

Ashley Community Schools

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BOND ISSUE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the school election about?
2. What are the improvements?
3. Why are we considering these projects?
4. But why these projects?

ANSWERS

1. The Ashley Community Schools is holding a bond election for major school improvements
2. Included in the proposed improvements are reroofing, replacement of elementary heating units and boilers, remodeling and updating elementary restrooms and providing ADA accessibility, replacing finishes in the elementary, replacing the gym floor, installing new exterior surfacing and water proofing to several exterior walls, replacing exterior lighting with high efficiency fixtures, replacing paving and some sidewalks, making drainage improvements on the east side of the building and purchasing two school buses.
3. We need to keep our school in good condition and keep students safe, warm and dry.
4. The present roof is leaking in a number of places and given its age is in need of replacement. This will also be an opportunity to add insulation and save additional operating costs for energy. Parts of our heating system are nearly **50** years old. Boilers can't be expected to last longer than this and are a large financial cost to bear. We have to be proactive and make the replacement before the systems fail. The gym floor is over **40** years old and is beginning to wear. Interior finishes in the elementary are nearly **20** years old and are showing wear and the restrooms are **50** years old and badly in need of updating. The improvements will make them more accessible also. All of our parking lots are wearing and in need of replacement and some of our school buses are nearly **20** years old. The bond issue will rebuild the parking lots and provide us with one new and one late model bus.

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5. Why do we need a bond issue to pay for these improvements?
 6. What can the proceeds of the bonds be used for?
 7. When is the election?
 8. How much will the bond issue cost us?
 9. How can I get more information?
5. The State of Michigan provides school funding to pay for the day to day operation of a school district. State school funding does not provide enough money to make major facility modifications and improvements. The State allows school districts, with voter approval, to sell bonds for these major projects and to pay them back from the proceeds of local property taxes.
 6. Bond proceeds can only be used for major remodeling of school buildings, purchase of technology such as computers and purchase of school buses. The proceeds cannot be used for day to day expenses of operating the school such as salaries or gas and electric bills.
 7. The bond issue is on the ballot during the general election on **November 8, 2016** the same election where you will vote for president of the United States.
 8. The actual cost to each tax payer is dependent on the taxable value of their home. The bond issue is expected to raise the property tax millage by 1.4 mils. So the cost to each taxpayer will be 0.0014 times the taxable value of your home. The taxable value is approximately half of the value of the home. For a home with a market value of \$100,000 (\$50,000) taxable value the cost of the bond issue will be .0014 times \$50,000, or \$70.00 annually.
 9. Visit the Ashley Community Schools website at www.ashleyschools.net or call **989-847-4000**. You can also visit the **Facebook Page** for the bond campaign or the campaign website at www.ashleyschoolsbondcampaign.com.