

A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Community Member,

May 2nd is an important date in our community. On this date, our community will go to the polls to consider an \$89.95 million bond issue for the Chippewa Valley Schools. Your first question might be regarding the necessity of such a bond. Let me try to address that question this way.

Imagine that you have arrived home after a day at work in early spring. As you pull into your driveway, you realize that your driveway has heaved from the cold winter weather during the past few months and has now become a tripping hazard. As you enter your home, it begins to rain and you notice a slow, steady drip in the family room ceiling. You rush to get a pan to protect the carpet from the water. Upon noticing that the home is slightly cool and could use some heat, you nudge up the thermostat only to find that the blower motor in your furnace no longer works. You attempt to escape from this series of unfortunate events by wrapping yourself in a blanket, reclining on the sofa, and searching for a reputable handyman online. It is at this time that you learn that your laptop no longer works the way it once did. Bummer!

Surprisingly enough, this is why we are coming to you with this bond issue in May. We face many of the same issues in our schools that I just asked you to consider in the examples above. No, not all of these things are happening at all of our buildings, but there are examples of this across all 24 buildings that make up our district. This bond issue will:

- Maintain our buildings with new parking lots and parking lot repairs, roof repairs, new boilers, upgraded playground and athletic facilities, new carpeting, tile, bathroom stalls, toilets, and fixtures, etc.
- Improve student safety by upgrading security cameras, door access systems, and replacing door locks.
- Improve student access to technology with improved technology infrastructure, 158 additional laptop carts, and upgraded 21st century classroom technology.

This bond issue will protect your investment in our schools by maintaining things in good working order and it will enhance our students' access to technology which is necessary for an education that reflects the realities of the modern workplace. It really is this simple: nothing fancy, no pools, no new buildings, no Texas-sized football stadiums, just the basics.

In order to accomplish this we are asking that you consider a modest one-half mill increase. Please review all the information that is being made available to you in this edition of the *The Vision*. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at rroberts@cvs.k12.mi.us or call my office at (586) 723-2004.

Sincerely,
Ron Roberts
Superintendent
Chippewa Valley Schools



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Superintendent

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May 2nd School Bond Proposal



On May 2, 2017, Chippewa Valley Schools will ask residents to vote on an \$89.9 million bond proposal that will provide our district with much-needed building improvements and technology upgrades. If approved by voters, the current tax rate would increase by one-half mill, and a person living in a \$200,000 home would pay \$50 a year or less than \$1 per week. The bond proposal focuses only on essential projects identified as part of a strategic plan to maintain our school buildings and infrastructure as well as provide our students with the best educational opportunities available.

For more than a year, district administrators, building professionals, school staff, and the Chippewa Valley Board of Education have studied the long-term needs of our school buildings and best practices in education. Proposed projects underwent a rigorous review process before being added to the district-wide proposal. Bond proposal projects were reviewed by staff and shared with community members.

All bond projects were reviewed and approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Many of our school buildings are 30 years old while others are more than 50 years old. This bond proposal will enable the district to make important building improvements like replacing roofs, parking lots, and mechanical equipment. It will allow us to update instructional technology to provide our students with the best educational resources available. Keeping our students safe is our number one priority. The addition of upgraded security cameras, security systems, interior door locks, and replacement of older school buses are important components of the bond proposal.

Communities with quality schools tend to have higher home values. Prospective homebuyers want a community with good public schools. Current homeowners want to maintain the same level of excellence in programs and facilities that they have come to expect from Chippewa Valley Schools.

To learn more about the 2017 Bond Proposal visit: www.chippewavalleybond.org

CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS
Festival of the Arts
2016-2017

FESTIVAL DATES
May 2nd - May 11th

ART DISPLAY HOURS
• Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm
Friday 9am-6pm
Saturday 9am-6pm
Sunday 12pm-6pm

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
Thursday, 4th: 6pm-8pm
Tuesday, 9th: 6pm-8pm

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Frequently Asked Questions

about the May 2, 2017 School Bond Election

When is the election?

Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available after March 25th.

Why is this bond election necessary?

The primary purpose of the bond election is to renovate and upgrade schools and school facilities, to upgrade technology and technology infrastructure, and to replace school buses when they reach the end of their useful life.

