



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **November 7, 2017 Bond Election**

#### **When is the election?**

Tuesday, November 7, 2017. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available after September 23rd.

#### **What is on the ballot?**

Registered voters residing within the boundaries of the Gibraltar School District will vote on a \$24.8 million bond proposal. If the proposal is approved by voters, there will be no change in the current tax rate.

#### **Why is this bond election necessary?**

The primary purpose of the bond election is to support ongoing initiatives that make school district facilities safe, secure, and up-to-date, and to provide for continuing upgrades in technology and to the technology infrastructure.

The bond proposal on the November 7 ballot is an outgrowth of the school district's strategic planning process and will affect every Gibraltar student and every Gibraltar school.

#### **The bond projects fall into five major categories:**

1. Enhance student safety with secure school entrances, additional video surveillance, and access control systems for school buildings
2. Construction of a new gym, music room, and stage at Chapman Elementary School.
3. Remodel the Carlson High School band room, media centers, selected classrooms, restrooms, and entryways
4. Replace selected roofs and HVAC systems, and upgrade electrical and mechanical systems in all schools
5. Upgrade technology infrastructure, instructional technology, and computing devices

## **How will the bond proposal affect students and the community?**

The bond proposal will affect students and the community in several ways, including...

- ✓ enhancing school security and student safety
- ✓ providing an up-to-date learning environment for students
- ✓ remodeling selected areas to provide more space for science, technology, engineering, math, art, and music instruction
- ✓ keeping technology and technology infrastructure up-to-date
- ✓ protecting the community's investment by assuring that all schools and school facilities are in good condition

All bond proposal projects were designed to reflect positively on homeowner property values and the school district's positive reputation.

## **What will the bond proposal cost?**

If voters approve the bond proposal, the current tax rate will not change. There will be no increase in the current tax rate.

## **What's included in the bond proposal?**

If approved by voters, the following projects will be completed at each school:

### **CHAPMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

#### New Construction

- Construct new gym, music room, and stage

#### Exterior work

- Replace doors
- Replace roofing over lobby area
- Refinish upper exterior of building

#### Interior Work

- Remodel main office/lobby and create secure entry
- Remodel existing gym to cafeteria

- Replace restroom partitions
- Replace classroom carpet/tile
- Remodel Media Center to multi-use space

#### Mechanical

- Upgrade temperature control systems
- Replace air handling units in cafeteria and gym

#### Electrical

- Electrical support for mechanical work
- Electrical support for technology work

- Install exterior lighting at front of school
- Install energy management system for exterior lighting

### Technology Infrastructure

- Install cabling for renovated areas and new systems
- Replace network core and edge switches
- Replace back-up power supply in each telecommunication room
- Replace wireless infrastructure
- Replace phone system
- Install clock system
- Install gym/cafeteria sound system
- Add video surveillance cameras
- Install access control at main entrance
- Install building-wide access control system
- Replace PA system

### Technology Equipment

- Replace desktop computers
- Provide additional student mobile devices
- Provide storage/charging carts for mobile devices

- Refresh computing devices
- Replace classroom interactive displays
- Replace classroom sound field
- Replace classroom document cameras
- Provide audiovisual for collaborative spaces
- Provide conference room displays
- Provide building entrance displays
- Printer allowance
- Peripheral allowance
- Provide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) equipment

### Site Work

- Restore site at new addition
- Replace site lighting heads with LED

### Furnishings

- Provide lab-type furniture for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

## **HUNTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### Exterior Work

- Abate asbestos fascia panels
- Replace fascia panels
- Install exterior panel system at main entrance

### Interior Work

- Create secure main entrance
- Remodel Media Center to multi-use space
- Replace carpet

### Mechanical

- Upgrade temperature control systems
- Replace air handling units in cafeteria and gym

### Electrical

- Electrical support for mechanical work
- Electrical support for technology work
- Install energy management system for exterior lighting

### Technology Infrastructure

- Install cabling for renovated areas and new systems
- Replace network core and edge switches
- Replace back-up power supply in each telecommunication room
- Replace wireless infrastructure
- Replace phone system
- Install clock system
- Install gym/cafeteria sound system
- Add video surveillance cameras
- Install access control at main entrance
- Install building-wide access control system

- Replace PA system

### Technology Equipment

- Replace desktop computers
- Provide additional student mobile devices
- Provide storage/charging carts for mobile devices
- Refresh computing devices
- Replace classroom interactive displays
- Replace classroom sound field
- Replace classroom document cameras
- Provide audiovisual for collaborative spaces
- Provide conference room/IEP displays
- Provide building entrance displays
- Provide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) equipment

### Site Work

- Restore site at new addition
- Replace site lighting heads with LED

### Furnishings

- Provide lab-type furniture for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

