

# Grand Ledge Public Schools BOND 2026

## November 3rd Ballot Proposal

On November 3rd, voters in Grand Ledge Public Schools will be asked to consider a bond proposal that focuses on upgrades to our school buildings and sites, including additions and renovations, safety and security improvements, flexible/adaptable furniture, and instructional technology.

If voters approve the bond proposal, the District will be able to maintain the current school debt levy and issue bonds without any increase to the current debt millage rate. The proposal authorizes the issuance of up to \$123,500,000 million in bonds.

## ZERO INCREASE TO THE CURRENT MILLAGE RATE



## BOND AREAS OF FOCUS



### Smarter

- Expanded and improved learning spaces
- Updated instructional technology
- Improved space functionality, efficiency, and flexibility



### Stronger

- Improved sites, playgrounds, and parking lots
- Upgraded infrastructure and improved operational efficiencies
- Upgraded auditorium and new competition gym
- Indoor multi-use spaces to support year-round activities



### Safer

- Security film on windows and door glass for increased security
- District-wide re-keying, card readers, and fobs

# IMPORTANT BOND INFORMATION

## Dear GLPS Families and Community,



Grand Ledge Public Schools is a wonderful place to learn and grow, and we are fortunate to be part of a community that cares deeply about its schools. In our strategic plan, one of our belief statements is that *We believe in partnerships between the family, community, and education stakeholders for the success of GLPS*, and we endeavor to live out that belief every day through our words and our actions. Over the last several years, our district has continued to grow, both in the number of students we serve and in the opportunities we are able to provide them. With that growth comes a responsibility to make sure our schools and facilities continue to meet the current and future needs of our students, staff, families, and community.

The 2018 bond program allowed us to make significant improvements across the district, including new and expanded classrooms, safety and security improvements, infrastructure upgrades, new instructional spaces, and improvements to arts and athletic facilities. As we have worked to complete those projects, we have also continued to look ahead, planning for the future. As good stewards of the community's resources, we developed a long-term facilities plan, evaluated our buildings and sites, worked with professional partners, and gathered input from staff and community members to identify our next set of priorities.

On November 3, voters will be asked to consider a \$123.5 million bond proposal designed to continue that work and address those priorities. The proposal is designed to meet needs throughout the district, including additional and renovated learning spaces, safety and security upgrades, instructional technology, furniture, playgrounds and parking areas, infrastructure and HVAC improvements, and improvements to arts, athletics, and other student spaces. Just as importantly, the proposal would allow this work to move forward with *no increase to the current debt millage rate*.

For me, this work comes back to our mission of *Growing Learners and Preparing Students*. The spaces where our students learn matter. They need to be safe, functional, flexible, and able to support the outstanding teaching, learning, and programming that happen in our schools every day. This proposal is intended to build on the progress we have already made while preparing GLPS for continued growth in the years ahead.

I encourage you to learn more about the proposal, review the information in this brochure and on our website, and reach out if you have questions. We want our community to have accurate information before Election Day, and we welcome the opportunity to talk with you.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and schools, and thank you for everything you do to help make Grand Ledge Public Schools such a special place. As always, I am *#proudtobeacomet!*

Dr. Bill Barnes  
Superintendent of Schools

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# ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 3RD

FIND MORE INFO ON  
[GLcomets.net/Bond2026](http://GLcomets.net/Bond2026)

