

Capital Improvement (Sinking Fund) Millage Proposal 2011

Northville Public Schools

Why Do We Need to Do This?

- More than half of Northville's school buildings are over 30 years old, and many are much older. All of the district's buildings need repairs to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for students.
- Over the past six years, severe cuts in state funding for public schools have delayed necessary repairs to Northville school buildings as the district has strived to protect the learning that takes place in the classroom.
- In November 2010, the Board of Education convened a study committee of school district staff, students, parents and community members to explore the potential for a capital improvement millage (the legal term is a "sinking fund").
- As part of the study, an assessment of the district's capital improvement needs was conducted by the construction management firm McCarthy & Smith, Inc.
- The study committee presented its findings to the Board of Education and on February 17, 2011 the Board unanimously supported the May 3, 2011 millage proposal to address capital improvement needs across the district.

Impact of 1-Mill Increase on Annual Property Tax Bills

Market Value	Taxable Value	Maximum Annual Tax Increase
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$150
\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200
\$500,000	\$250,000	\$250
\$600,000	\$300,000	\$300

For More Information...

Including a list of anticipated projects by facility visit www.northville.k12.mi.us or e-mail nps@northville.k12.mi.us with your questions.

Election Day: May 3, 2011 1-Mill Request for Five Years

Northville Public Schools voters will be asked on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 to consider a capital improvement millage proposal to make much-needed repairs to the school district's facilities.

The 1-mill request will provide the district with approximately \$2.4 million for each of the next five years to address capital repair and improvement needs across the school district. Without the millage funds, any necessary facility repairs will be paid for with operating funds that would otherwise go to support educational programs for students.

Benefits for Our Students... and Our Community

- Enable students to learn and grow in a safe, secure and healthy environment.
- Ensure the school district's limited operating funds are available to support student learning.
- Protect the community's investment in the school district's buildings and facilities.
- Maintain optimal learning facilities that enable the district (and the community) to keep and attract residents.
- Keep Northville's taxpayer dollars in Northville!



Please VOTE!
May 3, 2011

How Will the Money be Used?

The capital improvement millage will cost the average Northville homeowner **less than 50-cents a day** and will fund district projects in the following areas. (**NOTE:** These funds **cannot** be used for **operating expenses** such as **salaries and benefits** or for purchases such as textbooks, technology equipment and replacement buses.)

- **High Priority Facility Repairs:** Facility conditions, which if not addressed, could present future safety issues for students, staff and visitors. *Examples:* Replacement of broken or uneven concrete sidewalk; replacement of worn and buckling carpet; soft surface installation in play areas.

Also, projects that ensure compliance with updated federal, state or local building codes (e.g. the Americans with Disabilities Act, fire, safety and building construction) not grandfathered by law. *Examples:* Construct ramps and sidewalks; replace elevators and lifts.

- **Facility/System Replacement:** Repairs, which if not made within a reasonable time period, may lead to program interruption and/or classroom disruption. *Examples:* Roof replacement or repair; boiler and mechanical room replacement; gym floor replacement.
- **Facility/Building Improvements:** Current building conditions that create a less than optimal environment for learning and teaching. *Examples:* Upgrade air conditioning for technology areas; replace interior lighting with more energy efficient fixtures; replace worn and damaged cabinet casework.
- **Technology Infrastructure Updates:** Network infrastructure upgrades that will facilitate the increased use of the network, expand wireless to building-level availability and accommodate new applications in the future such as video streaming and IP phone systems.