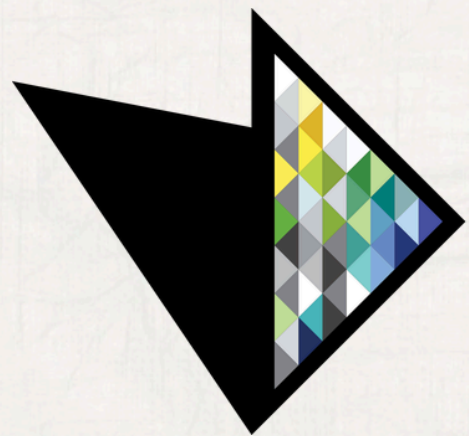




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November 3, 2026

SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Investing in Safe and Secure Schools



MPS Sinking Fund Facts

WHEN

Absentee Ballots

**SEPT 24,
2026**

On the Ballot

**NOV 3RD,
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WHAT

Sinking Fund
Millage Proposal

**1.5 MILL
10-YEAR**

WHY

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is to address:

SAFETY & SECURITY

**AGING
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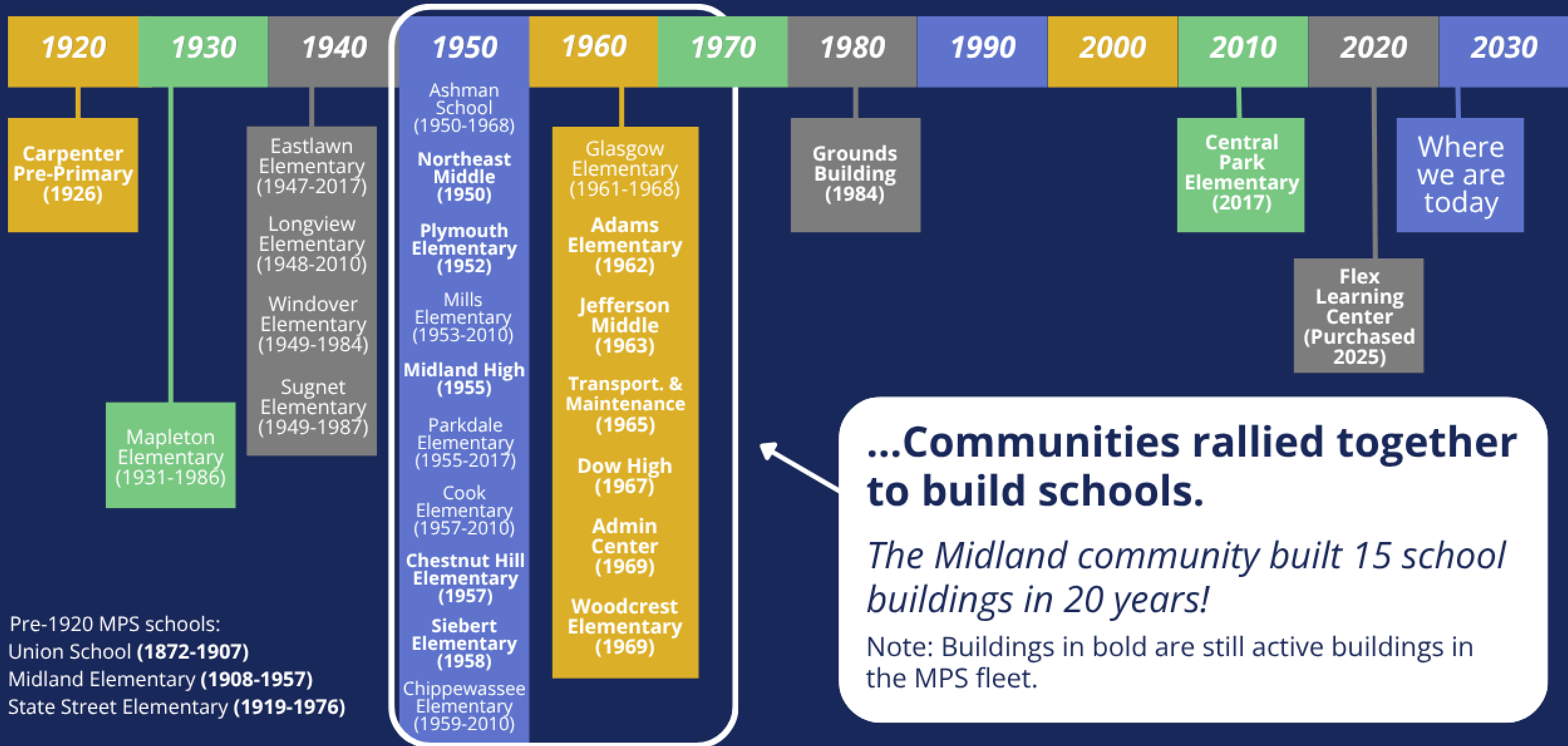
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How Did We Get Here?

We Listened

- 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...



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?



