



Frequently Asked Questions

Roseville Community Schools May 8, 2018 Bond Election

When is the election?

Tuesday, May 8, 2018. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available after March 24th.

What is on the ballot?

Registered voters residing within the boundaries of the Roseville Community School District will vote on a \$59.4 million bond proposal.

Why has the school district scheduled this bond election?

The primary purpose of the bond election is to remodel and upgrade Roseville schools and school facilities. The bond proposal projects fall into one of five basic categories:

1. update instructional technology and technology infrastructure
2. enhance school security and student safety measures
3. remodel and upgrade schools and school facilities with emphasis on improving energy efficiency
4. improve school sites, including playgrounds, athletic fields, and parking lots
5. replace school buses and music instruments as they reach the end of their useful life

If approved by voters, projects funded through the bond proposal will affect every Roseville student and the Roseville community.

The May 8th bond proposal was designed to:

- ✓ help assure that Roseville's schools are safe, secure, up-to-date, and in good repair
- ✓ provide current technology for student instruction and the infrastructure to support it
- ✓ remodel, renovate, and upgrade the learning environment (including improvements to classrooms, replacing music

instruments, and upgrading sidewalks, playgrounds, athletic fields, and parking lots)

- ✓ make Roseville's educational program and facilities competitive with other school districts
- ✓ reflect positively on homeowner property values and protect the community's investment in its schools

Every project in the bond proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury. And, all renovations and upgrades will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

How will the bond proposal affect students?

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

- ✓ creating safe and secure schools
- ✓ remodeling, renovating, and upgrading the learning environment
- ✓ providing more technology for student instruction and the infrastructure to support it
- ✓ creating a school district that is family-friendly and competitive with others

What will the bond proposal cost?

If voters approve the \$59.4 million bond proposal, the current tax rate is projected to increase by 2.5 mills.

If approved by voters, the bond proposal will cost a person living in a \$90,000 home \$2.16 per week... or about 31¢ per day. While some residents will pay more, most residents of the school district will pay less than 31¢ per day.

What's included in the bond proposal?

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

Dort Elementary School

- Upgrade network and wireless access
- Replace student and staff computers and mobile devices
- Replace interactive classroom audio/visual system
- Purchase new music instruments
- Upgrade playgrounds, parking lot, and building sign
- Improve student safety & security (cameras, phones, lighting, power)
- *At Middle Schools: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve student safety*

- *At Roseville High School: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve athletics fields, update gymnasium, renovate media center, upgrade planetarium, replace CTE equipment*
- *District Wide: purchase new buses, replace custodial and grounds equipment*

Fountain Elementary

- Upgrade network and wireless access
- Replace student and staff computers and mobile devices
- Replace interactive classroom audio/visual system
- Purchase new music instruments
- Upgrade playgrounds, parking lot, and building sign
- Improve student safety & security (cameras, phones, lighting, power)
- *At Middle Schools: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve student safety*
- *At Roseville High School: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve athletics fields, update gymnasium, renovate media center, upgrade planetarium, replace CTE equipment*
- *District Wide: purchase new buses, replace custodial and grounds equipment*

Huron Park Elementary

- Upgrade network and wireless access
- Replace student and staff computers and mobile devices
- Replace interactive classroom audio/visual system
- Purchase new music instruments
- Upgrade playgrounds, parking lot, and building sign
- Improve student safety & security (cameras, phones, lighting, power)
- *At Middle Schools: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve student safety*
- *At Roseville High School: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve athletics fields, update gymnasium, renovate media center, upgrade planetarium, replace CTE equipment*
- *District Wide: purchase new buses, replace custodial and grounds equipment*

Kaiser Elementary

- Upgrade network and wireless access
- Replace student and staff computers and mobile devices
- Replace interactive classroom audio/visual system
- Purchase new music instruments
- Upgrade playgrounds, parking lot, and building sign
- Improve student safety & security (cameras, phones, lighting, power)
- *At Middle Schools: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve student safety*
- *At Roseville High School: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve athletics fields, update gymnasium, renovate media center, upgrade planetarium, replace CTE equipment*
- *District Wide: purchase new buses, replace custodial and grounds equipment*

Kment Elementary

- Upgrade network and wireless access

- Replace student and staff computers and mobile devices
- Replace interactive classroom audio/visual system
- Purchase new music instruments
- Upgrade playgrounds, parking lot, and building sign
- Improve student safety & security (cameras, phones, lighting, power)
- *At Middle Schools: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve student safety*
- *At Roseville High School: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve athletics fields, update gymnasium, renovate media center, upgrade planetarium, replace CTE equipment*
- *District Wide: purchase new buses, replace custodial and grounds equipment*

Patton Elementary

- Upgrade network and wireless access
- Replace student and staff computers and mobile devices
- Replace interactive classroom audio/visual system
- Purchase new music instruments
- Upgrade playgrounds, parking lot, and building sign
- Improve student safety & security (cameras, phones, lighting, power)
- *At Middle Schools: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve student safety*
- *At Roseville High School: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve athletics fields, update gymnasium, renovate media center, upgrade planetarium, replace CTE equipment*
- *District Wide: purchase new buses, replace custodial and grounds equipment*

