



DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

# SCHOOL BOND

2017

2017 BOND  
ELECTION DAY  
AUGUST 8, 2017



OUR **KIDS**, OUR **COMMUNITY**, OUR **FUTURE!**

# AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> BALLOT PROPOSAL

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- Bond proposal for facility & site improvements to address student learning, enrollment growth, technology, health, safety and security at our schools.
- Proposal **is not intended to increase** the current millage rate.
- Total program is **\$71.7 million.**



# A LOOK BACK

- Last Bond Approved By Voters - 2008
- Priorities Addressed - Facility and Mechanical Improvements & Technology
- \$47.9 Million
  - Remodeling & Improvements to All District Buildings
  - Technology Improvements
  - Site Improvements & Development
  - Music/Performance Upgrades
  - Athletic Fields & Facilities
  - Infrastructure & Energy Efficiency
  - Security Improvements
  - Transportation Upgrades
  - Traffic & Pedestrian Safety
  - Land Acquisition for Future Growth
  - Community Facility Improvements



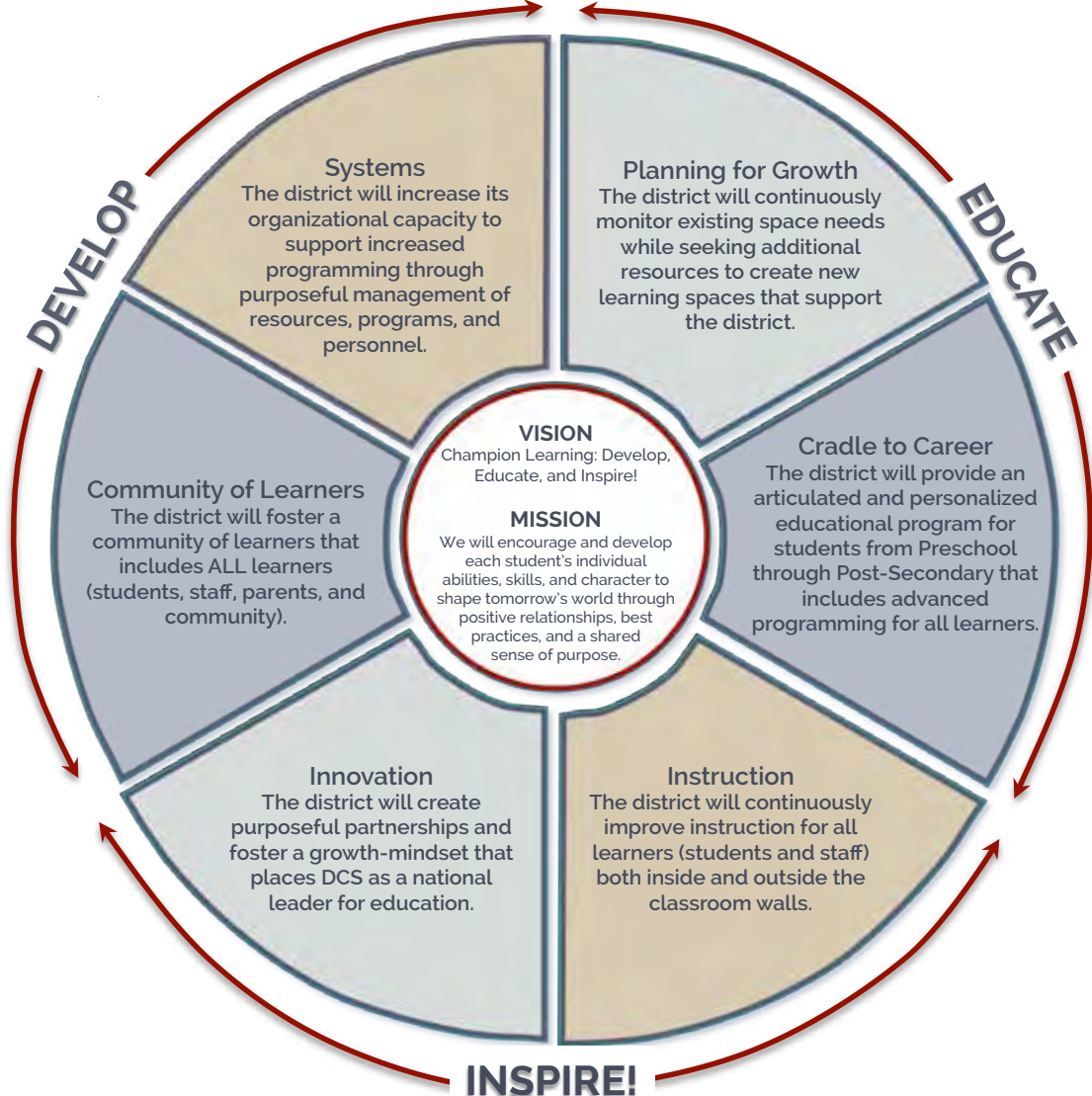
# Every decision we make regarding this proposal will be premised on:

- Maintaining the current school tax rate of 8.5 mills.  
**(No tax rate increase projected)**
- Making recommendations based on the consensus of staff, community members, and consultants as to the very **best interest of our students and the communities we serve.**
- Aligning our planning with our district's identified goals and comprehensive **2015-2020 Strategic Framework.**



# STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FRAMEWORK

## 2015-2020



# DISTRICT GOALS

- Strengthen the human capacity through the design and delivery of high quality learning opportunities for students, staff, parents and the community both inside and outside the classroom walls.
- Redesign educational programming to focus on developing students' capacity to think creatively, solve problems, analyze, synthesize, and navigate information.
- Organizational capacity will increase to improve system effectiveness.
- Continuously monitor and evaluate existing learning spaces and their ability to support learning needs.
- Create and effectively implement a robust early childhood program for DCS residents.

# DISTRICT GOALS

- Create personalized learning opportunities for students that include advanced programming for all students.
- Establish strategic partnerships (local, domestic, and international) that support student learning and increase capacity for DCS to provide learning opportunities for students and staff.
- Foster an internal culture with a growth-mindset, focused on increasing DCS' ability to develop students' capacity to think creatively, solve problems, analyze, synthesize, and navigate information.

# WHY A BOND NOW?



UP-KEEP OF  
**AGING BUILDINGS**



ACCOMMODATE  
**ENROLLMENT GROWTH**



LONG-TERM  
**TECHNOLOGY PLAN**



TIMELY UPGRADE OF  
**BUS FLEET**



UPGRADES TO  
**SCHOOL SECURITY**



# CURRENT PLANS

## 1 NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Build a new elementary school (a twin to Cornerstone) to accommodate current enrollment and growing number of K-2 students
- Design will maintain the established school campus atmosphere
- Bates Elementary will be converted into additional space for Dexter's Early Childhood Program to serve the community's preschool demand

# CURRENT PLANS

## 1 NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## 2 NEW ADDITIONS/ FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

- New music room addition at Mill Creek Middle School
- New additions of flexible learning environments at all grade levels
- New secure entrance at Wylie Elementary School
- Alternative Education program facility improvements

# CURRENT PLANS

- 1 NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 2 NEW ADDITIONS/  
FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS
- 3 DISTRICTWIDE

- Urgent mechanical, electrical and facility/site updates to maintain our existing investment
- Ten-year technology replacement cycle
- Electronic security enhancements
- Site improvements and minor land acquisition

# CURRENT PLANS

- 1 NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 2 NEW ADDITIONS/  
FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS
- 3 DISTRICTWIDE
- 4 LOGISTICS/  
TRANSPORTATION

- Improvements to student drop-off/pick-up traffic flow to address congestion issues on Baker Road and at Wylie Elementary Schools
- Purchase of school buses over the next ten years

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- 5 COMMUNITY RELATED IMPROVEMENTS