- 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



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



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Sinking Fund Focus Areas



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

Safety & Security



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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

Current Conditions

Safety & Security

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Current Conditions

Drainage Issues



Chestnut Hill
Elementary



Plymouth
Elementary

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



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Current Conditions

H.H. Dow High School Roof

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Current Conditions

Adams Elementary Roof



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Current Conditions

Chestnut Hill Elementary Roof





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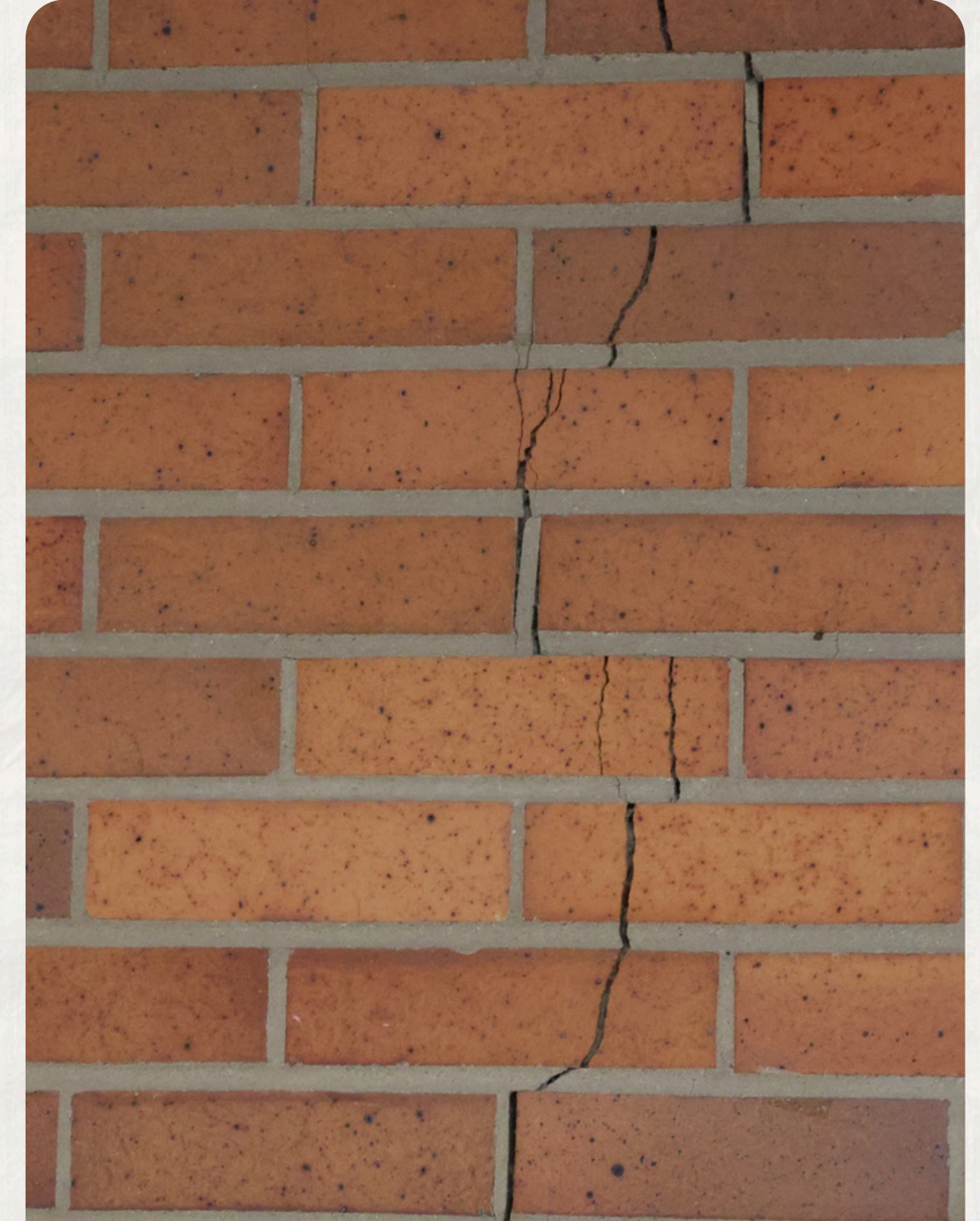
Northeast Middle School Roof

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Current Conditions

Dow High School Masonry Repairs





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Transportation & Technology Needs



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

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.

Our Promise

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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

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

$$\$120,000 \times .0015 = \$180 / \text{year}$$

$$\$180 \div 12 \text{ months} = \$15 / \text{month}$$

Understanding Ballot Language

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MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS **SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

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

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!

Community Information Sessions

Sept. 9: 6-7 pm, *Northeast Theater*

Sept. 16: 10-11 am, *Legacy Center*

Sept. 28: 1-2 pm, *Virtual*

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

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

Oct. 20: 12-1 pm, *Virtual*

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

Out of Office Hours

Sept. 10: 6-7 pm, *Downtown Midland Commons Main across from MDN*

Sept. 21: 11:30 - 1 pm, *Grace A. Dow Memorial Library*

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

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



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Thank you! Questions?

