

How will this impact my tax rate?

In 2024, Onaway Area Community Schools levied 1.00 mill for current bonds/debt. If the 2025 bond proposal is approved by voters, the estimated debt levy for these bonds would be 1.41 mills, with a net increase of 0.85 mill from the 2024 debt millage rate. The average millage rate for these bonds over the life of the bonds is expected to be 1.78 mills. The debt payoff for this bond is expected to be less than 21 years.

Why a bond proposal now?

If approved by voters, the 2025 bond proposal would address the currently identified issues such as indoor air quality, replacement of heating and cooling systems throughout the building that are beyond their life-cycle, and lack of a secure entry. This bond would also address the site issues that are causing poor site drainage and creating flooding in the building. Also, due to existing school bond debt falling off in 2025, the net increase is expected to be 0.85 mill from the 2024 rate.



2025 BOND PROPOSAL FOCUS:



HEALTH



SAFETY



SECURITY

The following chart calculations are based on the estimated millage increase of .85 mill:

HOME MARKET VALUE	HOME TAXABLE VALUE	YEARLY COST	MONTHLY COST	DAILY COST
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$42.50	\$3.54	\$0.12
\$150,000	\$75,000	\$63.75	\$5.31	\$0.18
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$85.00	\$7.08	\$0.24
\$250,000	\$125,000	\$106.25	\$8.85	\$0.30
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$127.50	\$10.63	\$0.35

NOTE: If taxpayer qualifies for the State Homestead Property Tax Credit, the "net" tax rate could be less than shown above. Talk to your tax preparer to see if you qualify.

What projects are included in the 2025 bond proposal?

The focus of projects for this bond would occur in two phases, with projects scheduled to be completed in the summers of 2026 and 2027:

Summer 2026 Projects



- Upgrade the **heating and cooling systems** in classrooms with a system capable of bringing in more fresh air, including new systems controls. This would improve the **air quality** and classroom temperatures.



- Install a new **secure entrance vestibule** at the front of the building with an office for the School Resource Officer to control access to the building.



- Site work to improve drainage** that is currently causing water to flow into the building in areas of lower elevation.

Summer 2027 Projects



- Complete the remainder of the **heating and cooling upgrades** to cover the central portion of the building, including the office, gymnasium, cafeteria, band room, and library.





Important Voting Information



ABSENTEE BALLOTS are available to the general public starting **MARCH 27, 2025** at your City or Township Clerk's Office. Contact your local precinct for hours of operation. You can request an absentee ballot in person at your local Clerk's office or online at Michigan.gov/vote.

ELECTION DAY POLLS ARE OPEN
Tuesday, **MAY 6, 2025**
from **7AM - 8PM**

POLLING LOCATIONS and **ABSENTEE BALLOT** information are available at Michigan.gov/vote

What is on the May 6, 2025 ballot?

Voters in Onaway Area Community Schools district will consider a school bond proposal on the May 6, 2025 election ballot. If approved, it would provide approximately \$10,290,000 for building & site improvements to address identified facility issues and other improvements based on completed assessments and community input. If approved by voters, the estimated debt levy for these bonds would be 1.41 mills, with a net increase of 0.85 mill from the 2024 debt millage rate. The average millage rate for these bonds over the life of the bonds is expected to be 1.78 mills.



Questions?

Contact our administration team via email at bond2025@oacsd.com

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