## **PARSONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### Exterior Work

- Remove skylights and install roofing
- Reconstruct wall from top of windows in original wing

### Interior Work

- Create secure main entrance
- Remodel main office
- Remodel Media Center to multi-use space
- Replace corridor doors to meet code
- Refinish gym flooring and ceiling

### Mechanical

- Upgrade temperature control systems
- Replace gym HAVC units
- Replace boiler system

### Electrical

- Electrical support for mechanical work
- Electrical support for technology work
- Install energy management system for exterior lighting
- Replace selected lighting

### Technology Infrastructure

- Install cabling for renovated areas and new systems
- Replace network core and edge switches
- Replace back-up power supply in each telecommunication room
- Replace wireless infrastructure
- Replace phone system
- Install clock system
- Install gym/cafeteria sound system
- Add video surveillance cameras
- Install access control at main entrance

- Install building-wide access control system
- Replace PA system

### Technology Equipment

- Replace desktop computers
- Provide additional student mobile devices
- Provide storage/charging carts for mobile devices
- Refresh computing devices
- Replace classroom interactive displays
- Replace classroom sound field
- Replace classroom document cameras
- Provide audiovisual for collaborative spaces
- Provide conference room/IEP displays
- Provide building entrance displays
- Printer allowance
- Peripheral allowance
- Provide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) equipment

### Site Work

- Correct drainage issues at service drive
- Install drain tile around north wing
- Replace site lighting heads with LED

### Furnishings

- Provide lab-type furniture for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

## **WEISS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### Exterior Work

- Remove loading dock construction and cooling tower

### Interior Work

- Create secure main entrance
- Construct rated enclosure for kiln
- Replace corridor doors in early elementary wing

### Mechanical

- Upgrade temperature control systems
- Install vertical unit vents and ductwork in classrooms
- Install exhaust system for kiln
- Complete range hood ductwork and exhaust fan

### Electrical

- Electrical support for mechanical work
- Electrical support for technology work
- Install energy management system for exterior lighting
- Replace selected lighting
- Replace lighting at new ceiling areas

### Technology Infrastructure

- Replace network core and edge switches
- Replace back-up power supply in each telecommunication room
- Replace wireless infrastructure
- Replace phone system
- Install clock system
- Install gym/cafeteria sound system
- Add video surveillance cameras
- Install access control at main entrance

- Install building-wide access control system
- Replace PA system

### Technology Equipment

- Replace desktop computers
- Provide additional student mobile devices
- Provide storage/charging carts for mobile devices
- Refresh computing devices
- Replace classroom interactive displays
- Replace classroom sound field
- Replace classroom document cameras
- Provide audiovisual for collaborative spaces
- Provide conference room displays
- Provide building entrance displays
- Printer allowance
- Peripheral allowance
- Provide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) equipment

### Site Work

- Replace site lighting heads with LED
- Restore site at removed loading dock/cooling tower

### Furnishings

- Provide lab-type furniture for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)

## **SHUMATE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

### Exterior Work

- Replace door to boiler room

### Interior Work

- Replace corridor lockers
- Reconfigure project area between rooms 116 and 118
- Install ADA accessible ramp to stage
- Remodel room 501 to a project room
- Replace gym bleachers

### Mechanical

- Reconfigure ductwork at main office/entrance
- Replace heating system distribution in Media Center

### Electrical

- Electrical support for mechanical work
- Electrical support for technology work
- Provide electrical service to center tables in science rooms
- Replace selected lighting
- Relocate distribution panel and transformer from pit

### Technology Infrastructure

- Install fiber backbone for 10G
- Install cabling for renovated areas and new systems
- Replace network core and edge switches
- Replace back-up power supply in each telecommunication room
- Replace wireless infrastructure
- Replace phone system
- Install clock system
- Install gym/cafeteria sound system
- Add video surveillance cameras

- Install access control at main entrance
- Install building-wide access control system
- Replace PA system

### Technology Equipment

- Replace desktop computers
- Provide additional student mobile devices
- Provide storage/charging carts for mobile devices
- Refresh computing devices
- Replace classroom interactive displays
- Replace classroom sound field
- Replace classroom document cameras
- Install gym/cafeteria presentation system
- Install audiovisual equipment in collaborative spaces
- Provide building entrance displays
- Provide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) equipment

### Site Work

- Replace site lighting heads with LED
- Install new light poles and heads
- Rework retention ponds for aeration

### Furnishings

- Provide lab-type furniture for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)

## **CARLSON HIGH SCHOOL**

### Exterior Work

- Remove skylights/install roofing at 126C
- Replace front office windows

### Interior Work

- Replace corridor lockers
- Remodel science room area
- Remodel band room to art room
- Remodel part of Media Center to project-based area
- Remodel shop area to Music Program
- Remodel student restrooms
- Replace main gym bleachers