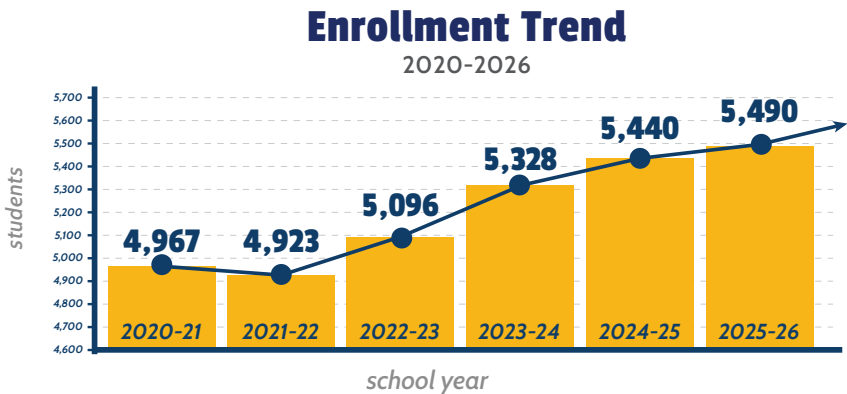


# Why is the District bringing this proposal to voters now?



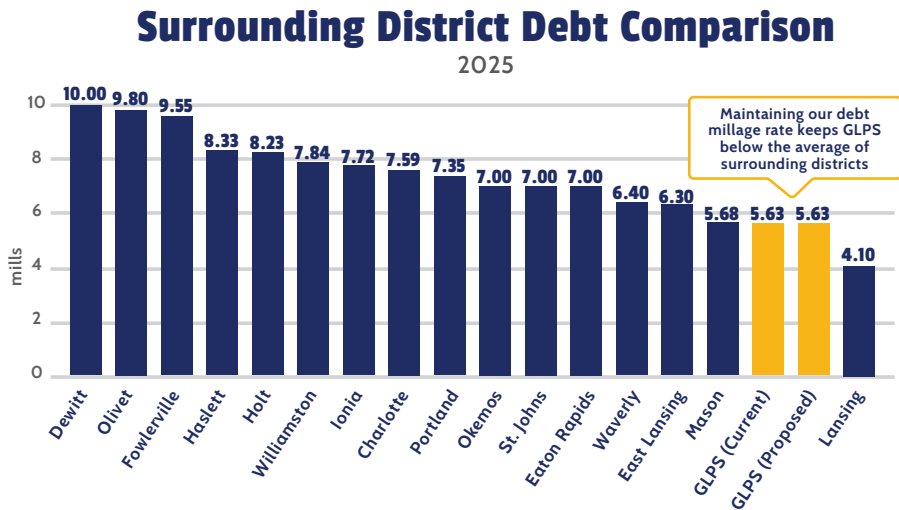
## ► Growing Enrollment

The District has experienced growing enrollment—a positive situation that also brings increased demands on its facilities. As our student population grows, the District must address capacity needs while also investing in aging infrastructure to ensure safe, functional, and effective learning environments for students and staff. These infrastructure needs will not diminish over time; they are likely to become more extensive and more costly, meaning that delaying these improvements could significantly increase their future costs.



## ► Window of Opportunity

The District has a unique opportunity to complete these projects without increasing the levy above the current debt tax rate. Taking advantage of this window of opportunity allows the District to address critical facility upgrades while maintaining the existing tax rate.



## How was Bond 2026 developed?

To advance strategic goals, the District developed a long-term facilities management plan based on a facilities assessment and validated by professional consultants. The District also analyzed its outstanding debt to determine the optimal timing for a future bond election, maximizing available funding without increasing the current debt tax rate. Community and staff engagement sessions led to the final bond recommendation which was approved by the Board of Education.



# BOND 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

### Delta Mills ECC

- ▶ Two-Classroom Addition
- ▶ New Classroom Furniture

### Neff ECC

- ▶ New Classroom and Media Center Furniture
- ▶ Classrooms and Offices Partial Carpet Replacement

### Delta Center Elementary

- ▶ Two-Classroom Addition
- ▶ Classroom and Hallway Renovation
- ▶ Classroom, Media Center, and Cafeteria Furniture
- ▶ Playground Improvements
- ▶ Kitchen/Servery Remodeling
- ▶ Cafeteria HVAC Upgrades
- ▶ Parking Lot Paving

### Holbrook Elementary

- ▶ Three-Classroom Addition
- ▶ Classroom Addition, Media Center, and Cafeteria Furniture
- ▶ Classroom and Hallway Renovation
- ▶ Playground Improvements
- ▶ South Side Bus Loop Reconfiguration

### Wacousta Elementary

- ▶ Cafeteria Addition

### Wacousta Commons

- ▶ HVAC Upgrades
- ▶ Security Film on Windows and Door Glass
- ▶ Complete Roof Replacement
- ▶ Furniture

