



REED CITY AREA SCHOOLS PROPOSED BOND ISSUE IMPROVEMENTS

ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016



On May 3, 2016 the Reed City Area Public Schools community will have the opportunity to vote on two school bond proposals.

The Board of Education has assessed the needs of our school district, solicited public input, and made the recommendation to place two bond proposals on the May 3, 2016 ballot in order to meet the educational needs of our community. Maintaining building integrity and recommending improvements aimed at keeping us competitive have been carefully weighed against the responsibility of asking taxpayers to carry the burden. The board has attempted to present two proposals that are “no frills” and very practical while meeting expectations of our community for years to come.

School bonds can only be utilized to fund capital improvement projects, new construction, technology and transportation needs. Bonds cannot be utilized to fund operational and maintenance costs like salaries, supplies, utilities, insurance and other daily costs.

PROPOSAL 1 would fund \$3,850,000 in improvements, including:

DEFERRED BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

- Roof replacements at the MS and HS where needed
- Air conditioning in MS tech room for equipment cooling

SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Secure entrances at G.T. Norman Elementary School, the Middle School and High School (including Central Office)
- Security camera system upgrades
- Phone systems upgrade, including E-911 requirement
- Playground fencing at G.T. Norman Elementary School
- Sidewalk repairs
- Emergency lighting replacements in all gymnasiums

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Conversion of mechanical controls
- Replacement of select interior and exterior lighting

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

- Technology infrastructure upgrades
- New computers and devices for students, classrooms & staff

ATHLETICS

- Track replacement and improved field drainage at the stadium

ADDITIONAL UPGRADES

- Two buses (used)
- Middle school hallway carpet replacement
- Select classroom furniture replacements

If Proposal 1 is approved, there would be no increase to the current tax rate.

PROPOSAL 2 would fund \$10,950,000 in improvements, including:

NEW MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY AT THE HS

Includes retractable seating for 750, making it both an auditorium and an auxiliary gymnasium, with stage, lighting, sound system and large weight room and walking track open to the community

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

- MS/HS band classroom expansion/renovation, including acoustics
- MS/HS media/collaboration center renovation
- Expanded parking at the MS/HS
- HS locker room renovations
- HS restrooms renovations, including ADA accessibility
- HS Life Skills kitchen upgrade
- MS classroom carpet and window blind replacements
- G.T. Norman Elementary white board replacements

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

- Technology infrastructure upgrades
- New computers and devices for students, classrooms and staff

ATHLETICS

- Expand HS gym on the west side to provide additional seating and practice space
- Relocate baseball field (to provide space for additional parking)
- Baseball/softball concessions and restroom facility
- Athletic field press box

If Proposal 2 is approved, there would be an increase of 1.7 mills to taxpayers. Based on the average value of a Reed City home, this equals \$5.31 per month.*

MARKET VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE	COST/ YEAR	COST/ MONTH	COST/ DAY
\$50,000	\$25,000	\$42.50	\$3.54	\$.12
\$75,000*	\$37,500*	\$63.75*	\$5.31*	\$.17*
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$85.00	\$7.08	\$.23
\$150,000	\$75,000	\$127.50	\$10.63	\$.35

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