### Mechanical

- Upgrade temperature control systems
- Replace auditorium heating system piping
- Replace rooftop air handling unit

### Electrical

- Electrical support for mechanical work
- Electrical support for technology work
- Replace south elevation soffit/wall lights with LED
- Install night lights in gym, auxiliary gym, and fieldhouse corridor
- Install energy efficient lighting in selected areas
- Install exterior wall lighting at front elevation
- Change natatorium lighting to LED

### Technology Infrastructure

- Install fiber backbone for 10G
- Install cabling to press box and concessions

- Install cabling for renovated areas and new systems
- Replace network core and edge switches
- Install firewall network
- Replace back-up power supply in each telecommunication room
- Replace wireless infrastructure
- Replace phone system
- Install clock system
- Install gym/cafeteria sound system
- Add video surveillance cameras in school and at stadium
- Replace video surveillance servers
- Install access control at main entrance
- Install building-wide access control system
- Replace PA system

### Technology Equipment

- Replace desktop computers
- Provide additional student mobile devices
- Provide storage/charging carts for mobile devices
- Refresh computing devices
- Replace classroom interactive displays
- Replace classroom sound field
- Replace classroom document cameras
- Install gym/cafeteria presentation system
- Install audiovisual equipment in collaborative spaces
- Install audiovisual equipment for blended, online, and distance learning
- Replace auditorium projector and audio hook-back-up power supply
- Install conference room and IEP displays
- Install audiovisual equipment for athletics
- Provide building entrance displays
- Provide STEM (Science,



## Technology, Engineering & Math) equipment

### Site Work

- Replace site lighting heads with LED
- Pave dirt strip between parking and main drive
- Install additional site lighting on athletic drive and auditorium drop-off
- Improve landscaping at campus entrance
- Install communication conduit to football stadium
- Replace asphalt paving

### Furnishings

- Replace selected furnishings

## **ROCKWOOD PRE-SCHOOL**

### Mechanical

- Replace boiler system

### Technology Infrastructure

- Install cabling for renovated areas and new systems
- Replace network core and edge switches
- Replace back-up power supply in each telecommunication room
- Replace wireless infrastructure
- Replace phone system
- Install video surveillance cameras

## **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

### Mechanical

- Replace HVAC unit in Office 120
- Upgrade temperature control system

### Electrical

- Electrical support for mechanical work

### Technology Infrastructure

- Install cabling for renovated areas and new systems
- Replace network core and edge switches
- Replace back-up power supply in each telecommunication room
- Replace wireless infrastructure
- Replace phone system
- Install clock system
- Add video surveillance cameras
- Install access control at main entrance
- Install building-wide access control system
- Replace PA system

### Technology Equipment

- Replace desktop computers
- Refresh computing devices
- Install audiovisual equipment in Board Room
- Install conference room and IEP displays
- Provide building entrance displays

### Site Work

- Replace site lighting heads with LED
- Install new light poles and heads

## **TRANSPORTATION BUILDING**

### Exterior Work

- Replace roofing over office area
- Replace roofing over garage area

### Technology Infrastructure

- Install cabling for renovated areas and new systems
- Replace network core switch
- Replace back-up power supply in each telecommunication room
- Replace wireless infrastructure
- Replace phone system
- Add video surveillance cameras

### Technology Equipment

- Replace desktop computers
- Refresh computing devices

### Site Work

- Replace site lighting heads with LED
- Repave parking area
- Repave maintenance drive and bus parking area

## **What will happen if voters do not approve the bond proposal?**

The bond projects cannot be addressed as proposed.

## **Why is this bond proposal so comprehensive?**

The November 7th bond proposal is the result of the school district's strategic facilities plan. Our schools and facilities are at the point where renovations and upgrades are necessary to enhance security and student safety, and to assure that the Gibraltar School District's schools and school facilities are in the proper condition to support the instructional program in the 21st Century.

## **What is the schedule for bond proposal projects?**

Work on the projects will begin immediately after voter approval of the November 7th bond proposal. It is the school district's intent to have all projects completed in approximately 3-4 years.

## **Will all bond proposal revenue stay in the Gibraltar School District?**

Yes. All revenue from the bond proposal will be used to benefit the Gibraltar School District. None of the revenue will go to Lansing or to any other school district or political entity.

## **If the bond proposal is approved by voters, will property values be affected?**

Research indicates that real estate values tend to be higher in communities with school districts that offer a quality educational program and have up-to-date school facilities. All Gibraltar School District bond proposal projects were designed to reflect positively on homeowner property values and the school district's reputation for effectiveness and efficiency.

