exterior window/panel areas with new window framing, Brick Replacement, Convert Media Center into new Community Fitness Center and provide new equipment, Convert classroom into new Media Center/Innovation Hub, Replace wood floor in gymnasium, New ceiling grid/tiles throughout building, Select flooring replacement in classrooms and corridors, New toilet partitions in select areas, Replace heating water system, boilers, pumps and piping, Replace classroom HVAC units, New building management system, Improvements to domestic water system, replace select pumping fixtures, Plumbing fixture, gas line and hood upgrades in Science Labs, Remodel electrical systems for entire building including adding lighting control system to meet current energy code, Replace fire alarm system, Replace site lighting with LED lights, New Media Center and classroom furniture, Technology improvements and upgrades including student computing devices, printers and peripherals

Athletic Complex - Remodel stadium restrooms and concession building

4. How would the bond proposal impact my property taxes?

Central Lake Public Schools currently levies 0.10 mills for a school bus bond. This rate will drop to 0.06 mills in 2025 and, as a result, if taxpayers approve the 2.01-mill request in May, they would see a 1.97 mill increase. The last levy for the school bus bond will occur in 2027 and be paid off in May 2028. . The estimated average annual millage necessary to retire the bond debt is projected to be 1.63 mills.

5. Would the approval of the bond proposal have any impact on our current operational budget?

While funding from this bond proposal is independent of the district's general fund operating budget, the bond would likely have a positive impact on the district's general fund by allowing the district to reallocate operating funds that are currently being spent on aging facilities, mechanical systems, and technology. The operational savings generated from new and cost-efficient facilities would be redirected to student programs and resources.

6. What oversights would hold the district accountable?

If approved by voters, the district's Architect/Engineer would design the proposed projects and prepare construction documents and specifications for the projects. Once the projects are designed, the district's Construction Manager will assemble bid packages and publicly advertise to solicit competitive bids for all work. This is required in the Revised School Code. This process ensures that the district selects the lowest responsible bidder. All qualified contractors will have an opportunity to attend a pre-bid meeting to obtain additional information and project clarification. All qualified contractors will have the opportunity to participate in the competitive bid process.