

Buildings Renovations Infrastructure Capacity Safety



Bryant-51 years old



Salina Int.
98 years old



Lowrey- 92 years old



Miller 23 years old

Buildings In The District

Total Buildings-	34
Average Age- 65 years	
Over 90 years	12
Between 60-75 years	12
Between 20 -59 years	6
Under 20 years	4

It will be necessary for the Dearborn Public Schools Board of Education to seek voter approval for a bond in order to finance necessary capital outlay projects.

- Citizen Infrastructure Task Force Recommendation (as presented December 12, 2018)

How much wear and tear each year?

Dearborn Public Schools-
3.7 million students attend school
(20,700 students x 180 school days = 3.7 million)

The Henry Ford-
Nearly 1.8 million visitors

Comerica Park
1.8 million (2018 Tigers season only)

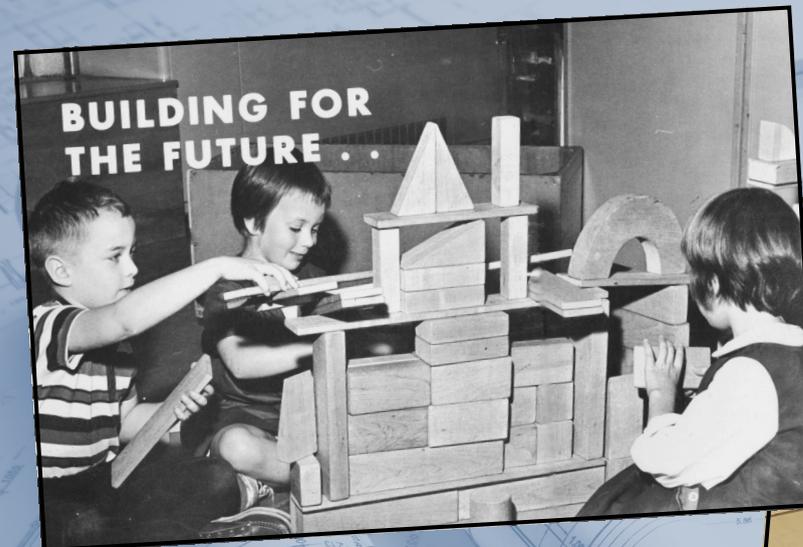
Ford Field
1.5 million (expected annual attendance all events)

Why Now?

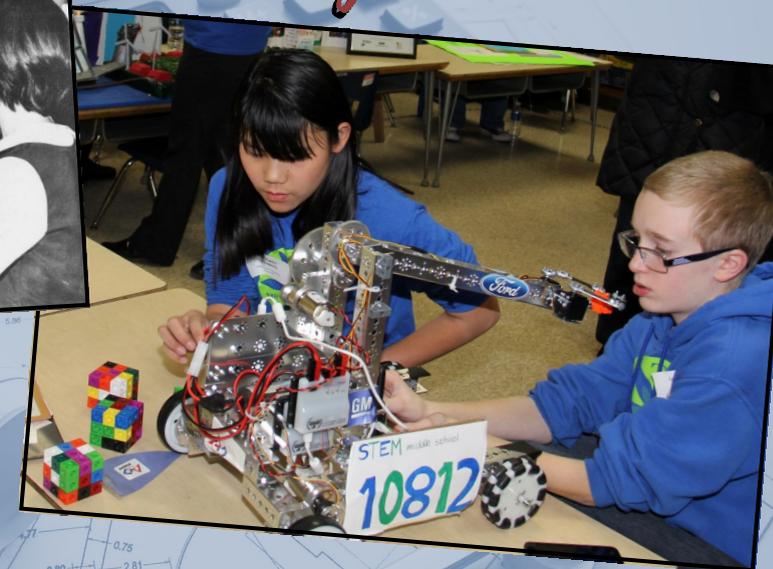
There are several factors driving the decision to ask for a bond vote in November 2019.

- **New bonds could be issued without raising millage rates for residents.**
- A November election would allow work to begin as early as Spring 2020.
- Interest rates are still low, but expected to climb. Waiting could mean less money for construction and more spent paying interest costs.
- This type of major construction cannot be paid from the general fund without drastic cuts to programs. State per pupil funding to the district is still less than in 2008.

For more information including a detailed list of school specific projects please visit www.dearbornschools.org or <https://iblog.dearbornschools.org/bond/>



.Today!



