



Facts About the 2024 Bond Proposal

Vote Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Safety, Security and Accessibility Bond Proposal Informational Session



(APRIL) 4 **ELHS LIBRARY HUB**
509 BURCHAM DRIVE, EAST LANSING
6-7 PM

(APRIL) 8 **SNELL-TOWAR REC CENTER**
6146 PORTER AVENUE, EAST LANSING
2-3 PM

(APRIL) 16 **SNELL-TOWAR REC CENTER**
6146 PORTER AVENUE, EAST LANSING
6-7 PM

(APRIL) 25 **ELHS LIBRARY HUB**
509 BURCHAM DRIVE, EAST LANSING
9-10 AM

**ON
MAY 7
BALLOT**

Join us

Dori Leyko
Superintendent

Glenn Mitcham
Assistant Superintendent

Matt Morales
Director of Health & Safety

For questions, contact Superintendent Dori Leyko at dori.leyko@elps.us or visit the district website to view the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at elps.us/bond2024



What is on the ballot?

On the ballot is a \$23.5 million school improvement bond proposal. If approved, it would provide building and site improvements that would address the highest priority projects as determined by the district and community input with a focus on **Safety, Security and Accessibility** at MacDonald Middle School and East Lansing High School.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the School District of the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$23,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting an addition to, remodeling, including security improvements to, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; erecting, furnishing and equipping a new administration building; and preparing, developing and improving sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2024 is 0.1 mill (\$0.10 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a 0 mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is nine (9) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.67 mills (\$1.67 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$84,855,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

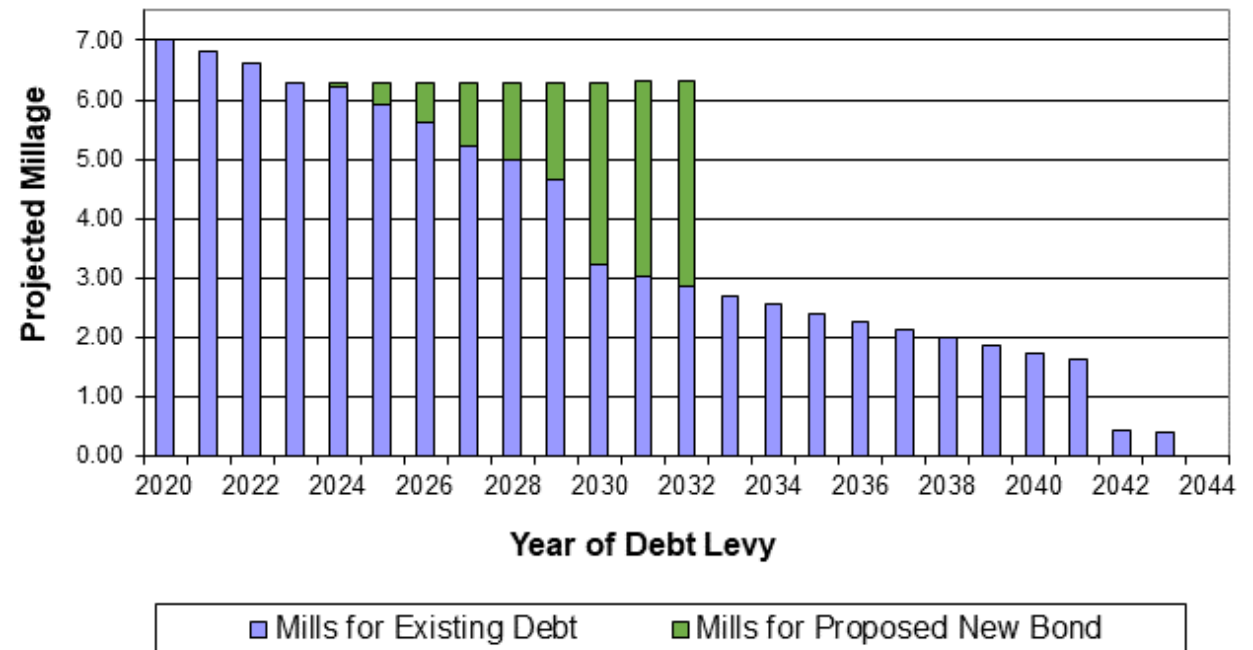
(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)



How will the bond proposal impact my tax rate?

