November 6, 2018 Bond Proposals



On November 6, 2018, the Grand Ledge community will vote on two bond proposals.

Proposal One would provide \$118,640,000 for district-wide building and grounds improvements that would address identified and ongoing building issues and would support the district's grade restructuring initiative.

PROPOSAL ONE - School Improvements



Proposal One was developed to create **SMARTER**, **STRONGER**, **SAFER** Grand Ledge Public Schools





Proposal One was developed to create **SMARTER** schools by providing modern learning environments and supporting the district grade restructuring initiative:

- Creating grades K-4 elementary schools at Holbrook, Delta Center, Wacousta, and Willow Ridge.
- Creating a grades 5-6 intermediate school at Hayes for upper elementary students and a grades 7-8 middle school at Beagle
- Adding additional classrooms to Holbrook and Beagle to support district restructuring
- Performing upgrades and renovations to create modern classrooms, including flexible furniture, LED lighting, and integrated technology
- Upgrading student and staff devices
- Providing collaboration spaces or multipurpose rooms
- Updating technology infrastructure, including classroom multimedia upgrades, to maximize connectivity, access, and learning
- Detailed list of improvements to follow on www.glcomets.net



Proposal One was developed to create **STRONGER** schools by investing in infrastructure to support district grade restructuring:

- Funding critical upgrades to the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems in all schools to increase operational efficiencies
- Rebuilding Wacousta Elementary on the same site to replace the aged and inefficient facility
- Replacing systems at the end of their useful life cycles
- Upgrading high school science labs
- Replacing interior finishes as needed
- Detailed list of improvements to follow on www.glcomets.net



Proposal One was developed to create **SAFER** schools by upgrading safety measures:

- Providing secure entrances at all K-12 school buildings and adding video surveillance
- Updating exterior lighting
- Replacing the aging school bus fleet as needed
- Improving vehicular traffic flow at drop-offs and pick-ups for pedestrian safety
- Detailed list of improvements to follow on www.glcomets.net

How Much Would Proposal One Increase Taxes Over The Prior Year's Rate?

If Proposal One is approved, the first year's debt millage rate is expected to increase by approximately 0.89 mills over the prior year's debt millage rate. This equals approximately an additional \$44.50 per year for each \$100,000 in market value of your home.

Increased Cost Over the Prior Year to Property Owners for Proposal One

MARKET VALUE	TAXABLE* VALUE	COST/ YEAR	COST/ MONTH	COST/ DAY
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$44.50	\$3.71	\$.12
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$89.00	\$7.42	\$.24
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$133.50	\$11.13	\$.37

Election Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

What Is The District's Grade Restructuring Initiative?

If approved, the grade restructuring made possible by the bond proposal would have many positive effects.

Creating K-4th grade elementary schools would mean fewer students in buildings. Kindergartners would start at their neighborhood elementary school, likely the same one where older siblings attend, and not have to transition elsewhere after their first year.

Creating a 5th-6th grade intermediate school would provide flexibility in grouping students for instruction and afford an opportunity for broader curriculum offerings, possibly creating advanced classes along with band and choir. Students would begin to transition away from self-contained, elementary methods of instruction to more departmentalized, secondary-school methods.

Transitioning Beagle to a middle school for all 7th-8th grade students would create a secondary school campus with proximity to the high school. Both middle school and high school students could take advantage of the broader curriculum offerings and student services.



How Does Grand Ledge Public Schools Debt Tax Rate Compare To Neighboring Districts?

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If both Proposal One and Proposal Two are approved, Grand Ledge Public Schools would still have one of the lowest debt tax millage rates in the region.

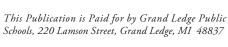
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PROPOSAL TWO

Community, Athletics, & Fine Arts Improvements

Proposal Two would provide \$29,485,000 for athletic and fine arts building and grounds improvements designed for district and community use:

- Improving fine arts spaces at the high school by adding a main lobby and support spaces
- Constructing a new pool and support spaces
- Remodeling the old pool for alternative community and athletic uses
- Constructing a new community walking track
- Improving athletic fields and support spaces

How Much Would Proposal Two Increase Taxes Over The Prior Year's Rate?

If Proposal Two is approved, the first year's millage rate is expected to increase by approximately 0.55 mills over the prior year's millage rate. This equals approximately an additional \$27.50 per year for each \$100,000 in market value of your home.

Increased Cost Over the Prior Year to Property Owners for Proposal Two

MARKET VALUE	TAXABLE* VALUE	COST/ YEAR	COST/ MONTH	COST/ DAY
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$27.50	\$2.29	\$.08
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$55.00	\$4.58	\$.15
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$82.50	\$6.88	\$.22

*To determine your specific tax impact, please use the confidential tax calculator at www.glcomets.net.

