Board of Education Update 07/20/2026

Midland Public Schools

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THREE RIVERS CORPORATION

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EXPLORING A ROADMAP: Sinking Fund

Top Priorities

Infrastructure Needs

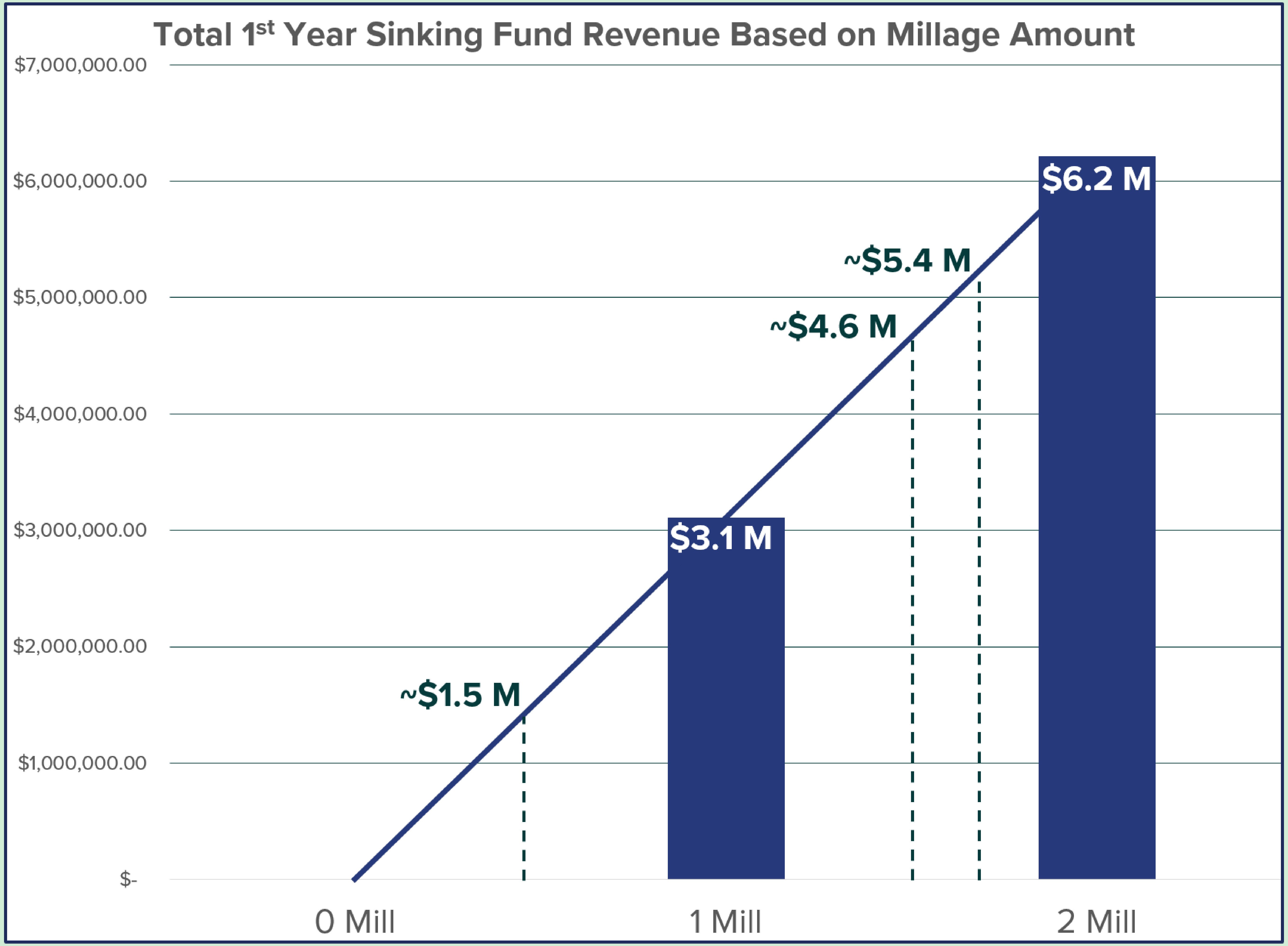
Career Technical Education

Safety & Security

Additional Considerations

Buses

IT Infrastructure



EXPLORING A ROADMAP:

Blueprint for Tomorrow Recommendation to the Board of Education

The Steering Team was established to review objective facility and educational data, evaluate potential capital investment strategies, consider community input, and develop recommendations that support the District's long-term vision.