## **What is a bond proposal?**

A bond is a State-approved funding process that specifies a set scope of projects. When voters approve a bond, the money specified in the bond proposal is borrowed and the school district makes payments over a period of years, much like a homeowner pays a mortgage. Bonds are usually issued for 20-30 years. If voters approve the November 7th bond proposal, the Gibraltar School District's bonds will be issued for 20 years.

## **Bonds can be used for:**

- Constructing new school buildings
- Constructing additions to existing school buildings

- Remodeling existing school buildings
- Energy conservation improvements
- Land purchases
- Site development and improvements
- Athletic and physical education facility development and improvements
- Playground development and improvements
- Refunding debt (if new present value savings can be demonstrated)
- Direct bond program costs such as professional fees, election fees, issuance costs, qualification fees, insurance fees, final audit costs
- School bus purchases
- Loose furnishings and equipment purchasing
- Technology purchases limited to hardware and communication devices that transmit, receive or compute information for pupil instructional purposes only. The initial purchase of operating system and customized application software is allowed if purchased with the initial hardware.

**Bonds cannot be used for:**

- Salaries, service contracts, lease payments, installment contracts, and supplies
- Repairs, maintenance, or maintenance agreements
- Purchasing automobiles, trucks, or vans
- Portable classrooms purchased for temporary use
- Uniforms
- Textbooks
- Upgrades to an existing computer operating system or application software
- Computer training, computer consulting, or computer maintenance contracts.

**Can any of the bond proposal funds be used for employee salaries or operating expenses?**

No. Bond proposal funds cannot be used for employee salaries. They also cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses. Bond proposal funds must be used only for purposes specified in the ballot language, and, as required by State law, they must be independently audited.

**What technology is included in the bond proposal?**

All technology upgrades included in the bond proposal are designed to support classroom instruction and enhance the learning environment. Because technology changes rapidly and there is a continuing need to

maintain and upgrade instructional equipment, a primary focus of the bond proposal is to establish and implement a process that makes current technology available to students. The school district plans to upgrade and replace instructional technology equipment as needed.

**Will taxpayers be still paying for buses and computers when they are obsolete?**

No. The Michigan Department of Treasury requires that items in a bond proposal be paid for before they become obsolete. School buses must be paid off in six years and computers must be paid off within five years. If the bond proposal is approved, taxpayers will not be paying for buses and computers that are obsolete.

**What will appear on the ballot?**

Here is the official ballot wording:

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**GIBRALTAR SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**COUNTY OF WAYNE**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION**

Shall the Gibraltar School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Twenty-Four Million Four Hundred Five Thousand Dollars [\$24,405,000] and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying the cost of the following projects:

- Remodeling, equipping, furnishing, reequipping and refurbishing school buildings and other facilities to enhance safety and security and for other purposes;
- Acquiring and installing technology infrastructure and equipment in school buildings;
- Constructing, furnishing and equipping an addition to a school building; and
- Preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings and other facilities?

YES

NO

The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than 20 years. The estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 2.24 mills (\$2.24 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for an

estimated total of 6.83 mills for the 2018 debt levy which is an estimated -0- mill increase over the 2017 debt levy. The estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is 2.42 mills annually (\$2.42 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

If approved by the voters, the repayment of the bonds will be guaranteed by the State under the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program (the "Program"). The School District currently has \$30,795,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and approximately \$0 of qualified loans outstanding under the Program. The School District does not expect to borrow from the Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated computed millage rate required to be levied to pay the proposed bonds may change in the future based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

### **Who can vote in this bond proposal election?**

Residents of the Gibraltar School District who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, and are registered to vote by October 10, 2017.

### **Where can I get information about voting (such as how to register, where to vote, and absentee voting)?**

Go to the Michigan Voter Information website ([webapps.sos.state.mi.us](http://webapps.sos.state.mi.us)) or call the Clerk's Office where you reside.

### **Do I need to update my voter registration?**

You need to update your voter registration if you have changed your name or address since the last time you voted. You can do this at any Secretary of State Office or at the Clerk's Office where you reside.

### **Can I vote by absentee ballot?**

Registered voters can vote by absentee ballot if they meet one of the following:

1. They expect to be out of town on Election Day;
2. They are 60 years of age or older;
3. They are unable to vote without assistance at the polls; or,
4. They cannot attend the polls due to religious reasons.

Absentee ballots will be available to voters after September 23rd. The Clerk will mail absentee ballot applications to residents on the permanent absentee voter list shortly before or shortly after that date. After September 23rd, voters can complete their absentee ballot application and vote in one stop at

their Clerk's Office. The whole process takes about five minutes.

**Get more information about the bond election and answers to your questions...**

- Go to [www.gibdist.net](http://www.gibdist.net) and click on *School Election Information*
- Call any Gibraltar School District principal
- Call Superintendent of Schools Amy Conway at 734/379-6350 or email her at [conwaya@gibdist.net](mailto:conwaya@gibdist.net)