### Willow Ridge Elementary

- ▶ Two-Classroom Addition
- ▶ Classroom and Hallway Renovations
- ▶ Gymnasium Addition and New Equipment
- ▶ Media Center Renovation
- ▶ Classroom, Media Center, and Cafeteria Furniture
- ▶ Playground Replacement
- ▶ Cafeteria/Stage Renovation
- ▶ Kitchen/Servery Remodeling
- ▶ Four-Office Addition for Support Staff

### Operations/Transportation

- ▶ Parking Lot Lighting and Paving
- ▶ Technology Upgrades

### Hayes Intermediate

- ▶ Two-Classroom Addition
- ▶ Cafeteria Addition
- ▶ Cafeteria Remodeling for Additional Collaborative Classroom Spaces
- ▶ Classroom, Media Center, Cafeteria, and Flex Education Space Furniture
- ▶ Classroom Carpet Partial Replacement
- ▶ Kitchen/Servery Remodeling
- ▶ Bathroom Remodeling
- ▶ Roof Replacement
- ▶ Parking Lot LED Lighting Upgrades

### Beagle Middle School

- ▶ Four-Classroom Addition
- ▶ Classroom and Media Center Furniture
- ▶ New Kitchen Water Heater
- ▶ Partial Roof Replacement
- ▶ Unit Ventilators on 2nd and 3rd Floors
- ▶ Data Center Power Replacement
- ▶ Roof Replacement

### Grand Ledge High School

- ▶ Science Lab Remodeling
- ▶ Media Center Renovation
- ▶ Classroom, Media Center, and Cafeteria Furniture
- ▶ Instructional Technology Enhancements
- ▶ Restroom Remodeling
- ▶ Auditorium Renovations (New Seating, Carpet, ADA Compliance)
- ▶ Gym Addition including Parking Lot / Driveway Modifications and Relocated Parking
- ▶ Existing Gym Conversion into Multi-Purpose Facility
- ▶ Equipment for Gym and Multi-Purpose Facility
- ▶ Auxiliary Gym Floor Replacement
- ▶ New Tennis Courts in the Same Location
- ▶ Gorman Baseball Field Irrigation
- ▶ Track Facility Enhancements (Parking Lot, Sidewalks, East Bleachers)
- ▶ Roof Replacement
- ▶ Stadium LED Lighting and Fencing Upgrades
- ▶ Renovation of 1958 Locker Rooms

## District Wide

- ▶ Infrastructure Upgrades
- ▶ Instructional Technology Enhancements
- ▶ Interior and/or Exterior LED Upgrades
- ▶ Security Film on Windows and Door Glass

## GOALS OF BOND 2026

- ▶ Deliver smarter, stronger, and safer schools to support the district's vision to provide every student with high-quality education, critical thinking skills, and social development to reach their highest potential in a safe and inclusive environment
- ▶ Enhance classroom and auxiliary spaces to support our growing student population now and for the future
- ▶ Preserve and improve district facilities by addressing program and infrastructure needs with zero impact to the current debt millage rate
- ▶ Continue the vision laid out in the 2018 bond program to meet the growing needs of Comet Country

## Voting Information

### For Absentee Information

[michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/absentee-voting](https://michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/absentee-voting)

### Where do I vote?

Find your clerk, polling place, and sample ballot  
[mivc.sos.state.mi.us/voter/index](https://mivc.sos.state.mi.us/voter/index)

### Important Dates

#### Sept 24, 2026

Absentee ballots available

#### October 19, 2026

Last day for voters to register  
to vote by mail

#### Oct 24 – Nov 1

Early voting 8:30am to  
4:30pm except on Thurs. when  
the hours are noon to 8:00pm

#### Nov 3 Election Day!

Polls open from 7:00am to  
8:00pm

## What can bond funds be used for?

**CAN** be used for the  
following items:

- ✓ Construction and remodeling of facilities
- ✓ Purchase of instructional technology equipment
- ✓ Equipment and furniture
- ✓ Site improvements
- ✓ Purchase of buses

**CANNOT** be used for the  
following items:

- ✗ Salaries and wages
- ✗ General operating expenses and maintenance
- ✗ Classroom supplies and textbooks
- ✗ Administrative costs

Note: Bond proceeds can only be used on projects / buildings owned by the District and are frequently audited by the state of Michigan.



# VOTE NOVEMBER 3

## Have Questions?

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