The Steering Team has met regularly throughout the planning process and has carefully considered the condition of District facilities, educational opportunities for students, financial impacts to taxpayers, and the sustainability of future investments.

The Steering Team recognizes the importance of establishing a phased Facilities Roadmap that balances immediate needs with long-term planning objectives.

Therefore, the Steering Team recommends the Board of Education consider the following “first stop” on the District’s facilities roadmap and be presented to voters in November 2026:

- Recommended Funding Approach: **SINKING FUND**
- Recommended Millage Rate: **1.5 – 1.75 MILLS**
- Recommended Capital Investment Amount: **$4.6M – $5.4M / YR**

The Steering Team acknowledges that additional facility improvements and investments may be necessary beyond the November 2026 proposal and recommends that the Board continue evaluating the Facilities Roadmap alongside the Midland Public Schools community. The Steering Team recognizes that any next step shall continue to support the District’s Strategic Plan, Facilities Assessment, and Educational Programmatic needs.

- Recommended Funding Approach: **BOND TARGETED FOR 2028**

Community Engagement Session 4

What We Heard: **Reach People Where They Are**

Community members emphasized that communication must meet people in the places they already engage — both physically and digitally.

Communication Approach

- Use short, easy-to-consume messaging that quickly explains the key point.
- Provide additional detail for those who want to learn more.
- Create simple, mobile-friendly landing pages that make it easy to find information and navigate the process.

Increase transparency and build trust

- Clearly explain why projects are needed and what happens if work is delayed.
- Provide regular updates on completed work, upcoming projects, costs, and timelines.
- Share examples of how community feedback is being incorporated into decisions.

Examples of where to reach people

- Downtown Midland events
- Retiree gatherings and senior groups
- Community organization newsletters

Planning a Sinking Fund: Infrastructure Priorities

General
- Buzzer Entry
- Cameras not covered by 31AA funds
- Auditorium Roof

Midland High
- Roof
- Asbestos flooring
- Office area HVAC
- Main Gym HVAC
- Back Drive from front to back
- Domestic Water Heaters
- Sanitary Piping/Drainage
- 12 Vertical Unit Vents

Dow High
- Roof
- Asbestos Abatement
- Corridor HVAC
- Pool Items
- Masonry Tuckpointing
- Chillers
- Back Drive/Parking Lot
- Softball and JV field drainage
- Misc. Sanitary

Jefferson
- Roof
- Asbestos Flooring
- Tennis Courts
- HVAC Equipment Replacement

Jefferson (cont.)
- Kitchen Elevator Lift
- Track Replacement
- Tech Server Rooms to Generator
- Cameras
- Staff toilets

Northeast
- Roof
- Coal Room/Storage Area
- Generator
- Locker room floor
- Floor tile upstairs
- Building Tuck Pointing
- Windows
- Sanitary Piping
- HVAC Equipment Replacement

Carpenter
- Steam Boiler
- 2 original AHU's
- Pneumatic Controls
- Exterior Sanitary Piping
- Storm Drainage
- Steam Piping
- Cameras

Adams
- Roof
- Collapsed drain beneath classroom
- Parking/Site Drainage
- Carpeting Replacement

Central Park
- Roof over gym and cafeteria
- Additional Fencing

Chestnut Hill
- Roof
- Site Drainage
- Chimney Removal
- Old Air Handling Unit
- Corridor Cabinet Unit Heaters

Plymouth
- Site Drainage
- Playground Pea Stone -> Mulch
- Asphalt in the back
- Potential boilers (installed in 2010)
- Sanitary Drainage
- Cooling only RTU
- Office Heating Control

