



Marysville

Public Schools



AUGUST 5

ZERO-TAX-RATE INCREASE BOND PROPOSAL

Frequently Asked Questions

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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BOND PROPOSAL INFORMATION

When is the election?

The election will be held on Tuesday, August 5. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are available after June 26, and can be cast through Election Day.

What is on the ballot?

An \$18.58 million **ZERO-TAX-RATE INCREASE** bond proposal is on the August 5 ballot. Bond projects will enhance safety and security, upgrade and replace infrastructure, renovate building interiors and exteriors, and enhance arts and athletic spaces.



What will the bond proposal cost?

The bond proposal will require a ZERO mill increase over the current tax rate. That means that the bond proposal projects can be completed without increasing the tax rate for residents of Marysville Public Schools.

How will the bond proposal projects be completed without increasing the current tax rate?

The 2025 bond will extend the 2007 bond for an additional four years. Extending the debt will not require any tax rate increase to complete the projects.

What will happen if voters don't approve the bond proposal?

The bond projects cannot be completed as proposed. To address emergency infrastructure needs, the school district would have to use funds from the operational budget. This would reduce the revenue to support the educational program and operate the school district.

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How were the bond proposal projects identified?

Marysville Public Schools hired an architectural firm to conduct a facility assessment in the fall of 2023. The facility assessment was conducted as part of the school district's strategic plan. The assessment identified short- and long-term facility needs of all school facilities.

Following the facility assessment, school officials finalized the projects for the August 5 **ZERO-TAX-RATE INCREASE** bond proposal.

The next step was submitting an application to the Michigan Department of Treasury for review. After receiving approval of the bond application from the Michigan Department of Treasury, the Board of Education set the election date for August 5, 2025.

The finalized bond proposal projects include facility updates and improvements in the following categories:

- **Safety & Security Enhancements**
- **Infrastructure Upgrades & Replacements**
- **Interior & Exterior Renovations**
- **Enhancements to Arts & Athletics**



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SAFETY & SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS

Safety & Security Enhancements	Buildings
Upgrading playground equipment	All Elementaries
Installing security shields across hallways (Won-doors)	District-Wide
Replacing fire alarm systems	All Elementaries Middle School
Replacing emergency lighting battery packs	All Elementaries Middle School
Replacing select classroom & hallway doors & door frames	Gardens Middle School
Replacing select windows for safety	All Elementaries
Installing security locks on classroom doors	All Elementaries Middle School
Replacing exterior doors & frames	Middle School
Installing security shields on exterior doors	Middle School High School
Installing state mandated door monitoring system at elevators/lifts	High School



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INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES & REPLACEMENTS

Infrastructure Upgrades & Replacements	Buildings
Replacing paving & sidewalks	District-Wide
Replacing concrete at catch basin drains	Morton Washington Middle School
Expanding parking lot on Collard Drive & create designated crosswalk	High School
Installing storm drainage	Gardens Middle School -in NW corner of school site High School -parking lot near shot put area
Replacing windows due to age	Middle School -Tech/Storage area & 2nd story wing
Replacing electrical panel boards	Gardens Washington Middle School
Replacing water heaters & water lines	Gardens Washington
Replacing ventilator lines & hoses	Washington
Replacing select roofing	Washington - gravel surface sections Middle School High School
Replacing select exterior brick	Gardens Washington
Adding a condensing boiler & shutoff valves to the geothermal loop	High School
Upgrading classroom energy recovery units	High School
Replacing rooftop unit compressors	High School
Installing a new elevator	Middle School
Replacing heaters in entryways	High School
Regrading/recrowning/reseeding the practice field	High School
Upgrading pool pump equipment	High School
Replacing structural flooring in STEM Lab	Morton
Replacing tech lab ceiling unit ventilator	Gardens
Demolishing brick boiler stack	Gardens Middle School
Upgrading controls for classroom unit ventilators	All Elementaries Middle School



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INTERIOR & EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS

