



THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The District of Choice in St. Joseph County

BOND PROPOSAL IMPROVEMENTS ZERO MILL TAX RATE INCREASE

PLEASE VOTE Tuesday, November 5, 2019

SCHOOL BOND PROPOSAL

The Three Rivers Community Schools Board of Education is asking the community to vote on a school bond proposal on the November 5, 2019 election ballot.

If approved, it would provide \$61,345,000 district-wide improvements to address identified and ongoing facility needs based facility assessments and community input.

WHAT IS A BOND PROPOSAL AND HOW CAN FUNDS FROM A BOND BE SPENT?

A bond proposal is how a public school district asks its community for authorization to borrow money to pay for capital expenditures.

Voter-approved bond funds can be spent on new construction, additions, remodeling, site improvements, athletic facilities, playgrounds, buses, 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.

Bond funds must be kept separate from operating funds and must be audited by an independent auditing firm.

KEY FINANCIAL POINTS

This proposal will be a **ZERO MILL TAX RATE INCREASE BOND**. It will be an extension of the current mills (4.9) the District is levying for 10 years to generate the necessary funds to improve and update our facilities and sites.

The District is proposing to continue updating infrastructure by providing improvements to aging building systems. While the schools have been well-maintained, some building systems are beyond their anticipated lifecycle and should be replaced. If approved, this bond proposal would authorize capital improvements to make our schools more energy efficient and extend their useful lives.

VOTING INFORMATION

Polls are open: Tuesday, November 5, 2019
from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Poll locations: Voters may cast a ballot at the polling location established by their city/township



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BOND PROPOSAL IMPROVEMENTS

ZERO MILL TAX RATE INCREASE

ANDREWS ELEMENTARY

- Development of secure building entry
- Heating & cooling upgrades
- Classroom furniture
- Educational technology upgrades
- Site work:
 - Upgrade parking, drives & walks
 - Building sitework to enhance new secure entry
 - Site signage
 - Improve bus drop-off loop

NORTON ELEMENTARY

- Development of secure building entry
- Heating & cooling upgrades
- Classroom furniture
- Educational technology upgrades
- Site work:
 - Upgrade parking, drives & walks
 - Building sitework to enhance new secure entry
 - Site signage
 - Improve bus drop-off loop
 - Upgrade playground fencing

PARK ELEMENTARY

- Development of secure building entry
- Heating & cooling upgrades
- Classroom furniture
- Educational technology upgrades
- Site work:
 - Upgrade parking, drives & walks
 - Building sitework to enhance new secure entry
 - Site signage
 - Improve bus drop-off loop
 - Additional parking

RUTH HOPPIN ELEMENTARY

- Development of secure building entry
- Heating & cooling upgrades
- Classroom furniture
- Educational technology upgrades
- Site work:
 - Upgrade parking, drives & walks
 - Building sitework to enhance new secure entry
 - Site signage
 - Traffic flow improvements

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Development of secure building entry
- New classroom wing
- Upgrades to core area to remain including; cafeteria, auditorium, music, & arts
- Heating & cooling upgrades
- Classroom furniture
- Educational technology upgrades
- Site work:
 - Upgrade parking, drives & walks
 - Building sitework to enhance new secure entry
 - Site signage
 - Traffic flow improvements

HIGH SCHOOL

- Development of secure building entry including exterior door upgrades
- New weight room & fitness area addition
- Music suite addition & remodeling
- Heating & cooling upgrades
- Electrical upgrades
- Classroom & media center furniture
- Educational technology upgrades
- Site work:
 - Upgrade parking, drives & walks
 - Building sitework to enhance new secure entry
 - Site signage
 - Traffic flow improvements
- New transportation facility
- Community Stadium
 - New track & field
 - New stadium plaza with entry, ticketing, restrooms, concessions, team rooms & scoreboard
 - New baseball & softball fields
 - Stadium parking improvements including new A.D.A. parking spaces & fencing

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