Dexter Community Schools

School Bond

2017

2017 Bond Election Day
August 8, 2017

Our Kids, Our Community, Our Future!
• 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.**
Cradle to Career
The district will provide an articulated and personalized educational program for students from Preschool through Post-Secondary that includes advanced programming for all learners.

Planning for Growth
The district will continuously monitor existing space needs while seeking additional resources to create new learning spaces that support the district.

Community of Learners
The district will foster a community of learners that includes ALL learners (students, staff, parents, and community).

Innovation
The district will create purposeful partnerships and foster a growth-mindset that places DCS as a national leader for education.

Instruction
The district will continuously improve instruction for all learners (students and staff) both inside and outside the classroom walls.

Systems
The district will increase its organizational capacity to support increased programming through purposeful management of resources, programs, and personnel.

VISION
Champion Learning: Develop, Educate, and Inspire!

MISSION
We will encourage and develop each student’s individual abilities, skills, and character to shape tomorrow’s world through positive relationships, best practices, and a shared sense of purpose.

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
- Timely upgrade of bus fleet
- Accommodate enrollment growth
- UPGRADES TO SCHOOL SECURITY
- Long-term technology plan
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

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1. New music room addition at Mill Creek Middle School

NEW ADDITIONS/FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

2. New additions of flexible learning environments at all grade levels

3. New secure entrance at Wylie Elementary School

4. 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
CURRENT PLANS

1 NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 NEW ADDITIONS/ FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

3 DISTRICTWIDE

4 LOGISTICS/ TRANSPORTATION

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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1. NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2. NEW ADDITIONS/ FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

3. DISTRICTWIDE

4. LOGISTICS/ TRANSPORTATION

5. COMMUNITY RELATED IMPROVEMENTS

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

2008
8.5 mills

Current
8.5 mills

Projected If Proposed Bond Passes
8.5 mills

ZERO INCREASE PROJECTED TO CURRENT MILLAGE RATE
IMPORTANT DATES

- 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
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Enhances technology district-wide, offering updated learning opportunities for our students for years to come.
Expands DCS’ ability to house and develop a robust Early Childhood Program for the community
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Supports the district’s current and future growth by providing a more efficient educational and organizational system.
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Allows regularized upgrades of our transportation fleet
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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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ZERO INCREASE PROJECTED TO CURRENT MILLAGE RATE

8.5 mills 8.5 mills 8.5 mills
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QUESTIONS?

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