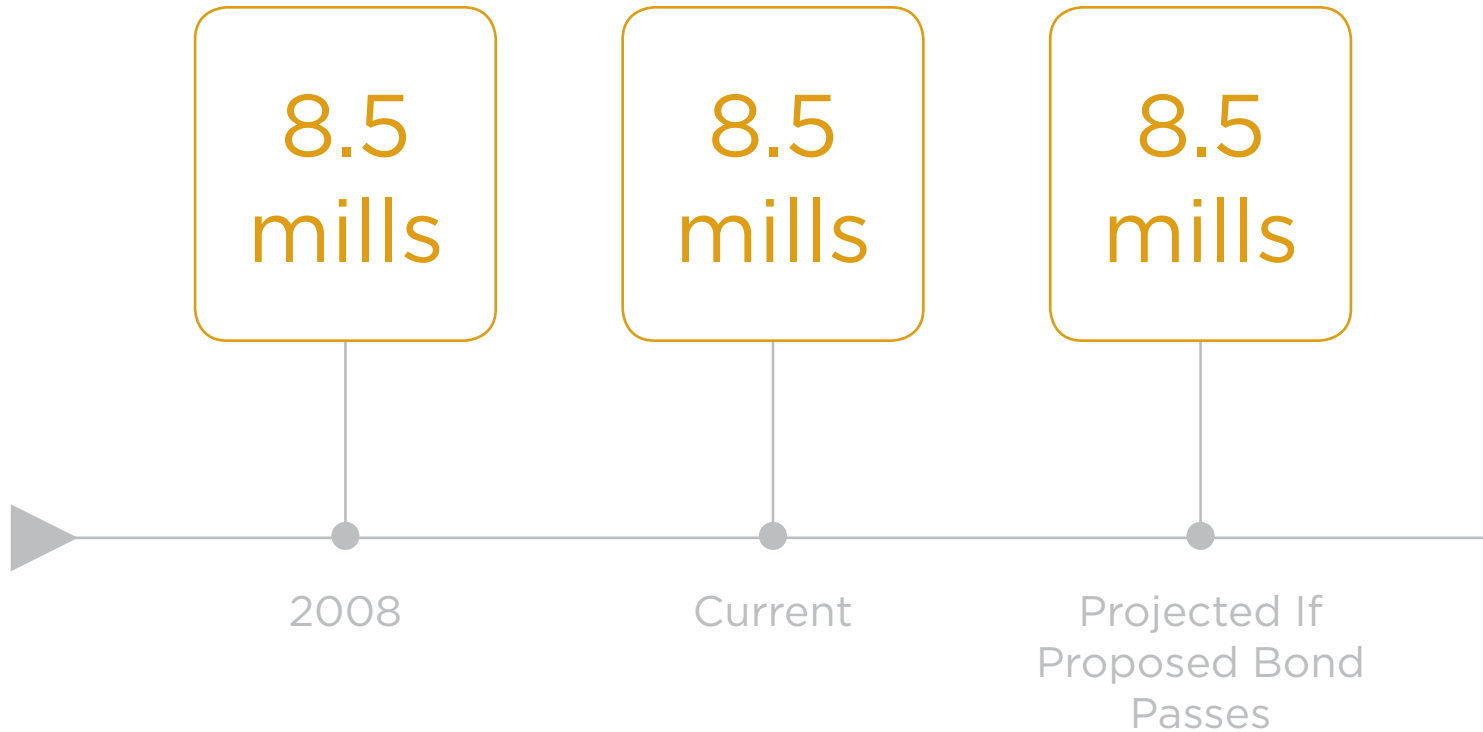
- Renovate locker rooms and shower facilities at the Dexter Community Pool
- Improvements to the Dexter Senior Center
- Upgrades to the DHS Center for Performing Arts
- Relocations and additions to walking paths around schools

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- 6 DISTRICT ATHLETIC IMPROVEMENTS

- Upgrades to athletic fields and facilities
- Additional playing surfaces to meet community athletic facility needs
- Relocations of Mill Creek baseball diamonds to a site adjacent to Dexter High School

# TAXPAYER IMPACT



**ZERO INCREASE PROJECTED  
TO CURRENT MILLAGE RATE**

# IMPORTANT DATES

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**June 24, 2017**

Absentee Ballots Available



**July 10, 2017**

Final Day to Register to Vote



**August 7, 2017**

Last Day to Vote Absentee



**August 8, 2017**

**Election Day**







# 2017 BOND BENEFITS

Strengthens school  
safety and security



# 2017 BOND BENEFITS

Enhances technology district-wide, offering updated learning opportunities for our students for years to come



# 2017 BOND BENEFITS

Expands DCS' ability to house and develop a robust Early Childhood Program for the community

