Dear Royal Oak Schools Community,

On November 7, 2017, you will be asked to consider a school bond proposal which, if approved, will improve the infrastructure, technology, and learning areas for every school in the District. Additionally, plans exist to provide specific improvements to meet unique needs at each school.

This ballot proposal is the next step in a thorough and well thought out process that has been over two years in the making. Our Board of Education has carefully considered the needs of the District and has conferred with groups in the school community, staff and district maintenance personnel. Consultation was provided and specific site assessments were conducted by outside professionals to rate the condition and provide recommendations for improvements to our buildings. Careful consideration was put forth regarding the timing of this proposal which, if successfully passed, would result in a zero increase to the current tax rate for our citizens.

Thank you for reviewing the bond information on the district website and considering this proposal. We appreciate your continued interest in our schools and our children.

Sincerely,

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Addams, Keller, Northwood, Oakland, Oak Ridge and Upton Elementary Schools
- Upgrade select HVAC
- Upgrade all learning spaces (select furniture, technology, finishes, etc.)
- Install electronic signs
- Upgrade play areas/equipment

Additional Features Include:
- Addams - expand cafeteria, create active technology studio
- Keller - relocate main office, pick-up/drop-off area, create active technology studio
- Oakland - create a multi-purpose room, collaborative learning space, music room, remodel for special ed rooms, classrooms and support rooms and remodel cafeteria
- Oak Ridge - new parking area/lot, create active technology studio and replace lockers
- Upton - create instructional support space, create active technology studio and new multi-purpose collaborative learning space

Royal Oak High School
- Relocate and construct new tennis courts with viewing area
- Construct new 8-lane track with viewing area
- Replace turf at stadium and add athletic support buildings (team rooms, toilet rooms, ticket booth and concessions building with plaza)
- Remodeling and additions to make new space for art studio, large group instruction space, performing arts classrooms and support spaces
- Remodel science rooms
- Upgrade all learning spaces (select furniture, technology, finishes, etc.)
- Addition to cafeteria and renovate existing cafeteria/kitchen to allow for flexible lunch scheduling and extended learning area
- Upgrade select HVAC
- Site Upgrades
- Remodel locker rooms

Royal Oak Middle School
- Replace running track
- Upgrade all learning spaces (select furniture, technology, finishes, etc.)
- Construct changing rooms in locker rooms
- Provide ADA access to stage
- Replace select physical education gym and pool equipment
- Upgrade select HVAC

BOND PROCEEDS cannot be used for
- Staff salaries and wages;
- General operating expenses, repairs and maintenance;
- Classroom supplies and textbooks;
- Transportation (busing) operational costs, and
- Administrative costs.

can be used for
- Construction and remodeling of facilities;
- Purchase of technology equipment and infrastructure;
- Purchase of equipment and furniture; and
- Site improvements

Royal Oak Schools’ taxpayers have the 2nd lowest school millage rate compared to neighboring/peer districts.

Why not use the general fund?
The general fund cannot pay for these large capital investments unless the district makes reductions in other areas of the budget.

Proposed Payoff Schedule and Project Debt Millage Rates

Total School & Bond Debt Millage Rates

Year Schools Built

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