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November 3, 2026

SINKING FUND

MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Investing in Safe and Secure Schools



MPS Sinking Fund Facts

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WHEN

Absentee Ballots
SEPT 24, 2026

On the Ballot
NOV 3RD, 2026

WHAT

Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

1.5 MILL
10 -YEAR

WHY

The primary focus is to address:

SAFETY & SECURITY

AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

TRANSPORTATION & TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

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How Did We Get Here?

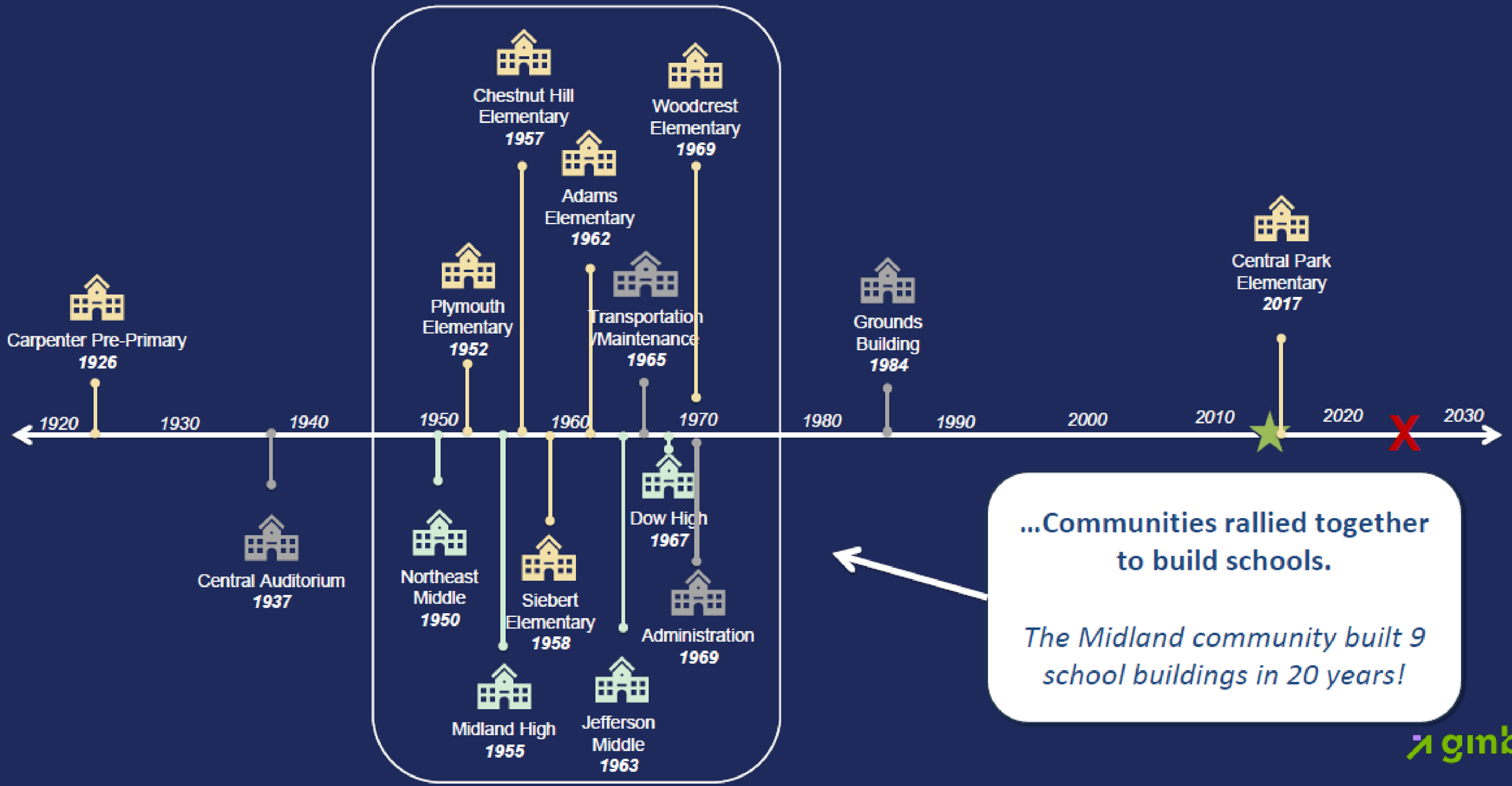
We Listened

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- May 2025 ballot proposal outcome
  - Complexity, Cost, and Context
- Need more collaboration to determine the long-term plan
  - Commitment to ongoing community engagement
- Acknowledgment of pressing needs that will persist regardless of a long-term plan

60+ years ago...



...Communities rallied together to build schools.

The Midland community built 9 school buildings in 20 years!

Our Process

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1. Facility assessment completed by partners GMB, Clark Construction, and Three Rivers.
2. Formed the Blueprint for Tomorrow Steering Team, comprising 30 community members.
3. Hosted community engagement opportunities, including 8 input sessions, a district-wide survey, a scientific poll, and public meeting comments.
4. Regular updates were provided at Board of Education meetings throughout the process, and information was posted on the MPS website.
5. Sinking Fund recommendation developed by Steering Team using data and community input.

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What is a Sinking Fund?

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- A voter-approved millage
- "Pay as you go" model
- Allows for the timely execution of smaller infrastructure projects and purchases
- Allows MPS to address the most pressing aging facility issues
- Keeps general funds in classrooms
- Legally permissible uses

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Difference Between a Sinking Fund and Bond Proposal?

Sinking Fund

- Similar to a home repair savings account
- Ideal for smaller scale projects
- Used for repairs and renovations
- Maintenance not permitted

Bond

- Similar to a mortgage
- Needed for larger scale facility projects
- Used for renovation and construction
- Repairs and maintenance not permitted

Sinking Fund Focus Areas

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SAFETY & SECURITY

- Installing secure buzzer entry systems at all schools
- Updating security cameras
- Improving site and playground safety



AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

- Repairing roofs
- Updating heating, cooling, and ventilation systems
- Updating electrical and plumbing systems



ADDITIONAL NEEDS

- Replacing school buses to ensure a safe bus fleet
- Updating technology infrastructure

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Sinking Fund Focus Areas & Pressing Needs

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Safety & Security



This proposal would support crucial safety and security infrastructure improvements and enhancements, including:

- Secure buzzer entry systems
- Security camera updates
- Site and playground safety improvements