East Lansing Public Schools currently levies 6.30 mills for the debt tax rate. If the 2024 bond proposal is approved by voters, the net debt tax rate is expected to remain the same at 6.30 mills, resulting in a **ZERO TAX RATE INCREASE** from the current year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING
MILLAGE PROJECTION FOR MAY 2024 BOND PROPOSAL



Why a Bond Proposal Now?

The 2024 bond proposal is planned to address the currently identified issues over the next three years. While the sinking fund dollars address many critical needs, there are still core infrastructure system needs, such as the safety and security systems and HVAC control systems, that have exceeded their expected lifecycles – replacing these systems will extend the useful life of our school buildings and sites.

Safety



Security



Accessibility



What Projects Are in This Bond Proposal?



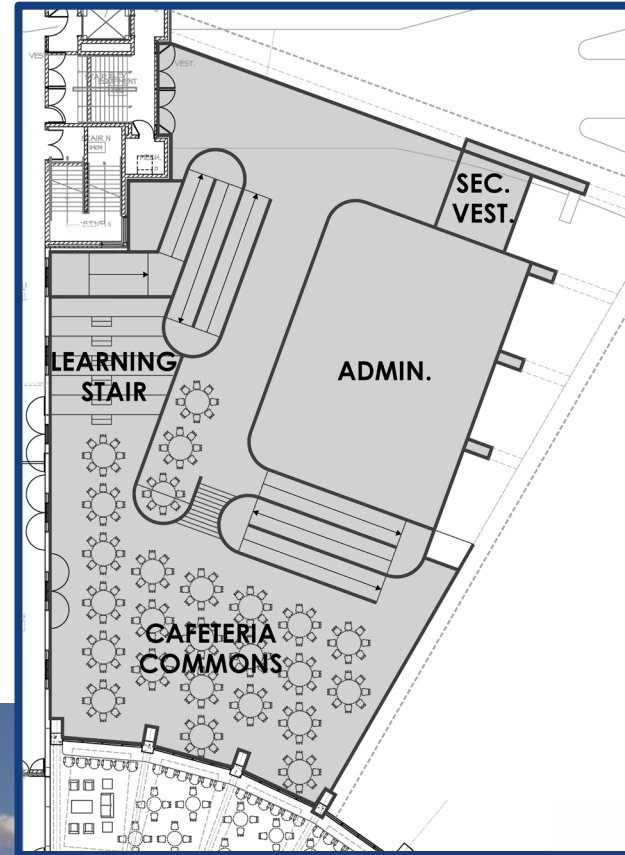
MacDonald Middle School

- Replacement of interior door hardware for all classrooms and offices – interior -locking so staff members can lock their classroom doors from the interior of their rooms. (Currently, classroom doors have to be locked with a key on the hallway side of the door.)
- Upgrades to security cameras and security management system
- Addition of an interior ramp for accessibility between floors
- Upgrades to HVAC control system
- Replacement of carpet



East Lansing High School

- New construction of a secure entrance and office area
- Replacement of interior door hardware for all classrooms and offices – interior - locking so staff members can lock their classroom doors from the interior of their rooms. (Currently, classroom doors have to be locked with a key on the hallway side of the door.)
- Upgrades to security cameras and security management system
- Expansion of cafeteria seating
- Addition of an interior ramp for accessibility between floors
- Upgrades to HVAC control system



