

# BOND UPDATE

June 2020

Building a Better School System for the Community



## **Photos of the Bond Construction for the Holbrook Project**



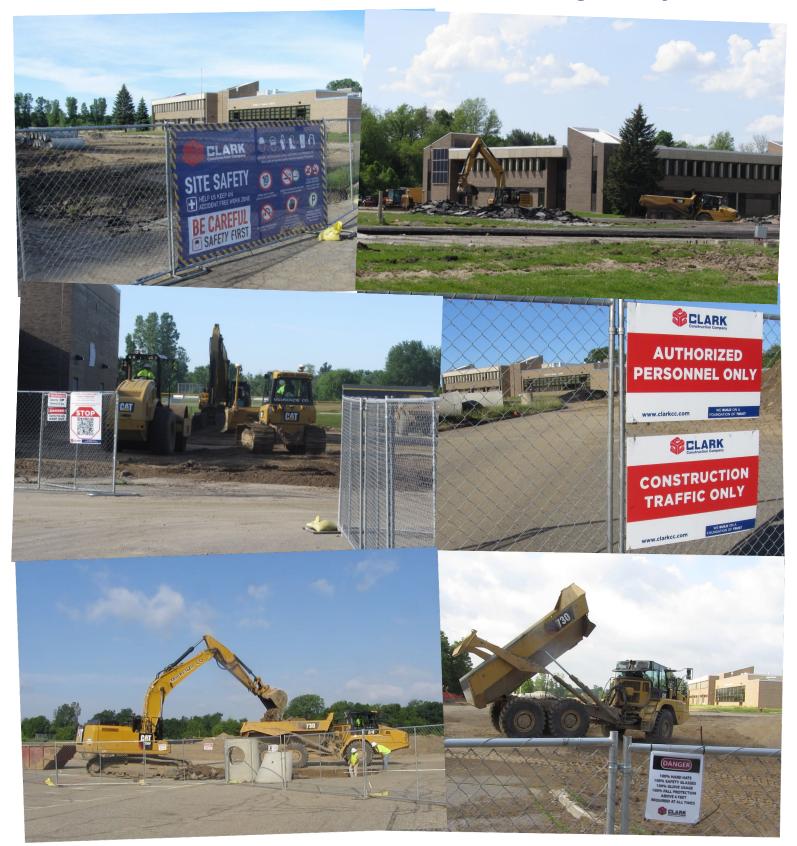
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### **Photos of the Bond Construction for the Beagle Project**



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2022

#### **Major Projects for Phase 1**

- Transition to Beagle Middle School for Grades 7-8
- Transition to Holbrook Elementary for Grades K-4
- Build New Competition Pool & New Community Pool
- Add M-43 Connection



#### **Major Projects for Phase 2**

- Improvements at Grand Ledge High School for Grades 9-12
- Build a New Wacousta Elementary for Grades K-4
- Improvements at Delta Center Elementary for Grades K-4
- Remodel Old Pool into Walking Track & Multipurpose Space

2024 2025 2026

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#### Major Projects for Phase 3

- New Dave & Betty Morris Building (completed by 2025)
- Improvements to Hayes Intermediate for Grades 5-6
- Improvements to Willow Ridge Elementary for Grades K-4
- Improvements to Neff Early Childhood Center

## Why are the bond improvements being completed in three phases?

- Keeps millage rate low
- Maximizes planning time
- Provides adequate time for construction
- Adds technology in all three phases
- Adds buses & transportation improvements in all three phases

#### **Add M-43 Connection**

A connecting road will be built from M-43 to our secondary campus of Beagle Middle School and Grand Ledge High School. It will be designed to improve traffic flow as well as help with drop-off and pick-up. Some challenges in building this road are Michigan Department of Transportation bureaucracy, access to a GLPS Operations building, and relocating an athletic facility.



