



HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

November 7, 2023 Bond Proposal

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

A bond proposal is how a public school district can ask its voters for authorization to borrow money and levy taxes to pay for capital expenditures. Voter-approved bond funds can be spent on items like new construction, additions, remodeling, site improvements, furnishings, equipment, and technology. Funds raised through the sale of bonds cannot be used on operational expenses such as employee salaries and benefits, school supplies, and textbooks.

Why is Hartford Public Schools pursuing a bond proposal this year?

This bond proposal focuses on the highest priority projects and focuses on 3 key areas to help keep our schools Operating and Safe. If approved by voters, this bond proposal is projected to have 0 MILL NET INCREASE to property owners over the current millage rate and would provide \$22.6 MILLION DOLLARS to cover basic priority needs.

What are the key projects in this bond proposal?

- Upgrades to boilers, heating pumps, electrical panels, water heaters, and pipe replacement.
- Upgraded lighting, a new paging system and additional technological advancements
- ADA upgrades to improve accessibility in the facilities for all, improvements to sidewalks and parking lots, a new roof on the recreation building, and updates to building exteriors.

Why have the proposed key projects been identified as priorities for the district?

Many of the critical infrastructure systems are outdated and have exceeded their expected life spans. Some of the units in these systems at the high school and middle school date back to original construction in 1959.

How do I register to vote?

Individuals can register to vote in Michigan online, by mail, or in person at your clerk's office. You can register at any time up to 8 p.m. on Election Day, but it is better to register as soon as possible.

For more information on how to register to vote, visit: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Home/RegisterToVote>

Where and when will the vote occur?

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 is election day, but absentee voting can occur leading up to that date. All registered voters may cast an absentee voter ballot by mail. Voters may also cast a ballot at the polling location established by their city/township. If you have questions or do not know where you vote, please contact your city/township office. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

How are Michigan school operations funded?

The State of Michigan provides funding to school districts on a per-pupil basis, based on the cost of educating the average pupil per year. The State of Michigan does not provide dedicated funding to address facilities. The two most common ways that school districts can raise money dedicated to facility improvements are levying sinking fund millages and selling bonds.

What is a mill?

A mill is equal to \$1 per every \$1,000 of taxable property valuation (not the market value of a home; homeowners can refer to their latest assessment for their home's taxable value).



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Who can vote in this bond proposal election?

Residents within the Hartford Public School district who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day and are registered to vote. Please note, you can register to vote on the day of the election at your local clerk's office.

Where can I get information about voting? (Such as registering to vote and applying for an absentee ballot)

Go to the Michigan Voter Information website www.michigan.gov/vote or contact your local clerk.

Where do I go to vote?

If you are unsure of your voting precinct, visit www.michigan.gov/vote or contact your local clerk.

Do I need to update my voter registration?

You need to update your voter registration if you have changed your name or address since the last time you voted.

You can do this at any Secretary of State office or at the clerk's office where you reside.

Can I vote by absentee ballot?

Yes. Since voter approval of Proposal 3 in November 2018, registered voters do not need a reason to vote by absentee ballot. You can request an absentee ballot application from your Clerk's Office or by going online to <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/AVApplication/Index>

Voters can apply for an Absent Voter Ballot for the November 07, 2023 Election starting 75 days before Election Day.

When do we vote?

Election day is Tuesday, November 7, 2023*. Polls are open from 7am-8pm. You will vote at your usual polling place for local, state, and national elections.

*Absentee ballots will be available by September 23 and can be returned through election day.

If approved, would the bond proposal have any impact on our current operational budget?

Bond proposal funds cannot be used for the general fund or operating purposes. However, if approved, the bond may have a positive impact on the annual operating budget in that operating funds otherwise intended or needed for capital expenditures could be spent on student programs and resources.

Can I vote if I rent a house?

Yes, if you are a registered voter in the city or township you are living in.

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