# 2017 BOND BENEFITS

Supports the district's current and future growth by providing a more efficient educational and organizational system





# 2017 BOND BENEFITS

Allows regularized upgrades of our transportation fleet



## 2017 BOND BENEFITS

Helps DCS protect the taxpayers' investment in our schools by upgrading aging infrastructure

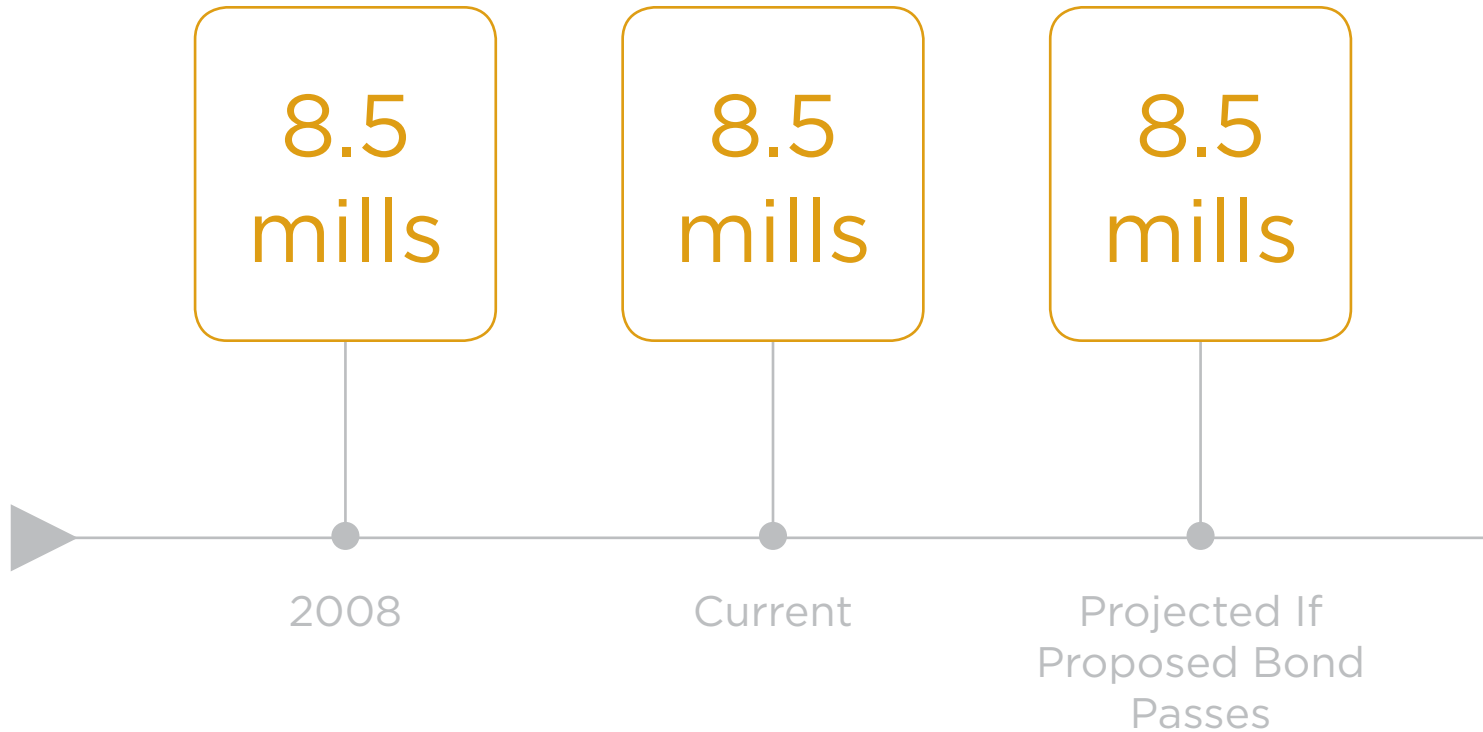
# The 2017 Bond preserves our limited General Fund Dollars.

With passage of the bond, general fund dollars can continue to be dedicated to the classroom rather than capital expenses.



Bond proceeds **cannot** be used for operational expenses or staff salaries.

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# QUESTIONS?

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