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Current Conditions

Safety & Security





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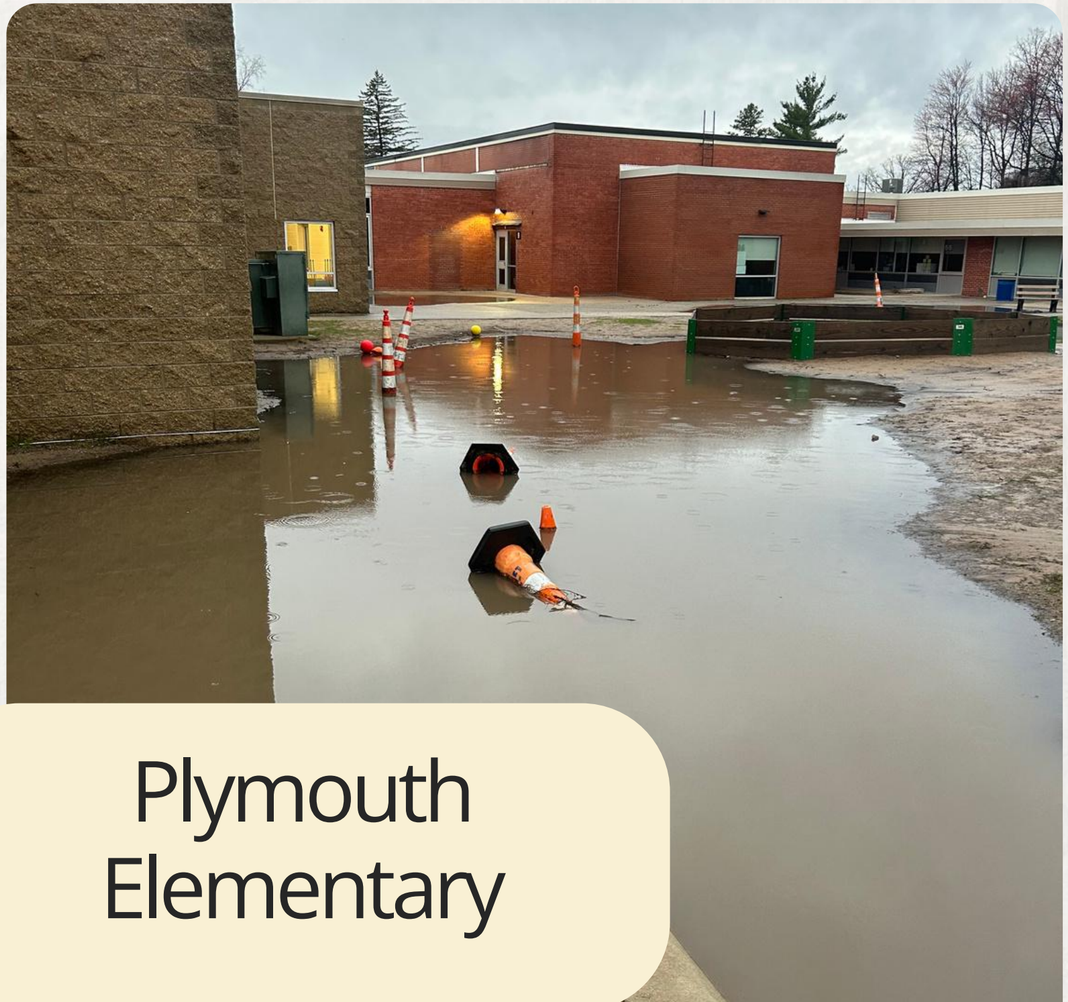
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Current Conditions

Drainage Issues



Chestnut Hill Elementary



Plymouth Elementary

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Current Conditions

Playground Safety Surface Replacement





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Aging Infrastructure



The proposal would address necessary infrastructure repairs for items such as:

- Aging roofs
- Heating, cooling, and ventilation systems
- Electrical and plumbing systems

Current Conditions

H.H. Dow High School Roof

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Current Conditions

Adams Elementary Roof





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Chestnut Hill Elementary Roof





