

# MCS INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE.

THE SCHOOL BOND EXPLAINED.



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**today.tomorrow.**  
AND FUTURE FOCUSED  
**Remember to Vote!**  
**MAY 7, 2024**

## The School Bond Explained

*"No increase expected in current millage rate, but an increase in opportunities for Mattawan students. This zero-mill increase bond offers exceptional value."*

~Randy Fleenor, Superintendent

## ELECTION 2024

**Understanding the Bond: May 7, 2024**

Residents within the Mattawan Consolidated School district will have the opportunity to vote in the May 7, 2024, election. Mattawan Consolidated School is asking its voters to consider a bond proposal. This "Investing in Our Future Report" is intended to provide you with more details about the proposal.

## ZERO MILL INCREASE

**Zero-mill increase, maximum impact**

On Tuesday, May 7, 2024 residents that live within the Mattawan Consolidated School boundaries will have the opportunity to vote on a comprehensive School Bond. We trust that you share our enthusiasm for the future of Mattawan. This project presents a distinctive chance to invest in both our students and the broader community, all without imposing an additional millage increase burden on taxpayers.

Your unwavering commitment to our students and community is sincerely appreciated. Together, we have the power to create a lasting impact on the education and well-being of the upcoming generation.

## PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

**At-a-Glance**

Our focus revolves around five key objectives for the bond:

- Preserve existing assets
- Prioritize safety and security
- Provide future-focused academic and extracurricular experiences for our students
- Enhance infrastructure
- Demonstrate fiscal responsibility



Care for  
what we have



Prioritize  
safety + security



Provide future-focused  
academic experiences



Improve  
infrastructure



Be financially  
responsible

Contact your city/township office to find polling locations

[www.mattawanschools.org/bond](http://www.mattawanschools.org/bond)



## Two Bond Proposals

Voters will see two proposals on the ballot on Tuesday, May 7, 2024:

### PROPOSAL 1: SAFETY, ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS

Proposal 1 will be for a \$92,000,000 investment and will include a variety of enhancements: safety, technology, academic learning spaces, transportation, traffic flow, and parking, as well as athletic spaces.

### PROPOSAL 2: CONSTRUCT, COMMUNITY, FACILITY

Proposal 2 will be for an \$18,000,000 investment in a student + community pool.

If approved, Proposal 1: Safety, Academics + Athletics. would allow the district to sell bonds and generate approximately \$92 million with a 0.00 mill increase over the current millage rate of 7.00 mills.

If approved, Proposal 2: Student + Community Pool Improvements, would allow the district to sell bonds and generate approximately \$18 million with a 0.00 mill increase over the current millage rate of 7.00 mills and the 0.00 mill increase proposed in Proposal 1. The current millage rate would stay the same.

If both Proposals 1 + 2 were approved, the district could sell bonds and generate approximately \$110 million in funds with a total of 0.00 mill increase over the current millage rate of 7.00 mills.

## Why Two Bonds....

### BOTH ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT

From the onset of the planning process, the District has been committed to fiscal responsibility by bringing bond proposals that do not increase the current millage rate of 7.0 for taxpayers. Presenting two distinct yet equally essential proposals allows the District to manage the phased release of bond sales during the construction project timelines. This strategic approach ensures that the mill rate remains unchanged and prevents any increase throughout the duration of the projects.

Proposal 1 addresses much-needed student experiences - academic spaces, infrastructure and environment improvements, and external campus enhancements. While Proposal 2 (Student + Community Pool) holds significant importance, its execution as a stand-alone initiative may pose challenges without the combined approval of Proposal 1. The proposals are interdependent, and their combined approval would create a more seamless and effective implementation of the envisioned improvements.

Both proposals are essential to address our District and Community needs while being fiscally responsible and preserving our existing assets for generations.

## PROJECTS

The proposed improvements focus on enhancing safety, security, and overall infrastructure within the educational system. In terms of safety and security, measures include addressing traffic congestion, improving parking, and upgrading security equipment. Transportation improvements involve the ongoing replacement of an aging bus fleet. Academic learning spaces are set to be revamped by replacing outdated classroom equipment and furniture, particularly in science areas, ensuring state-of-the-art experiences for students. Fine arts upgrades include improvements to seating, lighting, and media equipment in the high school auditorium. Infrastructure enhancements cover the replacement of outdated facilities like lockers, bathrooms, ceilings, and lighting, as well as the renovation of the high school weight room. The student athletic experience will be improved through the renovation of locker rooms, stadium replacement, a new track, and enhancements to baseball and softball fields, and outdoor practice spaces. New construction projects involve the addition of a middle school cafeteria, replacement of tennis courts, transportation and maintenance buildings, soccer field, and the construction of a field-house facility and a student/community pool to address various needs in the community.

### PROPOSAL 1

SAFETY.  
ACADEMICS.  
ATHLETICS.



### PROPOSAL 2

CONSTRUCT  
COMMUNITY  
FACILITY



# 0 MILL INCREASE

OVER CURRENT 7.00 MILLS

*This bond isn't just about bricks and mortar, it's about building a stronger community, one Wildcat at a time.*



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