



Great Schools for a Great Community!

Chippewa Valley voters asked to approve February 23rd Bond Proposal

On Monday, December 7, 2009, the Chippewa Valley Board of Education approved a resolution calling for a bond election to be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Chippewa Valley residents will be asked to support an \$89 million capital improvement program that **will not** raise the tax rate. Residents will continue to pay the same 7.65 mills they have been paying since 1979.

This bond proposal will help Chippewa Valley Schools maintain our 50 year tradition of providing excellence in education. It will also provide our children and school community with much needed improvements and upgrades to our schools.

For more than a year CVS has been studying the needs of our school district and best practices in education. In October 2009, a comprehensive bond application detailing the proposed projects was presented to the Michigan Department of Treasury for their review and approval.

This bond proposal offers many improvements and upgrades but focuses only on the essential needs of the district that were identified as part of an overall five year strategic plan.

Four major areas were indentified for improvement, they are...

***Educational Technology –Replacement of out-dated equipment and systems, addition of new 21st Century classroom technology designed to improve student learning-** Technology is an important learning tool for today's students. These new classroom systems will feature interactive white boards, audio enhancement, data projectors, and document cameras providing every teacher with enhanced instructional capabilities. Similar systems are being used in neighboring school districts including Rochester, Grosse Pointe, and Troy. Each building will also receive handheld classroom response systems. District servers and infrastructure upgrades are needed to maintain and support current and new technology and outdated computers will be replaced.

***Safety Improvements** - Security cameras, building surveillance systems at all levels, an expanded card access system, and bus replacements will help ensure the safety of our students.

***Facility Upgrades and Energy Conservation-** Our school facilities require upgrades and improvements. Selected roof replacement, parking lots, and exterior site work improvements are needed along with equipment and furniture replacement in some schools. New electronic

building signage where needed. New energy efficient lighting, motion sensors and auto-shut off systems will be installed to reduce energy utilization and costs.

***Student Enhancements** - New playground equipment will be added or old equipment will be replaced at elementary schools.

We are asking for your support ...

We ask that you take some time to review the *2010 Bond Presentation* on our district website at http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/news_bond2010.asp

You can help by becoming an informed voter and by encouraging your friends, co-workers, and relatives that live within our school district to vote. Individuals that are not registered to vote can do so by downloading a form from our website. The last day to register to vote is January 25, 2010.

Check back with us... We will be adding more information on our website as we approach Election Day!

Got a question?

We'll get you an answer!

It is our aim to answer all your questions about the upcoming bond proposal. During the next couple of months if you have a question, just send an e-mail to our Community Relations Department at dblain@cvs.k12.mi.us or give us a call at 723-2240. We will be happy to get you an answer.