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Cultivating a Community of Lifelong Learners

2024 BOND PROPOSALS INFORMATION

On Tuesday, May 7, 2024, the Bloomington Public Schools community will be asked to consider two bond proposals to help the district fund facility upgrades and improvements. If approved, these proposals would allow the district to provide future-ready learning updates to aging academic spaces for all Bloomington students and, most importantly, keep students

WARM, SAFE, AND DRY!

QUICK FACTS



These bond projects are focused on keeping students **warm, safe, and dry.**



The proposals could generate a total of \$32.4 million for updates and renovations to **student learning environments.**



The bond programs were developed utilizing **feedback from the community.**

STRONG SCHOOLS, STRONG COMMUNITY

VOTE MAY 7

Proposal 1 Bond Projects Include:

\$17 million
for **BPS Students!**
with a 0.00 mill increase

- **Update Student Learning Environments at Each School**
 - » Update mechanical and electrical systems, including boiler replacements
 - » Partial replacement of windows, exterior doors and roofs
 - » ADA-necessary improvements to select toilet rooms
 - » Small district-wide technology, furniture, and finish upgrades
- **Improved Site Circulation and Repaved Lots at Each School**
- **Create a Safe and Secure Entry Experience at Each School**
 - » Office remodels
 - » Entrance canopies
 - » Add security camera
- **Add 1 or 2 Buses**

Proposal 2 Bond Projects Include:

- **Add Auxiliary Gym at Bloomington Elementary**
 - » Remodel Existing Gym to Cafeteria
 - » Add New Bus Loop
 - » Additional Parking at Addition
- **Relocate and Remodel the Bus Garage at Pullman Elementary**
 - » Install Playground at Vacated Bus Garage
- **Add HVAC with Cooling throughout the District**

If approved by the voters, **Proposal 2** would allow the district to sell bonds and generate approximately **\$15.4 million** with a projected 2 mill increase over the current debt millage rate. Using the average home value in our community of \$90,000, this increase would equate to approximately \$7.50 per month for the average homeowner.



VOTE BY MAY 7, 2021



To learn more about the bond proposals, including an extensive FAQ section, a breakdown of the tax impact of Proposal 2, essential voting details, and visuals showing the proposed projects, please scan the QR code or visit bdalecards-bond.com.

BLOOMINGTON ELEMENTARY

5th Grade Masks Underway



Fifth grade art students at Bloomington Elementary School are in the final stages of their mask making projects. Designing and creating their own papier mache masks from mental conception all the way through to the completion of the three-dimensional form is a favorite student project which includes a culmination of various art skills. The five phases of the mask making process include: concept design brainstorming and sketches; building the mask shape with cardboard and masking tape; covering the surface with several layers of papier mache strips; various layers of painting; and finally embellishments (feathers, beads, raffia, sequins, fabric, yarn etc).

The masks are made largely from recycled materials, including milk jugs, newspaper, cardboard boxes and paper towel rolls. The designs include a wide range of categories such as traditional masks of various cultures, animals, monsters, cartoon characters, and mythical creatures.

Kindergarten Read Aloud At Our Outdoor Classroom



As part of our reading month activities, we challenged every grade level to set a classroom goal for read-aloud minutes each day. When grade levels reached their goals, they were able to walk to our outdoor classroom to enjoy a campfire, S'mores, and a special read-aloud. Although it was a little chilly, the students and staff had a great time!



Recently Deputy Eric Calhoun and his K9 partner Kuno made national news when they were able to locate a missing three-year-old child. Deputy Calhoun has children in our building and decided to pay our students a visit. He explained to the students how K9s are used on the police force and gave a few demonstrations with Kuno.

PULLMAN ELEMENTARY

Reading Month was a success!!

Our theme for reading month this March was Minecraft. We kicked off the month with a Minecraft play performed by the staff and continued celebrating reading with guest readers, Minecraft-themed snacks, dress-up days, Bagels With Books, and a final reading celebration in the gym.

Thank you to the following people for ensuring our Reading Month was successful:

- Melinda from the Linking Center for providing snacks to our students throughout the month;
- The Bloomington Court for reading to our students;
- Jason Hayes for making sure we had student-athletes to help out during our Reading Celebration;
- Debbie Laraway and Pizza Plus for providing pizza to our high school athletes during our Reading Celebration.

A special thank you to all the guest readers who took time out of their busy schedules to read to our students. The students and staff enjoyed seeing you and listening to you read.

Reading Month Kick-off Assembly

During our kick-off assembly, the Minecraft theme was revealed and students were beyond excited to watch staff members perform a short Minecraft play.



"Hooray!" Steve and Alex defeat the Zombies and Endermen. They can return home safely.



Steve and Alex are being chased by a Creeper. The students had to "meow" to chase the Creeper away.



"Watch out!" Steve and Alex are being attacked by Zombies and Endermen.

Reading Month- Guest Readers

We are grateful for all the guest readers who graced our halls this past month. Thank you for enriching our students' academic experience and reinforcing the importance of community involvement. We appreciate you!



Dan Stafford



Melissa Corona



Dr. Deanna Dobbins



Jodi Sower

Reading Celebration

Our Reading Celebration took place during the school day on March 28th. Students enjoyed various activities in the gym including a maze, "reading jail," giant games, Legos, Bingo, and Minecraft-themed crafts.



BLOOMINGTON MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Pi Day

Today we celebrated "Pi Day" (March 14 = pi = 3.14) in our math classes. Julian Serna set the record for the number of digits of pi memorized. His record stands at 107 digits. Well done, Julian!



State Level of Solo and Ensemble

On Saturday, March 16th, six of our high school band members qualified and competed in the State level of Solo and Ensemble. Each student prepared a solo, duet, or trio to perform for a judge to receive a rating. Each student received either a Superior or an Excellent rating and represented Bloomington with pride! Congratulations go to Rebekah Youngblood, Drake Martin, Andrew Suranyi, and Olivia Empson, with special recognition going out to Jackie Sivak and Jocelyn Suranyi for receiving Superior Rating on Proficiency level solos, which earned State-wide recognition from the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.



Summer Research Program

Ms. Natalie Yanes has been accepted to the Biological Sciences (BIORETS) 7-week summer research program. This program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and Western Michigan University (WMU) and is intended to offer science teachers an authentic laboratory or field research experience revolving around a unifying theme: how plants, animals, and microorganisms interact with other organisms and their environments. This interdisciplinary research program also provides transformative curricular improvement and professional development opportunities. Ms. Yanes is excited to use this professional learning experience to positively impact the education of our students.



Senior Citizen's Luncheon

**Thursday, April 25
at 1:30pm**

**Bloomington Middle/
High School Cafeteria**

RSVP to 521-3903

Join us!