Proposed Addition to East Lansing High School
Final Concept is Subject to Change

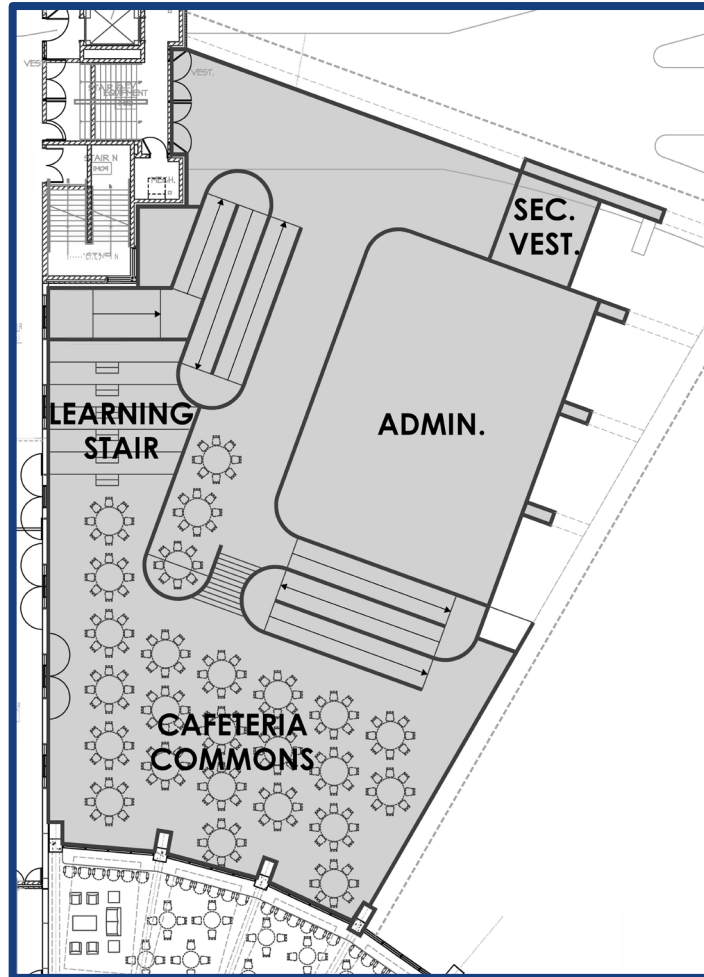


Artist Rendering of Proposed Addition to East Lansing High School
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With the addition of cafeteria space and seating, is the High School campus going to become a closed campus?

There is no plan to close campus for junior and seniors for lunch.

With the opportunity to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students, we are serving more students lunch at school and require additional cafeteria space.



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District Administration Building

- Demolition and rebuild of a District Administration Building on property currently owned by East Lansing Public Schools on Towar Ave.
- The building will provide offices and work spaces for approximately 15 administrators and support staff.
- The building will include a flexible space that will offer a variety of uses:
 - Board of Education meetings (generally the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month) – open to public
 - Board Committee meetings – approximately weekly – open to public
 - Training space for staff – as needed



Proposed Demolition of Existing Building on Towar Ave. for Central Office Building



Why Do We Need a New District Admin. Building?

- **Safety and Security**

- The security of East Lansing High School will be improved by eliminating access of non -school personnel to our students. With Central Office administrators and support staff moving to an offsite building, visitors, guests, vendors, meeting participants and others will not be moving through the hallways with our students.
- If a lockdown is administered at ELHS, central office administrators would also be locked down and unable to collaborate with first responders to make decisions.

- **Space**

- Need for additional office space & a flexible space for teacher/staff training in central office.
- With the addition of new student support positions (i.e. Dean of Student Success, Student Advocates, security personnel, counselor, social worker, Communities in Schools coordinator) and the addition of the Community Health Center, additional office spaces and small -group spaces are needed .

- **Opportunity to Utilize Existing Property in the Community**

- The Towar Avenue property has been vacant for years. The current building is not in condition to be occupied, even with a significant renovation.



Voting Information

Register to vote online
Michigan.gov /vote or visit your local
Clerk's office up until election day

You can request an **absentee ballot**
online at Michigan.gov /vote or at your
local Clerk's office on or after March 28,
2024

Election Day is:
Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 7am -8pm

Starting April 23, 2024, voters may cast
a ballot at their assigned early voting
site(s). They can look up their assigned
early voting site(s) up to 60 days prior
to Election Day at
Michigan.gov /vote .



Q&A



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