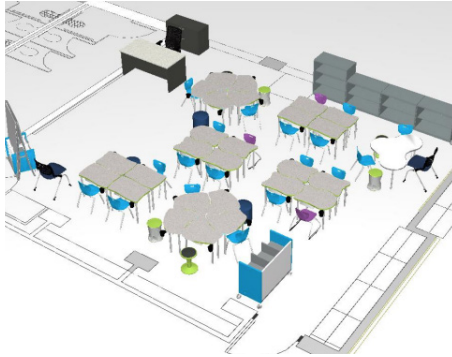


# BERKLEY SCHOOLS 2023 BOND PROPOSAL

*What if...*



What if Berkley Schools facilities matched our award-winning programming?

## 2023 BOND PROPOSAL SCOPE OF WORK

### LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Complete furniture replacement, TK-12, including flexible seating options, and specialized furniture where needed to support students with special needs
- Media Center furniture refresh at elementary schools and Norup International
- BHS Science Lab replacement

### TECHNOLOGY

- Flat panel, interactive screens to replace projectors in all classrooms, K-12
- District-wide network updates
- District-wide new staff computers
- District-wide new phone system

### PERFORMING ARTS

- Performing Arts Center (Auditorium) face-lift: New seating, acoustics, lighting, sound system, booth controls at floor level, finishes, mechanical curtain system
- Additional backstage storage & dressing room refresh
- Expanding Performing Arts Center lobby for multi-purpose usage and improved guest experience
- New black box theatre for choir classroom, drama programming District-wide, small events
- Instrument storage commons addition
- Band and orchestra room upgrades

### ELEMENTARY MULTI-PURPOSE / CAFETERIA ADDITIONS

- Additions at Angell, Burton, Pattengill, Rogers
- Separate breakfast/lunch from PE programming
- Flexible spaces for band, orchestra, indoor recess, assemblies, large-group instruction, after-school and community events

### ATHLETICS

- Catalpa lot improvements: 75-yard indoor field house including robotics, multi-purpose rooms and public restrooms, 120-yard outdoor artificial turf field with LED lights, additional natural turf field, additional parking
- Hurley Field improvements: New team rooms for visiting and home teams, expanded parking, relocating shot put and long jump, new LED lighting
- Gymnasium refresh for all elementary and middle schools
- BHS pool updates/repairs including air quality, new starting blocks, ADA upgrades, new tile, new sound system, new chemical systems and upgraded office area including restroom



*What if...* BERKLEY SCHOOLS

August 8, 2023 Bond Proposal



## BALLOT LANGUAGE

Shall Berkley School District, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eighty-Eight Million Dollars (\$88,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping a new indoor practice/robotics team building; erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to school buildings; remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; and preparing, developing, improving and equipping playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities and sites?

### The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2024 is 3.05 mills (\$3.05 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a 2.25 mills net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-five (25) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.61 mills (\$3.61 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$45,575,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. 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 repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

## WHAT WOULD THIS COST ME?

\$88,000,000 equates to a 2.25 mill increase which would be collected starting in 2024. This is 2.25 mills on the taxable value of a home, not the total value. Each homeowner's cost may be different depending on filing status, age and other income tax variables. *An example: A home worth \$200,000 typically has a taxable value of \$100,000. 2.25 mills levied on this home would cost \$225/year, before any income tax considerations.* However, your costs may be less. Ultimately, this Bond would cost on average less than a dollar a day.

## Vote August 8, 2023

Tax Increase = 2.25 Mill  
Revenue = \$88 Million

Average Daily Cost = \$0.62  
Average Annual Cost = \$225

## WHAT CAN BOND DOLLARS BE USED FOR?

Under current law, bond dollars may be used for construction and remodeling of facilities, purchasing instructional technology equipment, equipment and furniture, and site improvements.

## WHAT CAN'T BOND DOLLARS BE USED FOR?

Bond dollars cannot be used for operational costs such as: salaries and wages, maintenance, classroom supplies, textbooks and non-instructional technology.

## HOW HAVE THE BUILDINGS BEEN MAINTAINED?

Our custodial and maintenance teams work extremely hard to keep our buildings up and running for our students. However, it has been 15-35 years (depending on the project) since the District has been able to fund upgrades to athletics, performing arts, science labs and classroom furniture.

The Berkley School District utilizes a Sinking Fund for maintaining all buildings (approx. \$3.5 million/year). This money is used to repair roofs, leaks, pavement, purchase electrical parts and more. While \$3.5 million per year sounds like a lot, one year of Sinking Fund dollars will not pay for one multi-purpose/cafeteria addition at an elementary school, as an example. When the District looked at the finance capabilities of the Sinking Fund, it simply didn't have enough funds to cover the needs list at all buildings. The 2023 Bond would fund the larger projects, allowing the Sinking Fund to tackle projects like turf at Hurley Field, partnering with cities and local organizations to fund softball fields, construct a new maintenance building as well as continue to fund regular maintenance costs.

## KEY DATES:

- Ballot Language to Board of Education, April 10
- Absentee Ballots Ready, June 29
- Last Day to Register to Vote, August 8
- Last Day to Pick Up an Absentee Ballot, August 8
- Election Day, August 8