

## NEWS FROM MADISON DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### **Madison District Public Schools schedules November 7 bond election**

The Madison District Public Schools Board of Education has voted to place a comprehensive, \$29.2 million bond proposal on the November 7 ballot.

School Superintendent Randy Speck said that the 5.24 mill bond proposal will enable the school district to implement its long-range facilities plan while assuring that Madison schools and school facilities are safe, secure, and up-to-date. "The primary purpose of the bond proposal is to address Phase 2 of Madison's "One Campus, One Community" plan to have all traditional K-12 programs on one campus," said Speck. If voters approve the bond proposal, the current high school will be remodeled to accommodate both the high school and the middle school. "All of the bond proposal projects have been approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury," Speck added.

The bond projects fall into five basic categories:

1. Remodel the existing high school into a facility that accommodates both high school and middle school students
2. Adding a new middle school cafeteria to the remodeled high school/middle school
3. Adding instructional designs and technology that will support 21st Century teaching and learning
4. Adding new athletic/fitness facilities, including an indoor track, community fitness center, improvements to the pool, a community health center and improvements to outdoor athletic facilities that can be used by students and community members
5. Adding play structure and pavilions to Sunset Park to serve students, families, and other members of the community.

The bond proposal is designed to address current facility needs while positioning the school district for the future, both educationally and financially. If approved by voters, it will affect every Madison Public Schools student, school, and school facility.

School Board President Al Morrison said that the bond proposal was designed to maintain and enhance the quality of Madison's educational programming. "Approval of this bond proposal will help assure that our schools and school facilities are fully capable of servicing this generation and the next. We also believe voter approval of the bond proposal will help maintain and enhance property values in the school district," he said.

Morrison said that voter approval of the bond proposal would mean a 5.24 mill increase in property taxes. "We believe the bond proposal is both necessary and reasonable," he said. "A person living in a \$90,000 home would pay \$238 more per year in taxes or 65¢ per day." Morrison noted that most Madison residents would pay less than 65¢ per day, and that many senior citizens would pay nothing additional if the bond proposal is approved.

The school district will be working to help residents understand the rationale for the bond projects and the benefits to students and other members of the community. Superintendent Speck said, "We will be making presentations and distributing information about the election to help people understand how the bond proposal will positively affect our schools, individual homeowners, and our community."

Speck invited residents who have questions or need additional information about the bond proposal to click on *School Election Information* on the school district's website ([www.madisondistrict.org](http://www.madisondistrict.org)), call any Madison principal, or contact him directly by phone (586/439-4417) or email ([rspeck@madisondistrict.org](mailto:rspeck@madisondistrict.org)).

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