



(LAKE ORION, MI) -- On Aug. 8, 2018, the Lake Orion Community Schools Board of Education voted to approve a School Improvement Bond Proposal to be placed on the ballot in the upcoming Nov. 6, 2018 General Election.

Residents of the Lake Orion Community Schools District will be asked to consider this Bond Proposal, which will finance capital improvements throughout the District. If approved, there would be **no debt millage tax rate increase** to property owners.

“The capital improvements under the Bond Proposal will improve facilities throughout the District with the goal of providing a safer, smarter and stronger learning environment for all students in the District,” Superintendent Marion Ginopolis said.

The District will hold a community forum on Aug. 20 from 6-8 p.m. in the Lake Orion High School Kiva (495 East Scripps Road, Lake Orion, MI, 48360) to explain the Bond Proposal in greater detail and answer questions.

The District operates 14 facilities with over 1.3 million square feet of space, on over 400 acres of sites, each addressed in the plans. Each of our buildings – some constructed 70 years ago – are well past the useful 40-year life. While the District operates and is the caretaker of these facilities, they belong to the community.

Three years ago, a community long-range planning committee established the foundation for the Bond Proposal. From their recommendations, District administrators and the Board developed a 10-year capital improvement/master plan to support the mission: to provide an exemplary education for all learners.

The District surveyed staff and the community in the 2017-18 school year, leading to a detailed review of District facilities, and now November’s bond election. This Bond Proposal would generate \$160 million for improvements to address ongoing facility and environment issues in three stages over 10 years.

SAFER schools will be the focus.

- Secure entrances and enhanced lighting
- Improved accessibility for physically challenged students and visitors
- Safety for all students on the playgrounds
- Updated school drop-off and pick-up traffic patterns
- Replacement of aging school buses

SMARTER schools will support expanded programming and enhance learning.

- Renovated classrooms to become modern learning spaces
- Age-appropriate science and math areas
- Technology equipment and digital devices
- Server infrastructure and improved wireless internet access
- An early childhood center for our youngest students

STRONGER schools will keep the out-of-sight operations rolling smoothly and out of students’ minds.

- Replacement of outdated internal systems
- Critical upgrades to mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems.

More detailed information will soon be available on the district website at <https://www.lakeorionschools.org/>