The bond proposal is necessary to assure that Chippewa Valley's schools and school facilities are up-to-date and in good repair. It was designed to protect the community's investment in its schools.

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

The bond projects fall into seven basic categories:

1. Enhancing school security and student safety
2. Replacing selected roofing, mechanical, and electrical systems
3. Upgrading classrooms and other instructional spaces
4. Improving school parking lots and sidewalks
5. Updating technology infrastructure and providing more computing devices for classroom use and instructional purposes
6. Maintaining a safe bus fleet by replacing school buses when they reach the end of their useful life
7. Upgrading elementary school play areas and secondary school athletic facilities

How will the bond proposal affect my taxes?

If voters approve the bond proposal, the current tax rate will increase by one-half mill. A person living in a \$200,000 home would pay \$50 per year (or less than \$1 per week) in additional taxes. Some homeowners will pay more, some homeowners will pay less depending on their home value.

What's included in the bond proposal?

There are well over one hundred projects in the bond proposal. If approved by voters, the bond proposal work will affect every Chippewa Valley school and school facility.



A complete list of bond projects can be found at: www.chippewavalleybond.org, or by calling 586-723-2240.

F.A.Q. (Continued)

Did an outside agency verify Chippewa Valley Schools' need for this bond proposal?

Yes. The Michigan Department of Treasury reviews and qualifies the need for the district's bond projects. School districts must submit detailed bond applications to the state where they undergo a comprehensive 30-day review process.

Why are buses included in the bond proposal?

Purchasing buses with bond revenue means that they don't have to be financed by the general operating budget. Without bond revenue, the cost of buses would have to be deducted from the operating budget. This means taking money from the classroom and instructional programs, something most school districts can not afford.

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

Most of the proposed bond projects will not be addressed because they are well beyond the capacity of the general fund budget. Important infrastructure improvements will not be made and updated classroom technology will not be available to our students.

Will all bond proposal revenue stay in the Chippewa Valley School District?

Yes. All revenue from the bond proposal will stay in the Chippewa Valley School District. The bond funds can only be used for bond proposal projects and cannot be used for salaries.

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

Real estate values tend to be higher in communities with school districts that offer a quality education program and have up-to-date school facilities. Property values tend to be lower in communities that do not offer an adequate curriculum or that have schools that are out-of-date and poorly maintained. Remodeling and upgrading school buildings and facilities tends to protect the community's investment in the school district.

Why is the election in May?

A May election will allow the school district to begin some projects during the summer months when students are not in school.

What technology is included in the bond proposal?

The bond proposal provides for updating wireless networks, replacing student and staff computers, and upgrading the school district's interactive 21st Century classrooms. It also provides for the purchase of 158 laptop carts to support new curriculum initiatives. These laptop carts will enable students to have laptops for classroom use in their collaborative projects and research. In all, over 9,000 computer devices will be purchased over time.

At the elementary level, laptops will be used in the school district's new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) lessons, and at the middle school level this technology will be used in new Global Challenge courses. New technology will also be used to support the new English Language Arts Program in all 6-12 classrooms.

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.

The 25-year bond proposal on the May 2nd ballot will authorize the Chippewa Valley School District to issue bonds in the amount of \$89.95 million. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used to pay for the projects included in the bond proposal.



Bonds can be used to finance long-term assets such as:

- 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 an operating system and customized application software is allowed if purchased with the initial hardware.

Bonds cannot be used for:

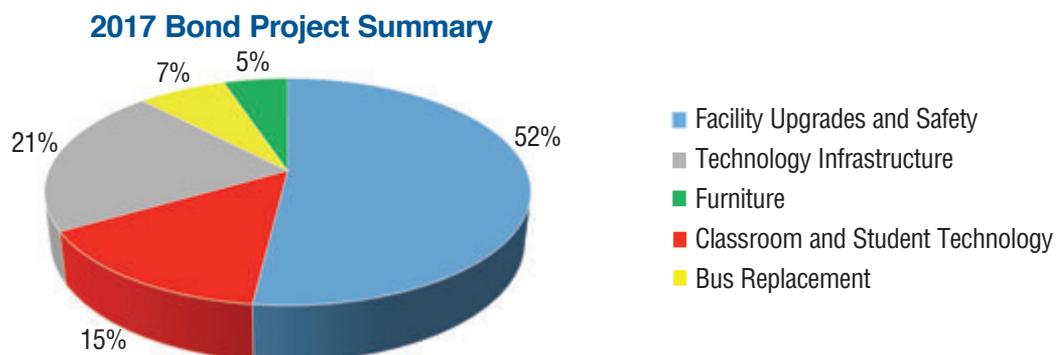
- Salaries, supplies, service contracts, lease payments, installment contracts
- Repairs, maintenance, or maintenance agreements
- Purchasing automobiles, trucks, or vans
- Portable classrooms purchased for temporary use
- Uniforms
- Textbooks
- Upgrades to an existing computer operating system or application 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 staff wages, salaries, or operational costs. 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 audited.