BRICS

**Buildings, Renovations, Infrastructure, Capacity, Safety
Bond**

November 5, 2019

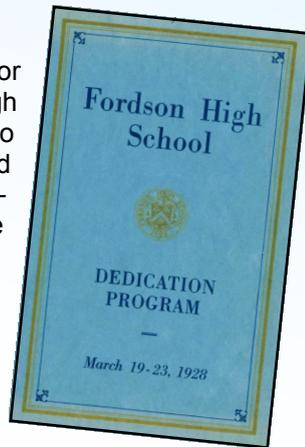
Students First
Inspire, Educate, Celebrate





Greetings,

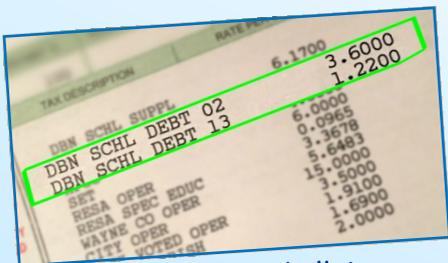
They may not have known at the time, but when voters approved the funding for Fordson High School in 1925 the school would become the first million dollar high school in the country! Fortunately those voters from almost a century ago understood the important connection between schools and the community, and today Fordson continues to be one of the many jewels in our city. Each generation has made a commitment to support education in Dearborn by investing in the buildings that provide the space needed for students to learn in a quality school environment.



That investment has paid off! Dearborn schools have stood the test of time. In fact, by 2029 twelve of our buildings will reach 100 years in age. The Dearborn Board of Education has placed a proposal on the November 5th ballot asking residents to continue investing in our schools, in our children, and in our community.

The proposal is being called the **BRICS Bond**. BRICS stands for Buildings, Renovations, Infrastructure, Capacity, and Safety. The name reminds us that this bond proposal will provide the funds needed to address the physical brick and mortar needs of our schools. These are also the main areas the **Citizens Infrastructure Task Force** found to be the most critical physical needs in our district.

As other districts lost students we are very fortunate in Dearborn to have experienced just the opposite. Our enrollment has grown from less than 17,000 in the early 2000's to just under 21,000 students for the upcoming school year. Meanwhile, the district has helped students succeed in the classroom with graduation rates at an all time high of 96% districtwide, two nationally recognized Blue Ribbon schools, and several other state and national organizations recognizing the district for meeting the needs of our most at-risk students and providing a quality education to all children.



The November 5th ballot proposal will generate \$240 million in funding. District property owners would NOT see an increase in the 4.82 millage rate because of this proposal.

At the heart of all of this success is an incredibly talented and dedicated staff supported by parents and community members who value education and have partnered with our schools to create the very best learning environment for students. The **BRICS Bond** will ensure our buildings continue to be safe, comfortable, well maintained, and efficient, and that the structures meet capacity and learning needs of our students for many more years to come.

Generations of residents have supported Dearborn Schools because they understood the importance of providing students with a great learning environment. The district has continued to thrive because of this support. The **BRICS Bond** proposal will be on the November 5th ballot, so please remember to vote.

Regards,

Glenn Maleyko, Ph.D.
Superintendent, Dearborn Public Schools

Zero Increase in Millage Rate

ALL SCHOOLS WILL BENEFIT!

All schools would benefit from the **BRICS Bond**. Starting in 2020 and continuing for six years, hundreds of items will be addressed across the district including projects such as:

Infrastructure-

- Boilers/pumps/controls
- Restrooms
- Roofing
- Exterior doors/windows
- Lighting interior/exterior LED
- Site work (paving/sidewalks)
- Finishes (flooring/ceilings)
- Replace buses
- Technology infrastructure

Capacity:

- Additions at select elementary buildings
- Purchase of high school space at Henry Ford College
- Renovations/repurposing of learning spaces
- Construction of special education classrooms

Safety/Security:

- Secured vestibules

Air Conditioning:

- Special education rooms
- Limited select gathering spaces (i.e. gym, auditorium, etc.)

The first series of bonds would provide \$86 million in the first three years. The second series would provide \$154 million in years 4 through 6. Expected projects total:

- \$4 million average at the elementary level**
- \$8 million average at the middle school level**
- \$15 million average at the high school level**

A complete list of projects for each school can be found at : <https://iblog.dearbornschools.org/bond/>

General Funds vs Bond Funds

General Fund money comes from the state and is allocated to schools based on a per-student dollar amount. The funds come from taxes collected locally, sales tax, lottery revenue, and other sources. Michigan school districts spend about 85% of their General Fund revenue on staffing costs. The other 15% is used to buy supplies including books, buses, and technology; to maintain schools; and for daily building operations.

Revenue generated from bond funds can only be used for the specific projects included in the application that is approved by the State of Michigan. The **money from a bond cannot be used for salaries.**

The Dearborn Public Schools includes 34 buildings and 3.2 million square feet of building space. That makes the District larger, often a few times larger, than many familiar places around town.