Interior & Exterior Renovations	Buildings
Replacing select furniture	District-Wide - Classrooms All Elementaries -Office and Media Centers Middle School - Office
Remodeling classroom entryways	Gardens Washington Middle School
Replace partitions in hallway restrooms	Gardens Morton - in original wing of building
Installing additional site signage	District-Wide
Replacing exterior soffits & fascia at the main entrance canopy	Morton
Replacing flooring	Gardens -Select classrooms Morton -Cafetorium Washington -Select classrooms
Installing new cabinets/countertops in select classrooms	Morton
Upgrading Media Centers (flooring, ceilings, & lighting upgrades)	All Elementaries



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ENHANCEMENTS TO ARTS & ATHLETICS

Enhancements to Arts & Athletics	Buildings
Upgrading aisle lighting in auditorium	High School
Upgrading theater house lighting to LED	High School
Installing additional music/instrument storage cabinets	High School
Replacing orchestra pit cover	High School
Purchasing band & orchestra instruments	High School
Replacing carpeting in the auditorium	High School
Upgrading pool area lighting	High School
Replacing diving board & starting blocks	High School
Constructing new dugouts	High School
Resurfacing the existing tennis courts	High School
Installing fence on JV baseball outfield	High School
Regrading/recrowning/reseeding the practice field	High School



BOND PROPOSAL LANGUAGE

What is the exact ballot language of the bond proposal, and what does the language mean?

Below is the exact ballot language for the bond proposal:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

MARYSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR STATE OF MICHIGAN

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

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Marysville Public Schools District, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Eighteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$18,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, to pay the cost of the following projects to create a modern learning environment for students and for health, safety, security, energy conservation and other purposes:

- Remodeling, equipping, furnishing, reequipping and refurbishing school buildings; and
- Preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings, athletic fields and playgrounds?

☐ YES

☐ NO

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

The estimated debt millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is -0- mills for an estimated total of 7.60 mills for the 2025 debt levy which is an estimated -0- mill increase over the prior year's debt levy. The estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is 0.71 mills (\$0.71 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than 20 years.

The length of the bond term is 18 years. Which means residents will pay four additional years of the 2007 bond term.

If approved by the voters, the repayment of the bonds will be guaranteed by the State under the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program (the "Program"). The School District currently has \$45,705,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and approximately \$17,888,946 of qualified loans outstanding under the Program. The School District expects to borrow from the Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of additional borrowing is \$1,813,759 and the estimated total interest thereon is \$6,357,705. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is 18 years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 7.60. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

The estimated millage for this proposal would be levied in 2025 is 7.60 mills, resulting in a ZERO mill net increase over the current levy.

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

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

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When was the last bond proposal voters approved to update Marysville Public School facilities?

The last bond proposal was approved by voters in 2007. That bond focused on constructing Marysville High School.



Can any of the bond proposal funds be used for employee salaries or operating expenses?

No. Bond proposal funds cannot be used for employee salaries. They also cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses. Bond proposal funds must be used **only** for purposes specified in the ballot language, and as required by Michigan law, they must be independently audited.

What is a bond?

A bond is a state-approved funding process that allows school districts to complete a set scope of projects. When voters approve a bond proposal, the school district sells bonds in the authorized amount and uses the bond sale proceeds to pay for those projects outlined in the bond proposal.

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What can bond proposal funds be used for?

Below is a list of things cited by Michigan law that bond proposal funds can and cannot be used for.

Bonds CAN be used for:

- Constructing new school buildings
 - Constructing additions to existing school buildings
 - Remodeling existing school buildings
 - Land purchases
 - Site development and improvements
- Athletic and physical education facility development and improvements
 - Playground development and improvements
 - Purchasing loose furnishings and equipment (including administrative technology)
- School bus purchases
- 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 allowed if purchased with the initial hardware.
- 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, final audit costs

Bonds CANNOT be used for:

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

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SINKING FUND INFORMATION

What is a sinking fund?

A school sinking fund is a pay-as-you-go method for school districts to pay for repairs and improvements without incurring interest on loans or bonds. Sinking funds are created through a local property tax (millage) that is approved by voters.

Sinking funds cannot be used to pay for instructional programs or salaries.



What projects have been completed through the sinking fund?