How will the proposed bond monies be used?

Here is a look at how the proposed bond monies would be spent:



Didn't I read that Chippewa Valley refinanced its debt?

Yes. Chippewa Valley Schools has a proven history of being fiscally responsible and good stewards of its bond dollars. In fact, the district has participated in debt refunding that has resulted in a cost savings of \$86,770,000.

F.A.Q. (Continued)

What is the ballot language?

Below is the actual ballot wording. A YES vote means that you are in favor of the bond proposal; a NO vote means that you are opposed to the bond proposal.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF MACOMB
STATE OF MICHIGAN

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Chippewa Valley Schools, County of Macomb, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eighty-Nine Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$89,950,000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following projects:

- Remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing, re-furnishing school buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields and other facilities to enhance safety and security and for other purposes;
- Acquiring and installing technology equipment and technology infrastructure in school buildings and other facilities; and
- Preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields and other facilities and the purchase of school buses?

YES _____

NO _____

The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.50 mills (which is equal to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of bonds is 1.34 mills annually (\$1.34 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

If approved by the voters, the bonds will be guaranteed by the State under the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program (the “Program”). The School District currently has \$424,095,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and approximately \$31,696,908 of qualified loans outstanding under the Program. The School District expects to borrow from the Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of additional borrowing is \$22,578,684 and the estimated total interest thereon is \$56,364,019. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is 23 years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 9.14. The estimated computed millage rate may change 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.)

What is the “estimated simple average annual debt millage” of 1.34 mills referenced in the three paragraphs at the bottom of the ballot?

Most voters find the legally required three paragraphs at the bottom of the ballot confusing. The simple average debt millage is the estimate of the amount of additional debt mills required to be levied annually to fully repay the proposed qualified bonds and the loans borrowed from the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program. This average annual debt millage is an estimate of the cost to the taxpayers of the proposed Bonds over the full life of the Bonds. However, repayment of loans from the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program is capped. Hence, something unanticipated such as an economic downturn affecting property values could mean that the millage would need to be adjusted to make sure that the loans are repaid on time. What the legalese does not say is that the loans could be paid off earlier if property values continue to increase as they are projected to do.

Why doesn't lottery money pay for schools?

On many lottery tickets it says that the Michigan lottery supports education. BUT here is what generally has happened to lottery revenue: Say the lottery generates \$1 million. That money goes to the State of Michigan's general fund. The State of Michigan then puts the \$1 million in lottery money in the school aid fund BUT the State has a history of taking an equal amount (and, on occasion, even more) from the school aid fund and putting it back in the general fund. That makes the net gain for education zero or worse. The Michigan lottery frequently has been trumpeted as the answer to educational funding. That has never been the case, yet many Michiganders continue to wonder how schools spend "all the lottery money." Truth be told, lottery money has not made a significant difference in school funding.

Who can vote in this bond proposal election?

Residents of the Chippewa Valley School District who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, and are registered to vote by April 3, 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), 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 25. The Clerk will mail absentee ballot applications to residents on the permanent absentee voter list before or shortly after March 25. After March 25, voters can complete their absentee ballot application and vote in one stop at their Clerk's Office. The whole process takes less than five minutes.

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

- Go to <http://www.chippewavalleybond.org>
- Call any Chippewa Valley School District principal
- Call Superintendent of Schools Ron Roberts at 586/723-2000 or email him at rroberts@cvs.k12.mi.us.



It's Time to Register for Kindergarten

We offer our youngest learners a welcoming and nurturing environment designed to foster a life-long love of learning. All 12 of our elementary schools offer a comprehensive all-day program featuring highly-qualified teachers and research-based curriculum in math, writing, and science. All of our kindergarten students enjoy engaging, hands-on, interactive classroom technology along with a variety of specials like music, physical education, art, and science.



