



Good Afternoon Fellow Shorians,

Lake Shore Public Schools will have a \$66.7 million no tax-rate increase bond proposal on the May 3rd ballot.

The bond proposal was designed to make Lake Shore Public Schools an even better school district for years to come by improving instructional spaces, expanding community spaces, updating activity and play areas, and addressing building infrastructure needs.

Development of the bond proposal projects began with an in-depth facility assessment conducted by the school district's administrative staff and architectural and construction specialists. Following the facility assessment, community and staff members participated in a series of focus panels to discuss building needs and review the proposed bond proposal projects. A staff survey was also completed. Based on community and staff input, the bond project list was finalized, and it was then reviewed and approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

**Basic Facts Every Voter Should Know
About The No Tax-Rate Increase Bond Proposal**

- ✓ If the bond proposal is approved by voters, your current tax rate will not increase.
- ✓ The bond proposal will address our growing Early Childhood Program. A larger Early Childhood Center will be located at our current administrative building, and will provide our community's youngest learners with a facility designed especially for them.
- ✓ Classrooms will be improved by replacing furniture and equipment, upgrading student computer devices, upgrading classroom technology, and creating outdoor learning environments.
- ✓ Community spaces will be expanded by creating a Community Center to provide educational and recreational spaces for student, adult, and senior programming. We will build the Community Center at the current Administrative Center site.
- ✓ Activity and play areas will be upgraded by expanding all playgrounds and developing home fields for softball, soccer, lacrosse, and baseball teams for student and community use.
- ✓ Finally, building infrastructure needs will be addressed by enhancing safety and security, replacing select flooring, doors and hardware, adding energy-efficient lighting, improving parking lots and traffic flow, replacing select roofs, updating plumbing and fixtures, and replacing boilers.

In all school elections, *every vote is important*. That is certainly the case on May 3rd. Please remember to vote at the polls on Election Day between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. or any time after March 24th by absentee ballot.

If you need more information about voting or voting by absentee, call your local Clerk's Office or go to www.michigan.gov/vote.

To learn more about the no tax-rate increase bond proposal, residents of the school district are invited to visit www.lakeshoreschools.org and click on *Bond Election Info*.

I also invite residents with questions or comments to contact me at 586/285-8480 or send me an email at jdiponio@lsps.org.

Sincerely,



Dr. Joseph DiPonio
Superintendent
Lake Shore Public Schools

p.s. Please take two minutes to complete a short survey about the bond proposal. Simply scan the QR code below or go to www.research.net/r/LSPS-bond.



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