Steenland Elementary

- Upgrade network and wireless access
- Replace student and staff computers and mobile devices
- Replace interactive classroom audio/visual system
- Purchase new music instruments
- Upgrade playgrounds, parking lot, and building sign
- Improve student safety & security (cameras, phones, lighting, power)
- *At Middle Schools: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve student safety*
- *At Roseville High School: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve athletics fields, update gymnasium, renovate media center, upgrade planetarium, replace CTE equipment*
- *District Wide: purchase new buses, replace custodial and grounds equipment*

Eastland Middle School

- Upgrade network and wireless access
- Replace student and staff computers and mobile devices
- Replace interactive classroom audio/visual system
- Purchase new band instruments
- Upgrade parking lots, courtyards, and building sign
- Improve student Safety & Security (cameras, phones, lighting, power)
- Update gym and locker rooms

- *High School: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve athletics fields, update gymnasium, renovate media center, upgrade planetarium, replace CTE equipment*
- *District Wide: purchase new buses, replace custodial and grounds equipment*

Roseville Middle School

- Upgrade network and wireless access
- Replace student and staff computers and mobile devices
- Replace interactive classroom audio/visual system
- Purchase new band instruments
- Upgrade parking lots, concrete at auditorium, and building sign
- Improve student safety & security (cameras, phones, lighting, power)
- Update gym and locker rooms
- *At Roseville High School: improve technology, replace band instruments, improve athletics fields, update gymnasium, renovate media center, upgrade planetarium, replace CTE equipment*
- *District Wide: purchase new buses, replace custodial and grounds equipment*

Roseville High School

- Upgrade network and wireless access
- Replace student and staff computers and mobile devices
- Replace interactive classroom audio/visual system
- Purchase new band instruments
- Upgrade athletic fields, parking lots, and building sign
- Improve student safety & security (cameras, phones, lighting, power)
- Update gym and locker rooms
- Update media center, upgrade planetarium, replace Career-Technical Education (CTE) equipment
- *District Wide: purchase new buses, replace custodial and grounds equipment*

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. A primary focus of the bond proposal is to provide current technology for students.

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

No. The Michigan Department of Treasury and federal tax regulations require that specific items in a bond proposal (such as computers) be paid for before they become obsolete. Computers must be paid off within five years of their first use. If the bond proposal is approved, taxpayers will not be paying for computers that are out-of-date and obsolete.

Why is this bond proposal so comprehensive?

The May 8th bond proposal is the result of the Roseville Community

Schools' strategic facilities plan. Part I of the plan began with voter approval of a bond proposal in 2005. The 2005 bond projects were completed on schedule and as promised. This bond proposal is Part II of the facilities plan. Roseville's schools and facilities are at the point where renovations and upgrades are necessary to enhance security and student safety, to support the school district's instructional program, to help protect the community's investment in schools and school facilities, and to help assure that Roseville graduates can compete with graduates from other Michigan school districts.

What is the schedule for bond proposal projects?

Work on the projects will begin immediately after voter approval of the May 8th bond proposal. It is the school district's intent to have all projects completed in about three years.

Will all bond proposal revenue benefit the Roseville School District?

Yes. All revenue from the bond proposal will benefit the Roseville Community Schools. 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 are perceived to offer a quality educational program and have up-to-date school facilities.

All Roseville bond proposal projects are 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 for a set scope of projects. When voters approve a bond proposal, the school district sells bonds in the authorized amount and uses the proceeds of the sale to pay for those projects in the bond proposal. Bonds are usually paid back in 20-30 years.

In many ways, the bonding process is like a homeowner obtaining a mortgage and making payments over a period of 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
- Purchasing loose furnishings and equipment (including administrative technology)
- 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 will appear on the May 8th ballot?

Here is the exact ballot wording:

School Bond Proposal

Shall the Roseville Community Schools, County of Macomb, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Fifty-Nine Million Four Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$59,455,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of:

- acquiring and installing new and replacement technology infrastructure and equipment, including instructional technology for students;
- equipping, furnishing, reequipping and refurnishing school district buildings, including musical instruments, and acquiring buses;
- improving and developing sites, including playgrounds, structures, signage, parking lots, and outdoor athletic facilities; and
- remodeling and/or constructing additions to existing school district buildings,

including safety and security improvements?

YES

NO

A YES vote typically means that you support a proposal. Is that the case in this election?

Yes. Voters who support the Roseville Community Schools' bond proposal should vote YES; voters who oppose the bond proposal should vote NO.

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

The proposed bond projects cannot be addressed as proposed.

Who can vote in this bond proposal election?

Residents of the Roseville Community Schools who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day and are registered to vote by April 9, 2018.

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) 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 March 24th. The Clerk will mail absentee ballot applications to residents on the permanent absentee voter list shortly before or shortly after that date.

Between March 24th and May 5th, voters can complete their absentee ballot application and vote in one stop at their Clerk's Office. The whole process takes about five minutes.

To get more information about the bond election and answers to your questions...

- Go to www.rosevillepride.org and click on *School Election Information*

- Call any Roseville school principal
- Call Superintendent of Schools John Kment at 586/445-5505 or email him at jrkment@roseville.k12.mi.us