



OPEN LETTER TO HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS VOTERS

In the early stages of the coronavirus pandemic, the Michigan Secretary of State, the County Clerk, and Township Clerks asked school districts with May elections to postpone until August 4th. In the interest of public health and safety, the Hartland Consolidated Schools complied with this recommendation.

Hartland's bond proposal election is now scheduled for August 4th. Voters can cast their ballots at the polls or from the safety of their own home by absentee ballot from June 20th through Election Day.

What is on the ballot?

The August 4th bond proposal is the same as the proposal originally scheduled for last May. Registered voters residing within the boundaries of the Hartland Consolidated Schools will vote on a \$45 million bond proposal designed to keep Hartland Consolidated Schools facilities and instructional spaces updated when students return to school by...

- renovating, upgrading, and constructing school facilities, including making safety and security improvements
- upgrading technology and technology infrastructure
- upgrading athletic facilities
- replacing school buses as they reach the end of their useful life

Every project in the bond proposal was reviewed and approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury. And, all renovations and upgrades will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

If approved by voters, the bond proposal will affect every Hartland student and every Hartland school facility.

To view a complete list of all bond proposal projects, simply go to www.hartlandschools.us click on *2020 Bond Information*.

What will the bond proposal cost?

The \$45 million bond proposal will require a 1.44 mill increase in the current tax rate. For a Hartland Township homeowner living in a home with a **taxable value** of \$117,500.00 (the taxable value is typically 50 percent of the market value), this increase would cost \$169.20 per year, or about 46¢ per day. The longer you have lived in your home, the more likely the taxable value is less than 50 percent of the market value.

While some Hartland homeowners may pay more, many Hartland Township homeowners may pay less than 46¢ per day.

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To calculate your annual cost, multiply the **taxable** value of your home (not the market value) by 0.00144.

How to vote

- Residents of the Hartland Consolidated Schools who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day and are registered can vote in this election. Any registered voter can vote at the polls on August 4th or by absentee ballot from June 20th through Election Day.
- To vote by Absentee Ballot you can complete and return the “Absent Voter Ballot Application” mailed to you by Michigan’s Secretary of State or use the application I have enclosed with this letter. Absent Voter Ballot Applications and instructions on how to complete the application are available by going to www.michigan.gov/vote.
- When you have completed your application, return it to your city/township clerk. You can find your clerk’s contact information at www.michigan.gov/vote.
- After June 20th, absentee ballots will be mailed to registered voters who submit an application.
- Note that if you check the “Future Elections” box in the application, you will automatically receive an absentee application for all future elections.

In this election, voters can make one of three decisions:

VOTE YES
VOTE NO
CHOOSE NOT TO VOTE AT ALL

Of course, I hope you will exercise your right to vote, either at the polls on August 4th or by absentee ballot June 20th through Election Day.

When Michigan’s schools were closed, our schools and community didn’t give up. The Hartland community and its schools stayed strong by continuing to help each other, providing food to students and community members, continuing to support learning, and planning for the future. As we prepare for the safe re-opening of our schools, all of us can take pride in how we worked through the pandemic together and didn’t give up on doing what is best for our students and our community.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the Hartland Consolidated Schools August 4th bond proposal. If you have questions or need more information about the bond proposal, please go to www.hartlandschools.us and click on *2020 Bond Information*, or contact me by phone at 810/626-2105 or by email at chuckhughes@hartlandschools.us.



Chuck Hughes
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p.s. Hartland Consolidated Schools is conducting a two-minute survey about the bond election. Please go www.research.net/r/hartlandbond and tell us what you think.

This letter was prepared to provide factual information about the Hartland Consolidated Schools August 4, 2020 bond election and was paid for by the Hartland Consolidated Schools, 9525 Highland Road, Howell, MI 48843.

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