Sinking fund projects that have been completed over the past couple of years include:

- Replacing baseball scoreboard
- Replacing sections of the middle school & and Morton roofs
- Addressing drainage at the baseball field
- Replacing carpeting at Gardens, Morton, & the middle school
- Sealing the asphalt at the HS student parking lot,
- Replacing sinks at Morton
- Replacing cement at Morton and Washington

Sinking fund projects for this summer include:

- Replacing sections of the middle school roof
- Replacing the glycol system at Morton & the middle school

Why does Marysville Public Schools need a bond proposal if it has a sinking fund?

The sinking fund has been valuable for smaller projects like repairing floors, renovating classrooms, and creating new academic spaces. However, it isn't designed to handle large-scale initiatives like those planned in the bond proposal. Additionally, sinking funds are limited by state law in both how much money they can collect and how those funds can be used.

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How will residents be informed about the bond proposal?

Marysville Public Schools officials are sharing information about the bond proposal through community meetings, direct mailings, social media, the school district website, and the news media. To view a complete list of bond projects and learn more about the bond proposal, visit www.marysvilleschools.us and click on **Bond Info**.



If the bond proposal is approved by voters, how will home values be affected?

Research indicates that real estate values tend to be higher in communities with school districts that are perceived to offer a quality educational program and have up-to-date school facilities.

All Marysville Public Schools bond proposal projects are designed to reflect positively on homeowner property values and the school district's commitment to effectiveness and efficiency.



How will the bond proposal benefit residents who don't have students attending Marysville Public Schools?

The school district facilities serve a variety of purposes that benefit residents of all ages. For example, access to athletic facilities (gym track, pool, and multipurpose rooms) are vital community assets. The improvements and updates to the school district facilities will ensure a better educational environment and promote lifelong learning for residents of all ages.

Improved facilities help retain and attract students, support dedicated staff, and foster a stronger sense of pride and connection among all residents.

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VOTING INFORMATION

A YES vote typically means that a voter supports a ballot proposal. Is that the case in this election?

YES. Voters who support the Marysville Public Schools **ZERO-TAX-RATE INCREASE** bond proposal should vote YES; voters who oppose the bond proposal should vote NO.



Who can vote in the election?

Residents of Marysville Public Schools who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day and are registered to vote can vote in this election.



Where can I get information about voting (such as how to register, where to vote, absentee voting, and voting early in person)?

Go to the Michigan Voter Information website (www.michigan.gov/vote) or call your local clerk's office.



Do I need to update my voter registration?

Yes, 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 your local clerk's office.



Can I vote by absentee ballot?

Registered voters do not need a reason to vote by absentee ballot. Simply request an absentee ballot application from your clerk's office or by going online to mvic.sos.state.mi.us/AVApplication/Index. Applicants will receive an absentee ballot in the mail.

Absentee ballots will be available to voters after June 26 and can be cast through Election Day.



Where can I get more information about the bond proposal?

- Visit www.marysvilleschools.us and click on **Bond Info**
 - Phone: 810-364-7731
 - Email: marysvillebondinfo@marysvilleschools.us

Share your thoughts about the bond proposal.

Scan the QR code or visit:

www.research.net/r/MarysvilleAugustBondProposal
to complete a short survey.



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GARDENS ELEMENTARY

Built in 1956
Additons in 1969, 1996, & 2007
Serves Grades K-5
58,594 sq. ft.
Proposed improvements totaling
\$2.6 million to be completed

Safety & Security Enhancements

- Upgrade playground equipment
- Install security shield across hallways (Won doors)
- Replace fire alarm system
- Replace emergency lighting battery packs
- Replace select classroom & hallway doors & frames
- Replace select windows
- Install security locks on classroom doors

Infrastructure Upgrades & Replacements

- Replace paving & sidewalks
- Install storm drainage at the rear of the building
- Replace select exterior brick
- Demolish brick boiler stack
- Replace electrical panelboards
- Replace water heater, lines, & storage tank
- Replace Tech Lab ceiling unit ventilator
- Upgrade controls for classroom unit ventilators

Interior & Exterior Renovations

- Replace select classroom, office, & media center furniture
- Remodel classroom entryways
- Replace hallway restroom partitions
- Install additional site signage
- Replace select classroom flooring
- Upgrade the media center floors, ceilings, & lighting



