



\$1.95 Million

In School Improvements

Bond Proceeds CANNOT be used for:
 Staff Salaries and Wages
 General Operating Expenses or Maintenance
 Classroom Supplies or Textbooks
 Administration



The Proposal

\$1,950,000

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Voting Locations and Hours

Vote in the location where you would normally vote in local, state, and national elections.
 Voting is open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Voter Registration

You may register to vote at a Secretary of State's office or a local clerk's office

Absentee Balots

Absentee ballots are available at your local clerk's office



2017

Bond Proposal



Big Enough For Excellence... Small Enough to Care

Middle / High School

Partial Roof Replacement
Partial Parking Lot Replacement
Parking Lot Lighting

Elementary School

Boiler Replacement



Miscellaneous

Eight Lane Track
Concessions / Restroom Building
Transportation Building Addition



FAQ's

Q: What is a bond proposal?

A: A bond proposal asks voters to approve the sale of bonds. When the bonds are sold, they generate revenue for district improvements.

Q: What is scope of work as written in the ballot language?

A: "Replacing boilers, pumps and related equipment at the elementary school; replacing portions of the roof and parking lots at the junior/senior high school; erecting an addition to and remodeling and equipping the transportation building; erecting and equipping a concession/restroom building and a track at the stadium; and preparing, developing, improving and equipping school sites?"

Q: How would the ballot proposal impact my property tax bill?

A: The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2017, under current law, is zero mill (\$0.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.34 mills (\$1.34 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). This would be a continuation of the current payment you make for an additional three years.

Q: Where do schools get their funding?

A: Most of the revenue for school operations comes from the State of Michigan (over 80%) in the form of State School Aid, which is funded through the State property tax, sales tax and other sources. A smaller amount comes from local sources and the Federal Government.

Q: Why doesn't Morrice Area Schools use the general fund to pay for all of this?

A: Quite simply, the general fund cannot afford to pay for all of these large capital investments. Unfortunately, State funding has decreased significantly over past years, while operating expenses have increased. It is the Board of Education's goal to preserve our general fund dollars for instructional programs and not to address building needs with it, if at all possible. Bond 2017 would address our building needs, thus allowing the general fund dollars to remain focused in the classroom

Q: How will I know the funds will be spent the way they are supposed to be spent?

A: In the bond application it is clearly stated that (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. The submitted bond application was carefully reviewed by the Michigan State Treasury so the project must follow what is outlined in the application. An audit will be completed by the Treasury at the end of the project to ensure compliance.

Q: When will the construction take place?

A: The election will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017. If passed, the building construction would begin the spring of 2018. We anticipate the completion of all renovations and projects by beginning of scheduled school classes 2018/2019 year.