Siebert
- Tunnel water issues
- Corridor Cabinet Unit Heaters

Woodcrest
- Playground Pea Stone -> Mulch
- 5 AHU's
- Gym Humidity
- Parking
- Soccer field drainage
- Chiller

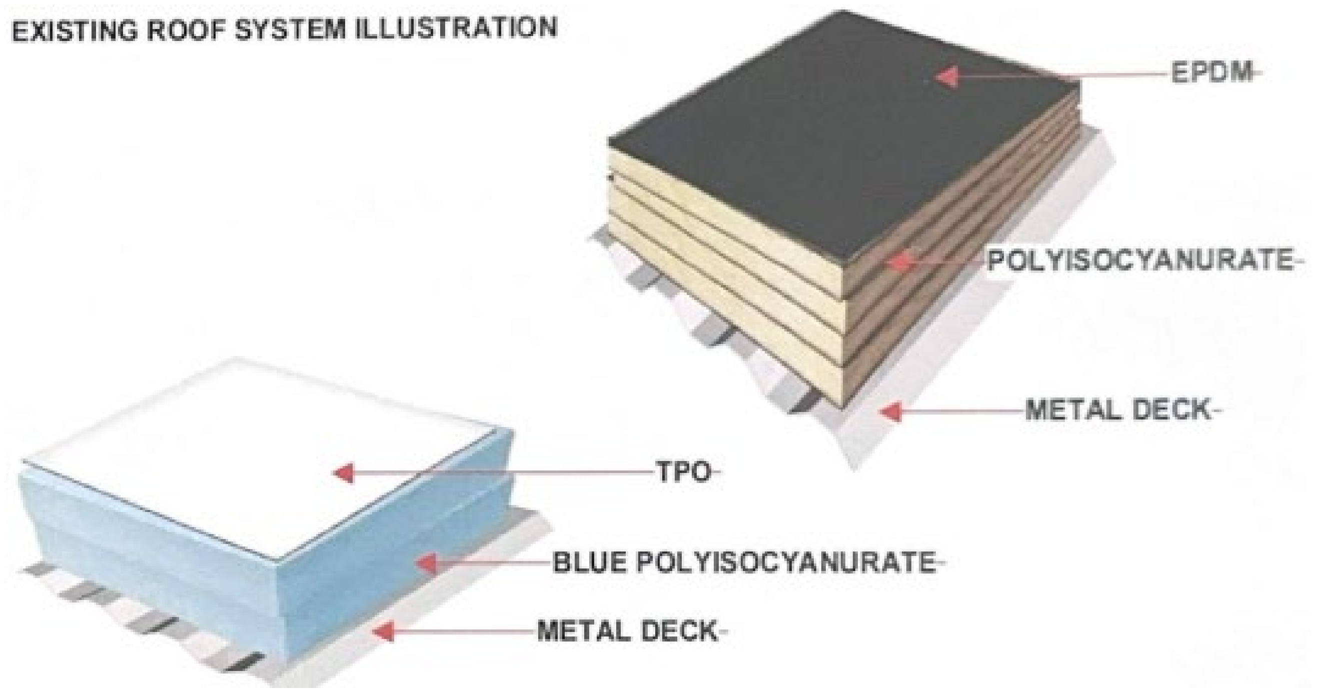
Administration
- Bathrooms
- Badge Readers

Maintenance/Transportation
- Small Roof Area

Adams Roof
Adams Site Drainage
Auditorium Roof
Chestnut Hill and Plymouth Site Drainage
Chestnut Hill Roof
Dow High Asbestos
Dow High Back Lot + Midland High Drive
Dow High Roof
Dow High Tuck Pointing
Jefferson Roof
Midland High HVAC Units (Age)
Midland High Roof
Midland High Woodshop HVAC
Northeast HVAC (Age)
Northeast Roof
Pea Stone -> Mulch at Woodcrest and Plymouth
Woodcrest Chiller (Age)
Woodcrest Parking

Planning a 1.5 Mill Sinking Fund:

Dow High Roof



Northeast Middle School Roof

Chestnut Hill Roof

Planning a 1.5 Mill Sinking Fund:

Plymouth Site Drainage

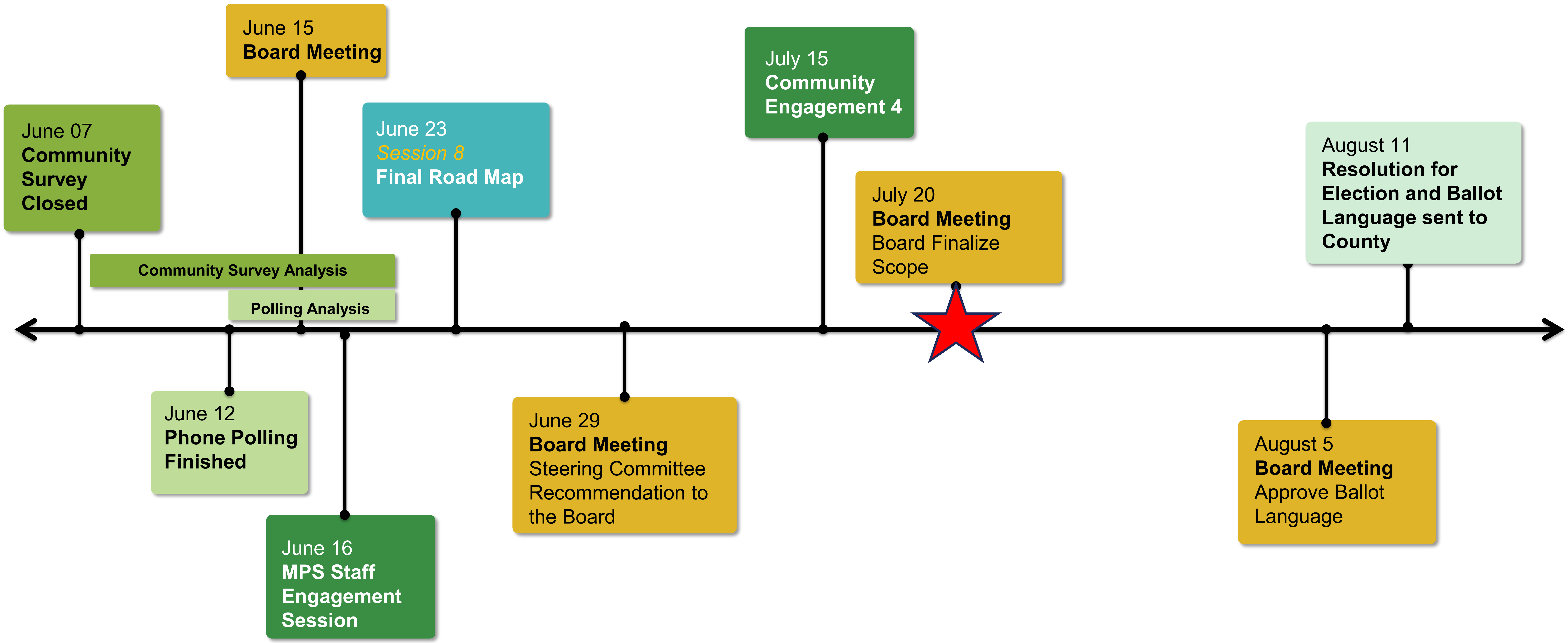
Chestnut Hill Site Drainage

Planning a 1.5 Mill Sinking Fund:

2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
	Buzzer Entry Across Buildings + Admin	Chestnut Hill Roof Repair	Auditorium Roof Repair	Adams Roof Repair
	Northeast Roof Repair	Dow High Roof Repair 2	Dow High Roof Repair 3	Central Park Roof Repair
	Dow High Roof Repair 1	Chestnut Hill Site Drainage	Dow High Abatement Budget	Dow High Tuckpointing
	Camera Budget	Plymouth Site Drainage		Adams Site Drainage
	Woodcrest Pea Stone to Mulch	Plymouth Pea Stone to Mulch		Woodcrest Parking Lot
	IT Infrastructure	IT Infrastructure	IT Infrastructure	IT Infrastructure
	2 Buses	2 Buses	2 Buses	2 Buses
Spend	$4,024,220	$5,261,541	$4,961,400	$4,880,064
Expense Ratio	86%	111%	102%	99%