For registration materials go to chippewavalleyschools.org and visit the Kindergarten page under 'For Parents'. Fill out our Kindergarten Enrollment Packet, and make an appointment to register at your child's school. If you have any questions or if you are not sure which school your child will attend, call our Community Relations Office at 586-723-2240 for more information.

CVS Kindergarten Families Can Expect:

- Literacy, mathematics, science, and social studies instruction based on the Michigan State Standards
- Research-based curriculum including BRIDGES Math and a new English Language Arts (ELA) program
- Engagement in whole group, small group, and individual activities to honor each child's unique learning needs
- Opportunities for self-directed play and many hands-on experiences
- Developmentally appropriate routines and schedules established by nurturing, highly-qualified teachers to maximize student learning
- 21st Century classrooms and technology integrated into the instructional day
- Daily special classes including art, physical education, music, and science STEM
- Open communication between our staff and your family



Kindergarten Kickoff Dates

Here is a list of welcome events at each of our elementary schools.
Contact your child's school for more information.

Cherokee Elementary School	42900 Rivergate Clinton Twp., MI 48038 586/ 723-4800	May 23rd
Cheyenne Elementary School	47600 Heydenreich Macomb, MI 48044 586/ 723-5000	May 23rd
Clinton Valley Elementary School	1260 Mulberry Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 586/ 723-5200	May 4th
Erie Elementary School	42276 Romeo Plank Rd. Clinton Twp., MI 48038 586/ 723-5400	May 10th
Fox Elementary School	17500 Millstone Macomb, MI 48044 586/ 723-5600	June 5th
Huron Elementary School	15800 Terra Bella Clinton Twp., MI 48038 586/ 723-5800	June 1st
Miami Elementary School	41290 Kentvale Clinton Twp., MI 48038 586/ 723-6000	May 1st
Mohawk Elementary School	48101 Romeo Plank Rd. Macomb, MI 48044 586/ 723-6200	May 18th
Ojibwa Elementary School	46950 Heydenreich Macomb, MI 48044 586/ 723-6400	May 23rd
Ottawa Elementary School	18601 Millar Clinton Twp., MI 48036 586/ 723-6600	May 9th
Sequoyah Elementary School	18500 24 Mile Rd. Macomb, MI 48042 586/ 723-7000	May 31st
Shawnee Elementary School	21555 Vesper Macomb, MI 48044 586/ 723-6800	May 11th



A Bridge to Kindergarten Class

Chippewa Valley offers a special course for new students getting ready to enter kindergarten in the fall. Children are introduced to concepts that will enhance their literacy, math, and fine-motor skills. These skills include letter and sound awareness, basic sight words, handwriting, introduction to shapes, colors, numbers, as well as communication and listening skills. Register through our Community Education webpage at: chippewavalleyschools.org. For more information call 586-723-2050.

Open House

July 11, from 5 to 7 pm,
at school locations

Class Locations:

Ottawa/Ojibwa/Erie Elementary Schools
and Little Turtle Preschool

Classes start on Wednesday, July 12
Tuition fee: \$233

Class Times:

Erie Elementary: 8-11 am;
Ottawa, Ojibwa, and
Little Turtle: 9 am-noon

Congratulations to the Chippewa Valley School's Medical Academy for being selected as a Top 10 in 10 exemplary CTE program that will be featured at the Governor's 2017 Education Summit. The highly acclaimed two-year program provides students with medical knowledge, training, and hands-on hospital experiences that account for our students being accepted into highly competitive university medical programs.

Chippewa Valley MCTEAA Award Winners for 2017

February was National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. A time to celebrate and shine a light on the important contributions that CTE makes to education and workforce development. Each year, the CTE administrators of Macomb County kick off National CTE Month by recognizing two outstanding CTE students and one industry/community partner from each public school district and Macomb Community College. Please join us in congratulating the recipients of the 2017 MCTEAA Awards for Chippewa Valley Schools.

