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Gibraltar School District planning November 7 bond election

WOODHAVEN, MI – The Gibraltar School District Board of Education has voted unanimously to go forward with a comprehensive bond election on November 7. If the \$24.8 million, 20-year proposal is approved by voters, the current tax rate will not change.

The bond proposal will affect every Gibraltar School District student, school, and school facility.

School Superintendent Amy Conway said that the bond proposal will enable the school district to implement its long-range facilities plan while assuring that Gibraltar schools and school facilities are safe, secure, and up-to-date. "The bond proposal also calls for continuing upgrades in technology and the school district's technology infrastructure," said Conway. "All of the proposed projects have been approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury."

The bond proposal is designed to address current facility needs while positioning the school district for the future, both educationally and financially. The bond projects fall into five basic categories:

1. Enhancing student safety with secure school entrances, additional video surveillance, and access control systems for school buildings
2. Constructing a new gym, music room, and stage at Chapman Elementary School
3. Remodeling the Carlson High School band room, district media centers, selected classrooms, restrooms, and entryways
4. Replacing selected roofs and HVAC systems, and upgrading electrical and mechanical systems in all schools
5. Upgrading technology infrastructure, instructional technology, and computing devices

School Board President **Edward Camilleri** said that the bond proposal is designed to maintain and enhance Gibraltar's reputation for quality educational programming. "Approval of this bond proposal will assure that our schools and school facilities are up-to-date and in good repair for this generation and the next. We also believe voter approval of the bond proposal will help maintain and enhance property values in the school district," he said.

The school district will be working to help residents understand the rationale for the bond projects and the benefits to students and other members of the community. Superintendent Conway said, "We will be making presentations and distributing information about the election to help people understand how the bond proposal will positively affect our schools, individual homeowners, and our community."

Conway invited residents who have questions or need additional information about the bond proposal to click on *School Election Information* on the school district's website (www.gibdist.net), call any Gibraltar principal, or call her directly at 734/379-6350.

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