Planning Timeline:



Sinking Fund Legal Lingo

THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE (EXCERPT)

Act 451 of 1976

380.1212 Sinking fund; creation; purpose; tax levy; audit; submission of proposition to school electors; election; ballot; approval; definitions.

Sec. 1212.

(1) If approved by the school electors of the school district, the board of a school district may levy a tax on the taxable value of the real and personal property of the school district each year for the purpose of creating a sinking fund. All of the following apply to a sinking fund tax authorized under this section:

(a) For a sinking fund tax authorized before March 29, 2017, the sinking fund tax may be used for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings. For a sinking fund tax authorized on or after March 29, 2017 and before the effective date of the amendatory act that added the following sentence, the sinking fund tax may be used for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings, for school security improvements, or for the acquisition or upgrading of technology. For a sinking fund tax authorized on or after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this sentence, the sinking fund tax may be used for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings; for school security improvements; for the acquisition or upgrading of technology; for the acquisition of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used for the maintenance of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of trucks and vans registered under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, and used to carry parts, equipment, and personnel for or in the maintenance of school buildings; or for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used to maintain those trucks and vans.

(b) For a sinking fund tax authorized before March 29, 2017, the sinking fund tax must not exceed 5 mills. For a sinking fund tax authorized on or after March 29, 2017, the sinking fund tax must not exceed 3 mills.

(c) For a sinking fund tax authorized before March 29, 2017, the sinking fund tax may be levied each year for a period not to exceed 20 years. For a sinking fund tax authorized on or after March 29, 2017, the sinking fund tax may be levied each year for a period not to exceed 10 years.

(d) The sinking fund tax levy is subject to the 15 mill tax limitation provisions of section 6 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and the property tax limitation act, 1933 PA 62, MCL 211.201 to 211.217a.

(2) A school district that levies a sinking fund tax under this section must have an independent audit of its sinking fund conducted annually, including a review of the uses of the sinking fund, and shall submit the audit report to the department of treasury. If the department of treasury determines from the audit report that the sinking fund has been used for a purpose other than those authorized for the sinking fund under this section, the school district shall repay the misused funds to the sinking fund from the school district's operating funds and shall not levy a sinking fund tax under this section after the date the department of treasury makes that determination.

(3) A school district shall submit the proposition of levying a sinking fund tax to the school electors of the school district at a regular or special school election.

(4) The question of levying taxes for the purpose of creating a sinking fund must be by ballot in substantially the following form:

"Shall ______________________________ levy ______ mills

(legal name of school district)

to create a sinking fund for the purpose of ___________________

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for a period of _____ years?

Yes ( )

No ( )".

(5) For the purposes of this section, millage approved by the school electors before December 1, 1993 for which the authorization has not expired is considered to be approved by the school electors.

(6) As used in this section:

(a) "School security improvement" means any capital improvement or purchase that is designed to act as a deterrent to unauthorized entry of persons or items onto school premises or to otherwise promote security, including, but not limited to, metal detectors, locks, doors, lighting, cameras, and enhancements to entryways. School security improvement also includes a mobile telephone application that provides the ability to communicate with personnel on site while also connecting an emergency telephone call to a 9-1-1 center. School security improvement does not include personnel costs or operation costs related to a capital improvement or purchase or related to a mobile telephone application.

(b) "Technology" means that term as defined in section 1351a.

History: 1976, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 1977 ;-- Am. 1993, Act 312, Eff. Mar. 15, 1994 ;-- Am. 2003, Act 299, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005 ;-- Am. 2016, Act 319, Eff. Mar. 29, 2017 ;-- Am. 2023, Act 26, Eff. Aug. 6, 2023

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Q&A