

# 2023 Bond Information

#### **Points of Pride**

- Student Engagement
  - Laker Marching Band is 134 strong
  - 477 student-athletes in 2021-22, including 257 multiple sport participants
  - Theater cast & crew: 54 for fall play; 63 for musical
  - 48 students enrolled in choir
  - 417 "seats" scheduled for AP classes this fall
  - 48 students going to the CTC
  - 93 "seats" dual enrolled



### **Accolades**

- US News & World Report Rankings rank amongst Michigan schools
  - SLHS: #39/660 overall; #31 among community public schools
  - SLMS: #7/2,005 overall; #3 among community public schools
  - SLIS: #8/2,005 overall; #4 among community public schools
  - Holmes: #23/2,639 overall; #18 among community public schools
  - Jeffers: #19/2,639 overall; #14 among community public schools



## **Trends & Opportunities**

- Pre-COVID, SLPS had 1 full time school social worker
  - We began the 2022-23 school year with 4 full time SSW
- Pre-COVID, SLPS had academic interventionists at both K-4 buildings
  - We began the 2022-23 school year with a FT interventionist at SLIS/SLMS and SLHS
- SLHS opened the 2022-23 school year with a FT School Safety Coordinator
- SLHS is beginning to increasingly focus on career readiness and school to work opportunities

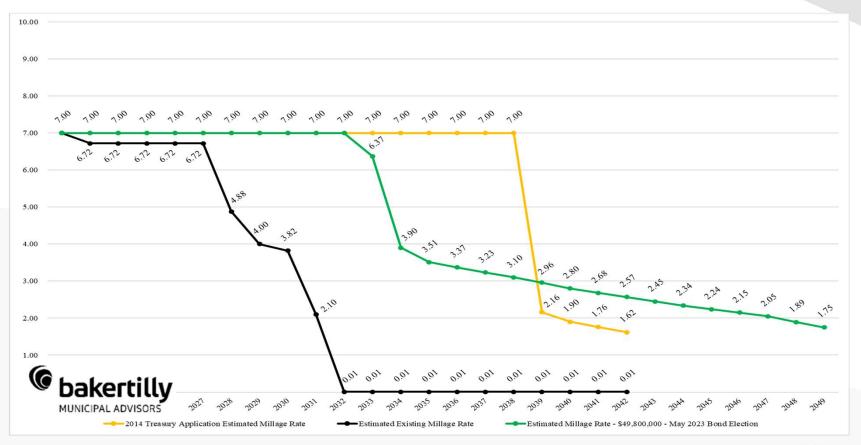


#### **Recent Bond Issuance Review**

- 1997 School Building and Site Bonds
  - May 6, 1997, voters approved bonds to be issued in an amount not to exceed \$22,820,000
    - Highlighted project: New High School Building
- 2006 School Building and Site Bond
  - May 2, 2006, voters approved bonds to be issued in an amount not to exceed \$22,600,000
    - Highlighted project: Fitness and Aquatic Center
- 2014 School Building and Site Bonds
  - May 6, 2014, voters approved bonds to be issued in an amount not to exceed \$54,260,000
    - Highlighted projects: Additions/renovations to Holmes/Jeffers Elementary Schools and constructing athletics fields



# **Comparison of Estimated Bond Millage Rates**

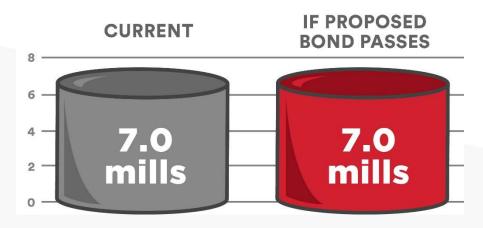




# How much will this cost taxpayers?

# zero increase

to the bond millage rate

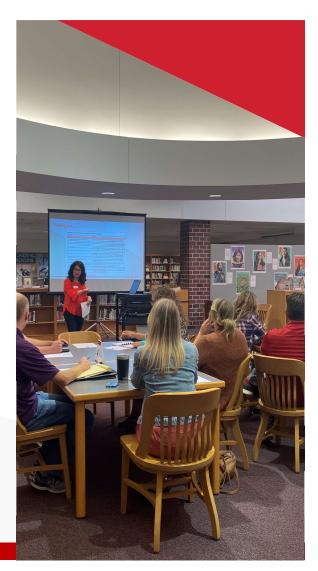


# **2022 Millage Rates – Comparison Districts**

District	Total Sinking Fund & Debt Millage	
Allendale	12.0	
Coopersville	8.99	
Jenison	8.50	
Zeeland	8.43	
West Ottawa	8.04	
Hudsonville	7.95	
Spring Lake	7.00	
Holland	5.91	
Grand Haven	4.20	
Saugatuck	3.92	
Hamilton	2.18	

