



# East Lansing Public Schools

## Elementary School Building Bond Proposal

**VOTE DATE**  
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

# BOND FACTS

## COMMUNITY BOND COMMITTEE

**In August 2016, the Board of Education appointed a Community Bond Committee to review and evaluate the district's six elementary school buildings.**

ELPS currently operates five elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. The high school and middle school are the district's most modern facilities, having been renovated in 2004 and 2013 respectively. The ELPS elementary buildings were all originally constructed over 50 years ago, with the most recent additions and other renovations for each occurring 24 years ago or more. The State of Michigan defines the useful life of a school building at 40 years. Our elementary school buildings were built as follows:



- Donley, built in 1951, last renovated in 1991
- Glencairn, built in 1952, last renovated in 1991
- Marble, built in 1952, last renovated in 1993
- Pinecrest, built in 1960, last renovated in 1991
- Red Cedar, built in 1948, last renovated in 1991 (closed in 2014)
- Whitehills, built in 1963, last renovated in 1991

Teaching and learning look much different today than when our elementary buildings were constructed and renovated. Diverse student instructional needs have expanded and can be better supported with physical and academic environments that inspire 21st century student learning. These needs have been addressed at the middle school and high school through recent renovations but not at the elementary buildings.

**The Community Bond Committee's objectives were to assure all buildings offer our students maximum educational opportunities and to bring our aging elementary buildings on par with the quality of our recently upgraded high school and middle school buildings.**

The Board of Education, along with the Community Bond Committee, have developed a long-term solution to serve our community. This solution was developed with community input via public meetings and survey.



## THE MAY 2, 2017 BALLOT PROPOSAL

**On Tuesday, May 2, 2017, you will be asked to consider a bond proposal to implement a solution:**

- Construction of five new elementary schools on the current Donley, Glencairn, Marble, Pinecrest and Whitehills sites.
  - All schools would be rebuilt on their existing sites in a continuous sequence so that education is not disrupted
- Remodeling of Red Cedar Elementary School.
- Red Cedar would be remodeled first, followed by construction of a new Donley Elementary School, while leaving the existing Donley building temporarily in place.
- Red Cedar and the current Donley building would temporarily serve students for each of the other elementary schools as those buildings are rebuilt.
- After the completion of all five new schools, Red Cedar would house the district's early childhood education and provide the flexibility for up to seven elementary classrooms to meet our elementary enrollment needs in 2021.
- All elementary schools would be designed for:
  - Current and future educational programming
  - Equitable resources and opportunities for all students
  - Efficiency of operation
  - Safe pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow
  - Enhanced building security
- Construction would begin late 2017.
- All schools would be completed and occupied by Fall 2021.

**If approved, all elementary schools will feature:**

- Safe and secure entry
- 21st Century classrooms and collaborative learning spaces
- Age appropriate classrooms
- Flexible learning environments
- Media center
- Art room
- Music room
- Cafeteria
- Gymnasium
- Outdoor learning space
- Space for STEAM/FLEX
- Age-appropriate playgrounds
- Separation of parent and bus traffic, and
- Expanded parking
- Age-appropriate furnishings and technology



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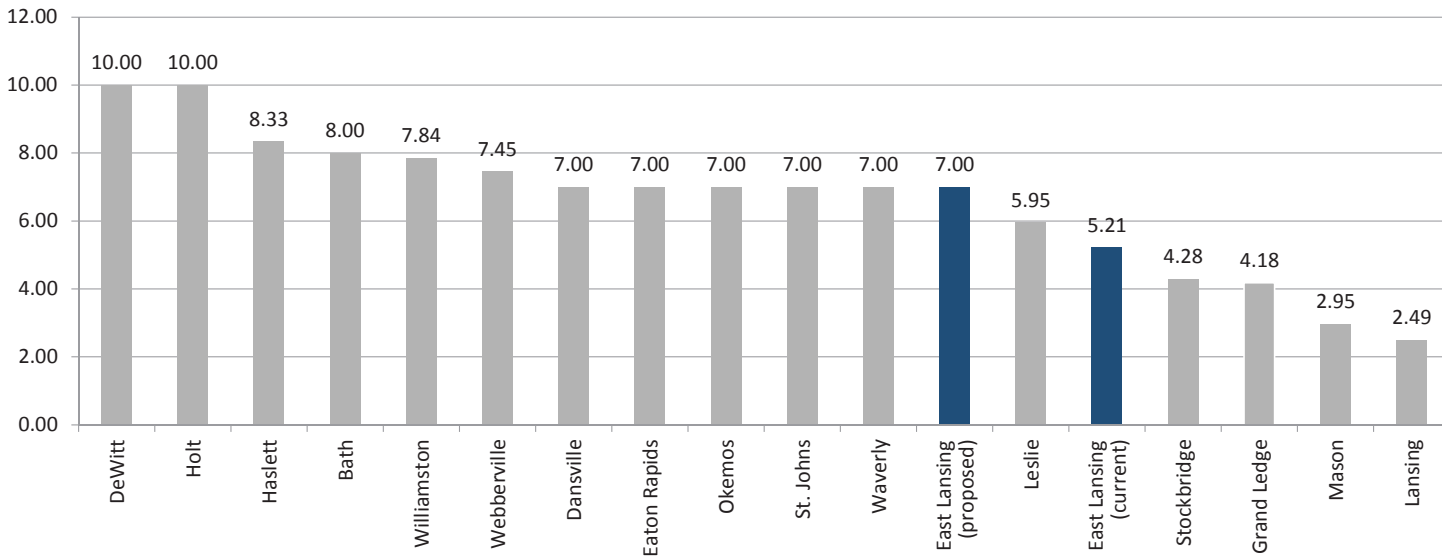
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### AREA MILLAGE RATES (2016 DATA)



If approved, the current debt millage rate would increase approximately 1.795 mills, bringing the East Lansing Public Schools debt millage rate to 7.00.

This proposed increase would cost approximately \$7.50 per month for every \$100,000 in market value of your home.

**IF APPROVED, THE EAST LANSING COMMUNITY WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINAL PLANNING, DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EACH FACILITY.**



### VOTING INFORMATION

**Election Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017

**Polls Open:** 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Last Day of Registration:** Monday, April 3, 2017

**Absentee Voting:** Contact your precinct; ballots available by Saturday, March 18, 2017

**Polling Locations:** Voters may cast ballot at polling location established by their city/township

MARKET VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE	COST/YEAR	COST/MONTH	COST/WEEK
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$89.75	\$7.48	\$ 1.73
\$150,000	\$75,000	\$134.63	\$11.22	\$ 2.59
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$179.50	\$14.96	\$ 3.46
\$250,000	\$125,000	\$224.38	\$18.70	\$4.32
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$269.25	\$22.44	\$5.18

#### Tax Calculator:

Go to [www.elps.k12.mi.us/our-district/bond-information-page](http://www.elps.k12.mi.us/our-district/bond-information-page) [Tax Impact Calculator Link](#)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

See the Bond Information tab at [www.elps.us](http://www.elps.us).

Public information forums are being conducted February 27, March 15 and April 11 - see district web site for details.

If you have further questions, contact Dori Leyko, at (517) 333-7424 or by e-mail at [dori.leyko@elps.us](mailto:dori.leyko@elps.us).