Outstanding CTE Senior Cora Scott

*Senior, Chippewa Valley High School
Becky Kiel, recommending teacher
CTE Program: Graphic Design*



An extremely accomplished young woman, Cora Scott is in her third year of studying Graphic Design via the Yearbook Pathway. Always a leader, rather than a follower, she serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the Chippewa Valley HS Yearbook Staff. Cora displays the highest degree of integrity, responsibility, and ambition. Teacher, Becky Kiel, describes her as “a consummate professional: conscientious, organized, patient, flexible, and more disciplined and self-motivated than any other student I have known, making her the student that others look to for guidance.” Her other many activities have included: Basketball Team; Math Club; National Honor Society; Be the Change Club; church volunteer; Turning Point volunteer (a center for victims of domestic abuse); and a Starbucks employee. It should come as no surprise then, that she was selected to be a part of the Junior Leadership of Macomb. Her ability to balance so much while maintaining a 3.99 GPA is extraordinary! While Cora is planning to study chemical engineering, she's confident that her graphics and publication skills will be quite helpful in her career path. Chippewa Valley Schools is very proud to celebrate Cora Scott as the Outstanding CTE Senior.

Outstanding CTE Junior Savannah Wood

*Junior, Chippewa Valley High School
Joe Hart, recommending teacher
CTE Program: Automotive Technology*



Savannah Wood may be the only girl in her Automotive Technology class, but already—even as an 11th grade student, enrolled in the first year of a two-year program—she shines. She is organized, task-oriented, quick to volunteer, and always equipped with a positive attitude; these are just a few of the attributes that make her a great role model among her peers. Savannah's ability to make strong connections between technical, academic and hands-on learning, helped her to successfully lead her team through the engine rebuilding unit. Savannah also finds time to participate in volunteer activities both at Chippewa Valley HS and at St. Thecla Parish. Congratulations to an outstanding CTE student, Savannah Wood!





Outstanding Community Partner Award

Helen Hicks

President and CEO

Macomb County Habitat for Humanity

Claire Brisson, recommending administrator

CTE Program: Construction Trades

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Macomb County Habitat for Humanity and Chippewa Valley Schools partnership. Habitat for Humanity—a nonprofit organization dedicated to building affordable housing in partnership with those in need—relies heavily on volunteer labor for the construction of homes. Chippewa Valley’s Construction Trades program teaches students the foundational and technical skills of the industry by actually building a house for Habitat. Objectives of both organizations have been realized through this win-win partnership, along with some added benefits. The opportunity to establish positive relationships that extend beyond the school community, and involving students in a humanitarian effort while they are learning, are just a couple examples. While it sounds so simple, it actually takes a continuing, concerted, team effort to make something like this work successfully. That is why we are proud to publicly thank Helen Hicks for her leadership, and thank all of the hard-working staff and volunteers of Macomb County Habitat for Humanity for their dedication to our partnership!

Chippewa Valley Schools Launches New Life of an Athlete Website



Life of an Athlete Chippewa Valley Schools is a new website resource for students, parents, and coaches in the school district. The site compliments the district’s existing Life of An Athlete program which was adopted after two visits from John Underwood, a well-respected trainer of Olympic athletes, professional

athletes, and U.S. Navy SEALs. It is intended to promote athletic excellence and leadership among our student athletes. Links on the site include the effects of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs, as well as sleep, nutrition, leadership, and training tips.

Life of An Athlete Chippewa Valley Schools is a partnership between Chippewa Valley and Dakota High Schools’ Athletic Departments and the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families. Learn more at: www.loa.org.

Keep Up On The Latest School News

Sign up for SchoolMessenger on our Parent Portal to receive regular news updates from the District and your child’s school. Chippewa Valley Schools uses SchoolMessenger for parent outreach, emergency broadcasts, student attendance alerts and other communications. SchoolMessenger provides parents and guardians with electronic school news like upcoming events, school newsletters, snow day announcements, and important parent meetings.

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Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education



Front row: Board President Elizabeth Pyden, Trustee Frank Bednard, Trustee Andrew Patzert, Trustee George Sobah. **Back row:** Superintendent Ron Roberts, Board Vice President Denise Aquino, Board Secretary Laura Cardamone, Board Treasurer Jill DeMuyneck Zech.



Chippewa Valley Schools has received a perfect score from Munetrix for the fourth consecutive year. This is the highest rating possible for a school district when measuring operations performance, financial management, and enrollment trends.



Chippewa Valley Schools is an AdvancED accredited school district.