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Current Conditions

Northeast Middle School Roof





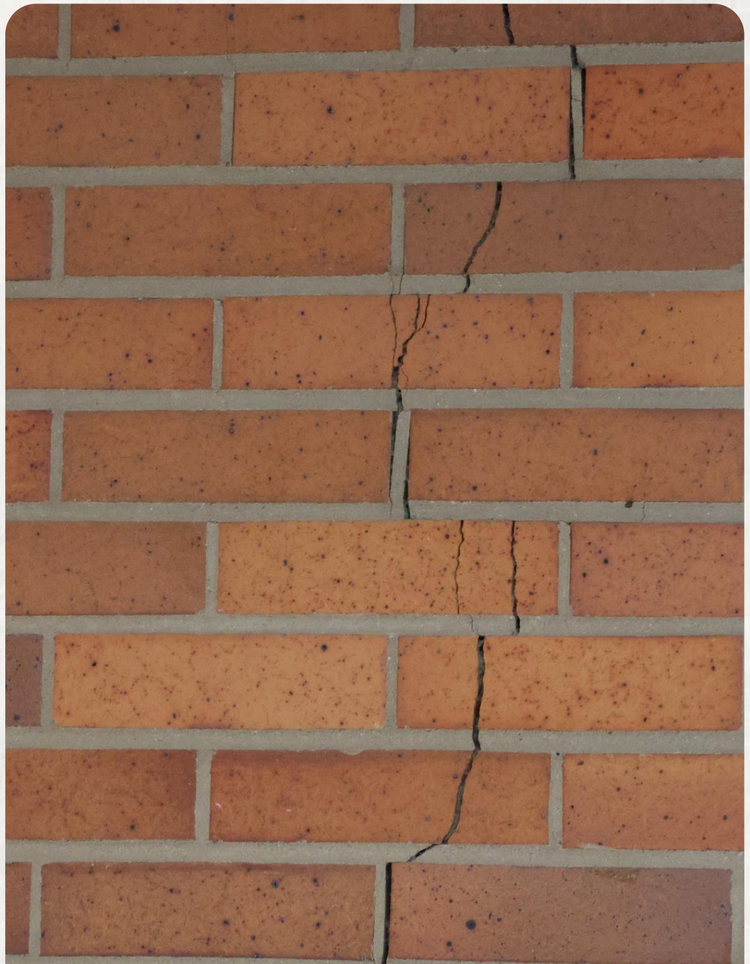
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Current Conditions

Dow High School Masonry Repairs





Transportation & Technology Needs

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The proposal would address MPS transportation and technology needs, including:

- School bus replacements to ensure a safe and modern bus fleet
- Technology infrastructure updates to support safety & security and instruction

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Sinking Fund Project Scope & Timeline

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	
Dow High Roof Repair 1	Dow High Roof Repair 2	Dow High Roof Repair 3	Central Park Roof Repair	
Northeast Roof Repair	Chestnut Hill Site Drainage	Dow High Abatement	Dow High Masonry Repair	
Security Camera Updates	Plymouth Site Drainage	IT Infrastructure	Adams Site Drainage	
Woodcrest Playground Safety Surface Replacements	Plymouth Playground Safety Surface Replacements	2 Buses	Woodcrest Parking Lot	
IT Infrastructure	IT Infrastructure		IT Infrastructure	
2 Buses	2 Buses		2 Buses	

Our Approach

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If the sinking fund is approved, MPS would:

- **Immediate Action (Years 1–4):** Execute priority projects identified by facility assessment and current operational knowledge.
- **Rolling Planning Cycle (Years 5-10):** Near end of Year 1, review facility assessment and assess current needs to determine Year 5 plan; continue cycle annually.
- **Adaptive Strategy & Accountability:** Balance future-focused planning with responsiveness required for emerging needs; Board of Education meeting discussions for ongoing planning.

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Our Promise

If the sinking fund is approved, MPS commits to managing the funds with transparency and accountability:

- Funds will be spent in alignment with the priority areas of our Strategic Plan.
- MPS will regularly share Sinking Fund Program progress and updates.
- The Sinking Fund will receive an independent audit each year.
- Should a critical sinking fund need emerge, there will be an open discussion about an adjustment to the plan at a scheduled Board of Education meeting.

Impact on Homeowner

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Home Market Value	Home Taxable Assessed Value (*typically ½ of market value*)	Approximate Monthly Cost
$100,000	$50,000	$6.25
$150,000	$75,000	$9.38
$200,000	$100,000	$12.50
$240,000	$120,000	$15.00
$300,000	$150,000	$18.75

Impact on Homeowner

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Example: A home with a market value of $240,000 and a taxable assessed value of $120,000.

$120,000 x .0015 = $180 / year
$180 ÷ 12 months = $15 / month

Understanding Ballot Language

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Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Midland Public Schools, Midland County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.5 mills ($1.50 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2026 to 2035, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for:

- school security improvements;
- the repair or construction of school buildings;
- the acquisition of student transportation vehicles;
- the acquisition or upgrading of technology;
- the acquisition of eligible trucks and vans used to carry parts, equipment, and personnel for or in the maintenance of school buildings;
- the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used for maintenance of such student transportation vehicles and such eligible trucks and vans; and
- all other purposes authorized by law;

the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2026 is approximately $4,570,265?