#### The New Holbrook

Hobrook is being redesigned to be a K-4 elementary school to fit with the district's restructuring initiative which is planned to begin in the 2021-2022 school year. The outdated classrooms at the North end of the building are being remodeled into kindergarten classrooms and a second floor is being added with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. The existing portion of Holbrook will have 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms. The main entry by the office will be a secure entrance.





A new, bigger parking lot for parents and staff is being built on the Northwest corner of the Holbrook property. It will include better traffic flow for student drop-off and pickup with an entrance and exit on Schoolcraft Street and Jones Street. Busses would not be using this parking lot, and that will improve traffic flow as well.

A bus parking lot is being built to the Southeast of Hobrook. Busses will enter and exit using Green Street, and a gate will be used to keep the lot empty during school. Busses will be able to all be parked at the end of the day to make dismissal simple. The lot will also provide parking space to be used for after-school events (parent-teacher conferences, community use of the new multipurpose gym, etc.).



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#### Floor Plan for the New Holbrook Elementary School (K-4)



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activities it offers.

#### The New Beagle

Beagle is being redesigned to be a 7-8 middle school to fit with the district's restructuring initiative which is planned to begin in the 2021-2022 school year. There will be 16 classrooms added to Beagle: a two-story, 14-classroom wing will be added to the Southwest corner of Beagle next to the existing classrooms, and two specialized music classrooms for band and choir will be added to the Northeast corner of Beagle as a small wing.





A new administrative office area will be constructed near the main entry, and the main entry will be updated to create a secure entrance. The kitchen, serving area, and cafeteria will be remodeled. The gym will be enlarged, allowing for increased use for physical education, interscholastic athletics, and community recreation activities.

A new, bigger parking lot for parents and staff is being built on the East side of Beagle, and it has been designed to improve traffic flow for student drop-off and pickup. Busses will drop students off and pick them up on the West side of Beagle, so busses will not be a part of traffic in the parent/staff parking lot.



#### Floor Plan for the New Beagle Middle School (7-8)

#### News about the Pools

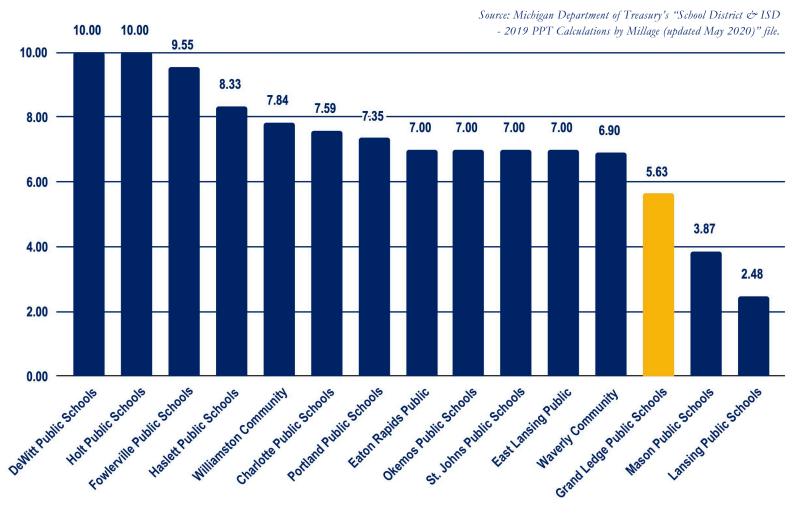
Proposal Two plans include a new cold-water competition pool, an additional warm-water community pool, and an indoor walking track. Currently, the competition pool is designed to be added to Beagle as shown. The community areas are still under development, and the plans will be shared when they are completed.





## **GLPS Debt Millage Rate Still 3rd Lowest in the CAAC!**

Even after the community passed both bond proposals on November 6, 2018, Grand Ledge Public Schools still has the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest debt tax millage rate in the Capital Area Activities Conference (CAAC). Grand Ledge Public Schools is very fiscally responsible with the tax-payers' money and provides a great value as we educate our community's children.



#### For More Information...

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