

Bond 2017 Overview

Bond 2017 is a comprehensive facilities upgrade and construction program that touches every building across the district. The highlights of this program encompass four key areas:

- Learning environment upgrades to meet modern teaching and learning practices;
- Improvements to address the aging infrastructure of buildings;
- Safety and security upgrades that build on security initiatives already in place;
- Energy and operational initiatives to improve the environmental quality and efficiency of our buildings, as well as reduce operational expenses.

The primary purpose of Bond 2017 is to implement the school district's Strategic Vision and Goals, specifically addressing "the most effective use / re-use of district buildings and properties to support the programmatic needs of today's and tomorrow's learners." It is the district's primary goal to continue to provide instructional facilities that support new and emerging educational methods and to advance learning conditions for all students to better prepare them for meeting the expectations and demands of colleges / universities and employers in the future. Additionally, the Board of Education believes that the upgrades that have been identified through this process will enhance the district's reputation as one of the leading educational providers in Michigan, as well as support proper stewardship of the community's investment in our schools.

Key features of Bond 2017

- Major addition and renovation to Hillside Middle School, with a portion of the existing building being demolished after construction of new academic wings.
- Critical infrastructure upgrades at all buildings to correct HVAC, electrical, building interior and exterior, site and field issues.
- Program upgrades at Northville High School to support current and future enrollment, encompassing an expanded dining/multi-purpose addition, new student physical education, fitness and training center, renovation of STEM/STEAM labs, renovation of the book room for the music program, renovation of the forum for large group instruction, upgrades to main entrance security initiatives already in place, upgrades to classroom furniture and finishes to support flexible/collaborative learning, upgrades to athletic fields, and multi-purpose turf to replace the existing high school athletic field for physical education, athletics, band and community use
- Program upgrades at Meads Mill Middle School including upgrades to main entrance security initiatives already in place, remodeling of centrum and extended learning areas for collaboration/multi-use, upgrades to the Art Studio and Pod, upgrades to toilet rooms, and upgrades to classroom furniture and finishes to support flexible/collaborative learning.
- Program upgrades at all elementary schools including upgrades to main entrance security initiatives already in place, remodeling of media centers, centruns, and extended learning areas for collaboration/multi-use, upgrades to toilet rooms, and upgrades to classroom furniture and finishes to support flexible/collaborative learning.

Highlights of Bond 2017

	Amerman ES	Moraine ES	Ridge Wood ES	Silver Springs ES	Thornton Creek ES	Winchester ES	Meads Mill MS	Hillside MS	Northville HS	Cooke School
Upgrade Media Centers, Extended Learning Areas and HS Forum	★	★	★	★	★	★		★	★	
Enhance Main Entrance Security	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Upgrade Cafeteria		★			★			★	★	
Transform Classrooms with New Furniture	★	★	★	★	★	★	★		★	★
Upgrade HVAC, Electrical and Finishes in Classrooms	★	★		★	★	★	★		★	★
Upgrade Toilet Rooms	★	★		★	★	★	★			
Replace Select Windows, Doors and Lockers	★			★				★	★	★
Site Upgrades (i.e. lighting, sidewalks, slabs, etc.)			★	★		★		★	★	★
Replace Select Physical Education Equipment				★		★			★	
Replace Roofing and Steel Lintels							★			
Upgrade Art Studio, Add Learning Pod & Replace Instrument Storage							★			
Replace Ceiling, Flooring & Acoustical Tiles in Select Areas					★		★	★		★
Replace Classroom Partitions with Walls		★		★		★	★			
Add New Academic Wings, Support Spaces and Furniture								★		
Add New Physical Education, Training and Fitness Center									★	
Renovate Book Room to Music Room									★	
Upgrade Existing Space for STEM/Science Program									★	
Provide Multi-purpose Turf at NHS Athletic Field									★	
Provide Athletic Safety Improvements								★	★	

- Program upgrades at Cooke including main entrance security with a new main entrance vestibule, and improvements to classrooms and learning spaces including mechanical upgrades, and furniture and finishes to support flexible/collaborative learning.
- Upgrades to the Transportation Building including a new addition that provides maintenance bays, upgrades to mechanical and electrical infrastructure, replacing metal siding, replacing select doors and windows, including overhead doors, improving existing service bay toilet room, and replacing casework.
- Allocation of bond dollars to fund the restoration and renovation of Old Village School to house the district's Early Childhood Education Program classrooms and Administrative Offices.
- Allocation of bond dollars for the purchase of buses and technology infrastructure.

Facility Review/Bond Study Committee

Northville Public Schools has been engaged over the past three years in a long-term facility and infrastructure planning initiative to upgrade the district's aging buildings to support learner-centered school communities that meet the vision and goals of the school district.

A Facility Condition Assessment completed on behalf of the district by TMP Architecture in February 2015, and updated in 2017, identified facility needs across the district's buildings. While the Sinking Fund millage – first approved by Northville voters in 2011 and renewed in 2015 – has been essential in addressing the district's most critical facility repairs, the district's aging buildings, shifting student enrollment, and the desire to modernize facilities to address the needs of today's and tomorrow's

learners, have made facility planning, beyond what the Sinking Fund dollars provide, a top priority for the district.

As part of this focus, Northville Public Schools formed a Facility Review/Bond Study Committee in March 2017, comprised of a cross-section of 30 district stakeholders including students, teachers, principals, parents and community members. The Study Committee's charge was to review, analyze, and provide input into a plan for upgrading the district's educational facilities and improving the learning environment for students and teachers, and to make a recommendation to the Board of Education regarding a potential bond proposal. In this work, the Study Committee was mindful of the district and the Board of Education's desire that any bond proposal brought before the community not result in an increase for taxpayers beyond the current debt millage rate. Instead, depending on the scope of the proposal, the existing term of debt millage would be extended by a period of time.

The Facility Review/Bond Study Committee held meetings from March 2017 through June 2017, at which time a recommendation was brought to the Board of Education.

Early in the process, the Facility Review/Bond Study Committee listened and learned about the "state of NPS facilities and programs" and also learned about modern learning environments and what it would take to bring NPS facilities up to those standards. The committee then prioritized Guiding Principles, which were tenets to guide their thinking as they began the rigorous process of analyzing concepts and ideas to meet those principles. They also learned about the financial picture regarding a future bond program. As a final step, a community survey was conducted and two community engagement sessions were held to gain feedback on the direction the committee was considering.

On June 6, 2017 the Facility Review/Bond Study Committee presented its findings and recommendation to the Board and on July 11, 2017, the Board unanimously supported placing a \$104.85 million bond initiative on the ballot. The bond proposal received the overwhelming support of the Northville community in the November 7, 2017 election.