# How was this plan developed?

- A Facilities Condition Assessment and Program Assessment were completed and outlined the needs across District buildings with an emphasis on Spring Lake High School.
- The District convened a group of 35 community members (parents, staff, Board members, and other community members) to serve on the Bond Study Committee (BSC). The BSC was charged with developing a plan for upgrading educational and extracurricular facilities to support flexible, student-centered educational spaces that meet the mission and vision of the District.
- The Bond Study Committee held meetings from August 2022 through October 2022.
- Early in the process, the Committee prioritized Guiding Principles, established to guide their thinking as they began the rigorous process of analyzing concepts and ideas to meet those principles. They also learned about the financial picture regarding a future bond program. As a final step, a broad community survey was conducted to gain feedback on the direction the committee was considering.
- On November 21, 2022 the Bond Study Committee presented its findings and recommendation to the SLPS Board of Education.
- On January 23, 2023, Board unanimously supported placing a \$49.8 million bond initiative on the ballot, which would be a zero increase over the current debt millage rate.



# What is on the May 2 Ballot?



Infrastructure, Program & Technology Enhancements

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$49.8 Million** 

**ZERO INCREASE**TO CURRENT DEBT MILLAGE RATE

# What is on the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot?

#### **Student Well-Being**

- Safe & secure entry at SLHS
- Comfortable & welcoming student commons area at SLHS
- Outdoor learning spaces District-wide

#### Future-Ready Learning Environments

- Build on Academic Excellence
- Design innovative and engaging educational spaces
- Foster collaboration and critical thinking

# Operational Efficiency & Infrastructure Upgrades

- Replace/upgrade building systems and components that are beyond their useful life
- Goal of reducing operational expenses and providing efficiencies

#### **Student Life**

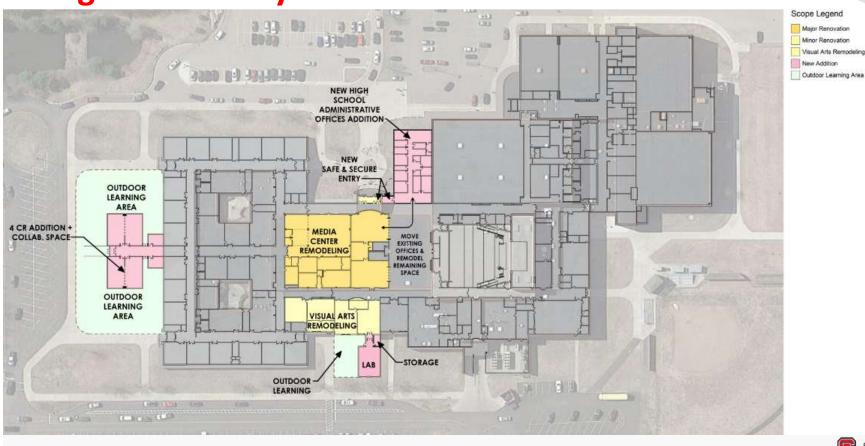
- Improvements for the Arts & Athletics
- Auditorium upgrades
- New athletic training spaces
- Indoor practice space for band & athletics



#### **Spring Lake High School & Alternative Education**

- New Secure Entry and Administration space
- Add 4 new classrooms and common space
- Remodel/add Visual Arts space supporting hands-on learning
- Media Center upgrades with spaces for collaboration
- Secure classrooms with new door hardware and window film
- New Outdoor Learning spaces
- Athletic upgrades including new tennis courts, addition of varsity baseball field and fieldhouse
- Upgrade fire alarm and security camera system
- Instructional technology for students & staff

