

School Bond Proposal



Following Our Shared Vision

*"We see a school district where students experience the joy in learning" and
"We see a school district where we benefit from facilities that are updated, well maintained and inviting, including cutting-edge technology and equipment."*

Vote
Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Livonia Public Schools is dedicated to creating a modern learning environment, while providing high-quality education for all students, through technology and building improvements.

Why now:

- Critical upgrades and renovations needed
- Technology is essential for a 21st Century learning environment
- Last technology and infrastructure bond, 1992
- Funding is declining, stress on operating budget
- Inefficient buildings 40-60 years old
- Favorable interest rates and construction market

Benefits of the bond:

- Improves educational opportunities
- Creates modern learning environments
- Enhancements at all schools
- Provides technology in every classroom
- Produces maintenance and energy cost savings
- Provides school safety enhancements
- Maintains strong schools; an investment in the community and home values

Cost:

- \$195 million = approx. \$13/month on a \$132,000 home
- 30-year millage; 2.4 mills
- Average millage rate: 2.0 over the life of the bond

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Features of Livonia Public Schools Bond

Technology

\$25.8 Million

- Enhanced technology in each classroom
- Mobile learning devices for students
- Replacement of obsolete computers
- Wireless network
- Upgrade technology infrastructure for reliability

Facilities

\$124.9 Million

(2.9 million square feet)

- **Classroom upgrades:** flooring, lighting, air quality, windows, white boards, and furniture
- **Infrastructure improvements:** doors, windows, heating and ventilating systems, plumbing, electrical systems, and lighting
- Upgrade secondary kitchens and cafeterias
- Renovate rest rooms
- Replace and upgrade playground equipment and high school press boxes
- Replace lockers, renovate locker rooms
- Upgrade entrance ways

Cost-Saving Energy/Green Improvements

- New and upgraded lighting and heating controls
- Energy-efficient lighting and electrical systems
- Energy-efficient windows and doors
- Upgrade plumbing fixtures

Fine Arts

\$24 Million

- Rebuild high school auditoriums
- Renovate music and choir classrooms
- Replace outdated musical instruments

Safety & Security

\$6.8 Million

- Additional surveillance cameras, card access systems
- Upgrade alarm systems
- Integrate school communication systems
- Upgrade phone system
- School office relocations

Bus & Equipment Replacement

\$13.5 Million

- Replace buses
- Replace student furniture and desks
- Replace obsolete equipment

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- Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- To request an absentee ballot, register to vote, or to find your voting location, please visit www.michigan.gov/vote

Important Dates:

- April 8, 2013 - Final day to register to vote
- May 4, 2013 - Final day to request absentee ballot by mail
- May 6, 2013, 4 p.m. - Deadline to request absentee ballot at City Clerk's offices counter

With one of the lowest tax rates in the area, LPS has shown good stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Debt Millage Rate Comparison

Novi	7.63
Dearborn	5.81
Garden City	4.88
Wayne/Westland	4.86
Northville	4.30
Plymouth/Canton	4.10
Farmington	2.56
Livonia	2.20

Tax year 2012, fiscal year 2012-13
Source: 2012 County Apportionment Reports

For More Information:

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