

# 2020 BOND PROPOSAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## What is the amount of the proposed bond issue, and how would it affect my taxes?

The district can issue these new bonds and raise approximately \$36.7 million with no expected tax rate increase, based on current interest and 3% taxable growth. For detailed financial information, please visit: [bit.ly/NVPSFinancial](http://bit.ly/NVPSFinancial).

## Why are we considering a bond issue now?

After obtaining community input through the Board of Education's planning process, a facility assessment completed in 2018, and community and staff forums in 2019, it was determined that we have facility and site needs that cannot be addressed through current funding alone. With this proposal, all schools would be impacted by district-wide renovations, security upgrades, and facility and technology improvements.

More detailed information is available on our district website at [nvps.net/bond](http://nvps.net/bond).

## Have you asked for community input on this bond issue?

Yes. Community-wide input was solicited through a survey sent via email in the winter of 2019 to obtain input on our needs. The district then held three community forums in April, May, and October of 2019. With this feedback, additional modifications were made to the plans. The final plans were presented to the Board of Education in January 2020 for approval.

## Why weren't the K-8 needs addressed in the last bond?

Community feedback gathered at the time of the last bond indicated that the high school should be the focus of the work to extend the lifespan of the building.



## WHAT DOES THIS BOND PROPOSAL INCLUDE?

Some highlights of this proposal include:

- Upgrade elementary and middle school classrooms to enhance learning experiences
- Install air conditioning at all K-8 buildings
- Improve technology infrastructure and add technology equipment in classrooms
- Add secure vestibules to K-8 buildings
- Expand the East Oakview Elementary bus loop to create a safer environment for students
- Replace school buses that have reached the end of their useful life
- Resurface the outdoor track at Wildcat Stadium
- Make small pavement and siding upgrades at the high school
- Install new playgrounds at all elementary buildings



# Vote on May 5!

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## How does this plan help children?

This proposal would provide flexible furniture to create environments conducive to team building, collaboration, and student engagement. The proposal would also provide necessary technology upgrades to modernize instruction. The addition of air conditioning and temperature control to each K-8 building would create a healthier learning environment for our students.

## What is being done to increase the safety of students and staff?

This proposal includes additions and upgrades to create secure vestibules in the elementary and middle schools. Additionally, by expanding the bus loop at East Oakview Elementary, the approach to school will become much safer for our students and families. New playgrounds at each elementary would ensure safe and age-appropriate play spaces for our youngest students.

## Why are Crossroads and West Oakview not receiving secure entries as part of this bond proposal?

Voters approved an expansion of the site and sinking fund in November 2018. The addition of secure entries at Crossroads and West Oakview are included in the sinking fund projects. The district has been working on these security updates and construction is set to begin in the summer of 2020.

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## What are you proposing for temperature control in our buildings?

This bond proposal would include upgrades to the HVAC systems in all of our K-8 buildings. As part of those upgrades, air conditioning would be added to every elementary building, Highlands and Crossroads. Currently most of our buildings are only partially air conditioned (main offices and media centers/libraries). With this bond proposal, air conditioning would be added to every K-8 classroom. Many classrooms in the high school also have air conditioning as a result of the work done during the last bond. Although there are still some older classrooms in the high school that do not yet have air conditioning, the priority of this bond is to upgrade our K-8 buildings.

## Where can I learn more?

You will find detailed information on our website at [nvps.net/bond](http://nvps.net/bond).

## What if I have some specific questions? Where will I get these answers?

Superintendent Dr. Scott Korpak is available to meet community members by appointment. He can be reached by phone at (616) 363-6861 or by email at [skorpak@nvps.net](mailto:skorpak@nvps.net).

## How do I get registered to vote?

Registering to vote may be done at any Secretary of State office or the office of your city or township clerk. You can also register online or by mail until April 20. You may register to vote in person until the election date. Visit the Secretary of State's Michigan Voter Information Center website at [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote) for more information about registering to vote and absentee ballots.