**High School Key Plan** 





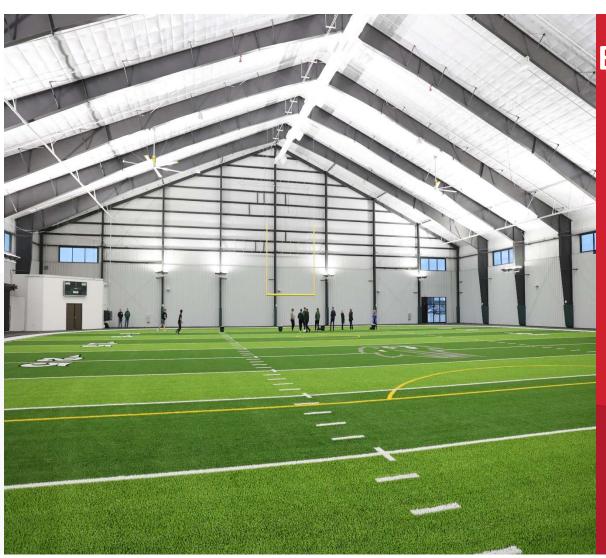
Minor Renovation Visual Arts Remodeling

- Spring Lake Intermediate & Middle School
  - Secure classroom door hardware
  - New tennis courts
  - Energy efficient lighting (LED)
  - Replace select heating units
  - Instructional technology for students & staff
  - New Outdoor Learning space
- Holmes & Jeffers Elementary Schools
  - Instructional technology for students & staff
  - Replace select mechanical units at Jeffers
  - New Outdoor Learning space









#### **New Fieldhouse**

- 65,000 sq ft
- Turf practice field
- Weight room
- Multipurpose room
- Storage
- Safe, secure practice facility for SLPS athletics, band, and other extracurricular activities

#### **Instructional Technology Improvements**

- Staff and student instructional devices, including laptops, tablets, and lab devices
- Classroom instructional technology, including projectors, displays, and audio systems
- Instructional support devices, including copiers, printers, and multimedia equipment

#### **Non-Instructional Technology Improvements**

- Network infrastructure cabling at SL High School
- Network equipment including switches, access points, and server hardware
- Security infrastructure including cameras, sensors, public address, and door hardware
- Administrative technology including phones, signage, scanners, and multimedia equipment
- Auditorium improvements including cabling infrastructure, lighting, and audio/video equipment









#### **Critical Infrastructure**

- Select roofing replacement
- Upgrades to mechanical & electrical systems
- Replacement of select finishes
- New buses



Core Infrastructure		
Select roofing, heating, electrical, and finish replacement, as well as energy efficiency upgrades and transportation improvements	\$	14,469,620
Total Infrastructure	\$	14,469,620
Program & Learning Enhancements		
Safety & Security: High School Secure Entry & office would create a "through office" routing, requiring visitors to check into the building during school hours. Additional & replacement security cameras on site	\$	3,303,407
High School Collaboration & Learning: Re-imagine Media Center and Cafeteria to create collaborative gathering spaces for project-based learning, team activities, and student engagement		3,441,586
Visual Arts - create and enhance appropriate spaces for visual arts and hands on learning	\$	1,910,796
High School Classroom Additions: Add 4 new classrooms at the high school, increasing capacity, creating additional flexible teaching environments, and allowing for curricular expansion		3,639,591
Fieldhouse with weight room and multi-use room: Year round indoor / outdoor space supports all athletic teams, cheer, band		15,833,290
Athletic & Site Improvements: Move and update athletic fields for safety and proximity	\$	4,085,143
Outdoor Learning: Flexible outdoor teaching areas supporting learning and student well-being	\$	552,000
Band Instruments: replace instruments at the end of their useful life	\$	125,000
District & Classroom Technology: Sustainable technology plan to equip teachers and classrooms with current instructional technology	\$	2,375,000
Total Program & Learning Enhancements	\$	35,265,813
Total Bond Program	\$	49,735,433

# In Summary... Importance of Bond 2023

The Board of Education believes that Bond 2023 will benefit students and the community in a variety of ways, including:

- Offering an environment that engages students and promotes a dynamic, collaborative and stimulating atmosphere to prepare them for the future
- Providing improved environmental quality and operational efficiency by upgrading outdated building systems/finishes
- Updating building systems to ensure safe & secure school buildings
- Create educational spaces to support academic, athletic, and artistic aspects of student life
- Protecting residential property values by building on our tradition of excellence

## **For More Information**



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# Questions?