MORTON ELEMENTARY

Built in 1920
Additions in 1996 & 2007
Serves Grades K-5
48,255 sq. ft.
Proposed improvements totaling
\$3.1 million to be completed

Safety & Security Enhancements

- Upgrade playground equipment
- Install security shield across hallways (Won doors)
- Replace fire alarm system
- Replace emergency lighting battery packs
- Replace windows
- Install security locks on classroom doors

Infrastructure Upgrades & Replacements

- Replace paving & sidewalks
- Replace concrete at catch basin drains
- Replace structural flooring in STEM Lab
- Upgrade controls for classroom unit ventilators

Interior & Exterior Renovations

- Replace select classroom, office, & media center furniture
- Replace hallway restroom partitions in original wing of the building
- Install additional site signage
- Replace exterior soffits & fascia at the main entrance canopy
- Replace flooring in Cafetorium
- Install new cabinets/countertops in select classrooms
- Upgrade the media center floors, ceilings, & lighting



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WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Built in 1954
Additions in 1969, 1978, 1996, & 2007
Serves Grades K-5
49,724 sq. ft.
Proposed improvements totaling
\$2.9 million to be completed

Safety & Security Enhancements

- Upgrade playground equipment
- Install security shield across hallways (Won-doors)
- Replace fire alarm system
- Replace emergency lighting battery packs
- Replace select windows
- Install security locks on classroom doors

Infrastructure Upgrades & Replacements

- Replace paving & sidewalks
- Replace concrete at catch basin drains
- Replace electrical panelboards
- Replace gravel surface sections of the roof
- Replace select exterior brick
- Replace water heater & lines
- Replace ventilator valves/hoses
- Upgrade controls for classroom unit ventilators

Interior & Exterior Renovations

- Replace select classroom, office, & media center furniture
- Remodel classroom entryways
- Install additional site signage
- Replace flooring in select classrooms
- Upgrade the media center floors, ceilings, & lighting



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MARYSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Built in 1960
Additions in 1996 & 2007
Serves Grades 6-8
79,248 sq. ft.
Improvements totaling
\$3.0 million to be completed

Safety & Security Enhancements

- Install security shield across hallways (Won-doors)
- Install security shields on exterior doors
- Replace exterior doors & frames
- Replace select classroom & hallway doors & frames
- Replace fire alarm system
- Replace emergency lighting battery packs
- Install security locks on classroom doors

Infrastructure Upgrades & Replacements

- Replace paving & sidewalks
- Replace concrete at catch basin drains
- Replace electrical panel boards
- Replace select windows due to age (Tech/Storage area & 2nd story wing)
- Install additional storm drainage in NW corner of school site
- Replace select roofing
- Install new elevator
- Demolish brick boiler stack
- Upgrade controls for classroom unit ventilators

Interior & Exterior Renovations

- Replace select classroom & office furniture
- Remodel classroom entryways
- Install additional site signage



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MARYSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Built in 2009
Serves Grades 9-12
238,382 sq. ft.
Proposed improvements totaling
\$6.6 million to be completed



Safety & Security Enhancements

- Upgrade security shield across hallways (Won-doors)
- Install security shields on exterior doors
- Install state mandated door monitoring system at elevators/lifts

Infrastructure Upgrades & Replacements

- Replace paving & sidewalks
- Expand parking lot on Collard Drive
- Create a crosswalk from parking lot on Collard Drive
- Replace select roofing
- Install additional storm drainage in parking lot near shotput area
- Add a condensing boiler & shutoff valves to the geothermal loop
- Replace rooftop unit compressors
- Upgrade classroom energy recovery units
- Replace heaters in entryways
- Regrading/recrowning/reseeding the practice field
- Upgrade pool pump equipment

Interior & Exterior Renovations

- Replace select classroom furniture
- Install additional site signage

Upgrade Arts & Athletic Spaces

- Purchase band & orchestra instruments
- Upgrade aisle lighting in the auditorium
- Replace aisle carpeting in the auditorium
- Upgrade theater house lighting to LED
- Replace orchestra pit cover
- Resurface existing tennis courts
- Construct new dugouts
- Upgrade pool lighting
- Replace pool diving board & starting blocks
- Install fence on JV baseball outfield



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