EFFECT ON MILLAGE RATE
1.5 mills for a period of 10 years

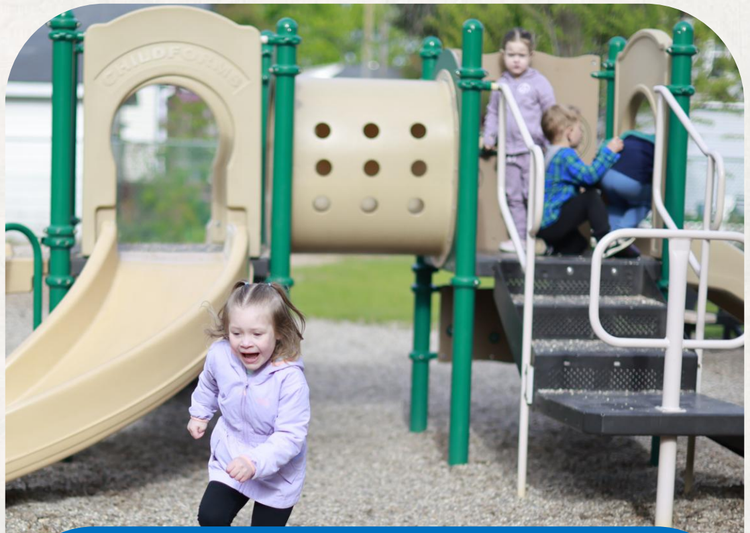
PROJECT SCOPE
- Student safety and security improvements
- Facility repairs
- Bus replacements
- Technology infrastructure updates

REVENUE EXPECTED
Approximately $4.57 million in the first year

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Our Commitment



Providing facilities that support the development of knowledge, skills, & character to succeed



Safe and secure schools



Managing the funds with transparency and accountability

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What is Next?

Sep - Nov Community Information Sessions

Sep 24 Absentee Ballots Available

Nov 3 Election Day

LEARN MORE!

Visit www.midlandps.org/sinkingfund for more details!

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Community Information Sessions

Sept. 28: 1-2 pm, *Virtual: midlandps.org/session92826 (Password: MPS92826)*

Oct. 6: 6-7 pm, *Plymouth Elementary Gym*

Oct. 14: 6-7 pm, *Dow High Media Center*

Oct. 20: 12-1 pm, *Virtual: midlandps.org/session102026 (Password: MPS102026)*

Oct. 28: 12-1 pm, *Greater Midland Community Center*

Out of Office Hours

Oct. 7: 7-8:30 am, *Boulevard Lounge*

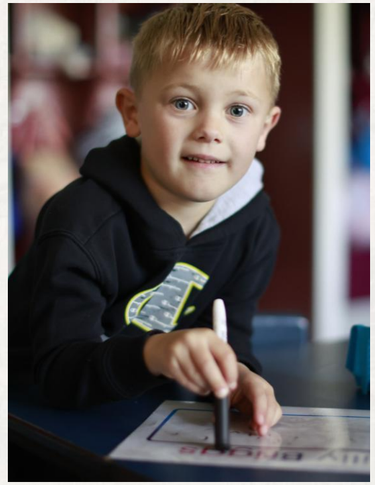
Oct. 23: 7:30-9 am, *Live Oak Ashman*

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Thank you!
Questions?







Your homework:

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- Visit www.midlandps.org/sinkingfund often for updates
- Share the printed materials with your networks (printable files in your class Google Drive under this session)
- Make a plan to vote in the November 3 election!
  - Absentee ballots drop 9/24, Early Voting (check with your local clerk), & in-person voting 11/3
  - Visit www.mi.gov/vote for voter registration info, polling locations & more!