



Hartland Consolidated Schools



Building & Site Sinking Fund Election

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

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What is a “Sinking Fund”?

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A “Sinking Fund” is a dedicated “pay-as-you-go” method for building, remodeling, and repair needs.
No debt or interest incurred by school district.





May 2nd Ballot

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- 0.5 mill Building & Site Sinking Fund
- Approximately \$600,000 annually/10 years
- No net increase in the current tax rate!

The district's debt fund levy is currently set at 8.55 mills. If this proposal passes, the Board of Education will take action in June 2017 to lower the current levy to 8.05 mills creating a net change of zero mills with the 0.5 mill sinking fund.

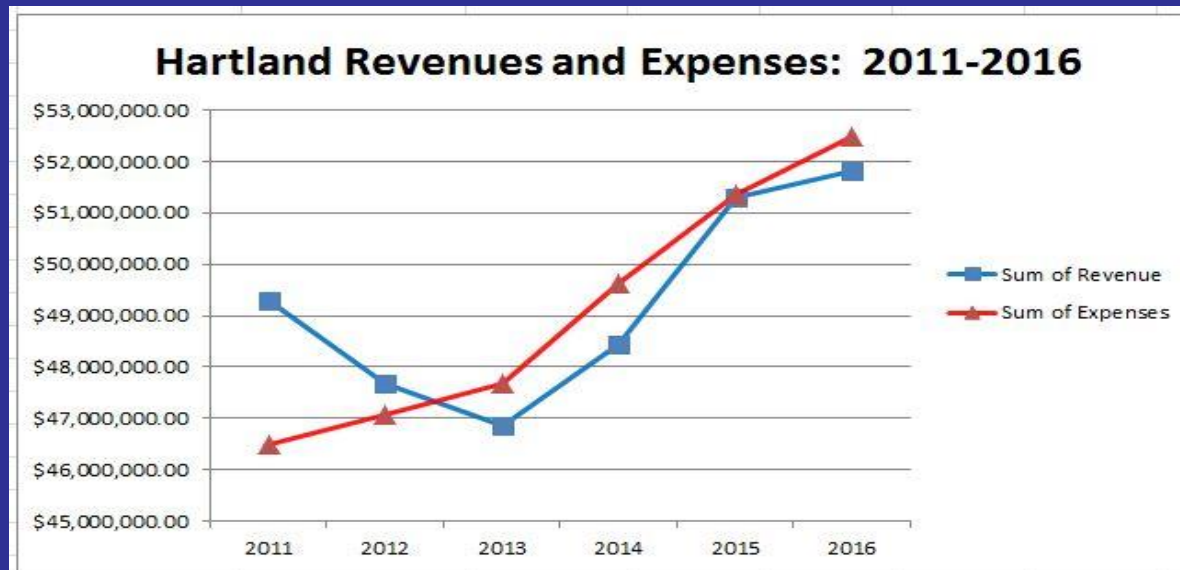


Why do we need one?

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- ❑ Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, a drastic reduction in per pupil funding from the State of Michigan resulted in school districts having to use their fund balance (i.e. savings account) in an effort to maintain programs.
- ❑ Since 2012, Hartland's expenses have been exceeding revenues, resulting in continual cost cutting measures, making expenditures in non-instructional areas difficult.
- ❑ The passage of a sinking fund would help fund repairs and improvements that we have been putting off in the event per pupil funding from the State would improve.





Our School District

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- ❑ 5,600 students
- ❑ 9 buildings, including 7 schools
- ❑ 1,124,770 SF - educational space
- ❑ 329 classrooms & 198 restrooms
- ❑ 23,366 SF - sidewalks
- ❑ 1,759,303 SF - parking lots
- ❑ 18 Athletic fields, 7 Playgrounds
- ❑ Average building age: 38 years
- ❑ Total Asset Value: \$228,000,000



Why do we need a Sinking Fund?

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- Newest building – 13 years old
- Repairs/Upgrades necessary for safe and efficient operations
- Committed to providing safe, quality facilities for our students and community



Why do we need a Sinking Fund?

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School Name	Year Built	School Age
“51” Building – Childcare Center	1951	65
Village Elementary	1958	58
Round Elementary	1968	48
HESSC	1972	44
Farms Intermediate School	1977	39
Lakes Elementary	1977	39
Hartland Middle School	1998	18
Creekside Elementary	2002	14
Hartland High School	2003	13

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Addressing Building Needs

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Example Life Expectancy of key components:

- Roof 20 - 25 years
- Chiller (HVAC) 20 – 25 years
- Controls (Electric) 13 – 15 years
- Plumbing (copper pipe) 35 – 40 years
- Flooring – Carpet 10 – 12 years

All building systems and components have a design life expectancy, or estimated number of years for service. When the life expectancy is exceeded, but the equipment remains in service, the number of repairs and the overall cost for maintaining the buildings increase. Building functionality will suffer and the overall level of comfort for the building occupants will decline.



Benefits: Students & Community

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- ❑ Well-maintained schools enhance a community's desirability, which has a direct and positive impact on property values
- ❑ Maintain optimal learning facilities that enable the district to keep and attract families, students, and staff
- ❑ Aids our community's long-term investment in our district facilities
- ❑ Preserves general fund dollars for quality programs and instruction, while keeping facilities current and competitive



Benefits for Student Programming

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A Sinking Fund maintains district's building assets while leaving operating budget for instructional programs, resulting in:

- 98% Graduation Rate – Highest in Livingston County
- 34th Most Challenging High School in Michigan – Washington Post
- Dual Enrollment (DEEP) Partnership - U of M Flint
- Award winning Athletics, Performing and Fine Arts Programs
- 95% of parents rate child's school an "A"



Where will the money go?

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Hartland High School	Hartland Middle School	Farms Intermediate	Creekside Elementary	Lakes Elementary	Round Elementary	Village Elementary	HESSC & 51 Bldg.
HVAC	Window Replacement	Window Replacement	Roof Replacement	Exterior Brick Replacement	Casework Replacement	Casework Replacement	HVAC
Exterior Doors	Flooring – Carpet/VCT	Flooring – Carpet/VCT	Plumbing Replacement	Concrete Replacement	Concrete Replacement	Exterior Doors	Exterior Doors
Fire Doors	HVAC	Parking Lot/Traffic fixes	Concrete Replacement	Plumbing Piping	Plumbing Infrastructure	Flooring – Carpet/VCT	Fine Arts Improvements
Roofing	Plumbing Infrastructure	Exterior Brick and Doors	Parking Lot/Traffic fixes	Window Replacement	Exterior Doors	Plumbing Infrastructure	Roofing Improvements
Plumbing Fixtures	Exterior Doors	Roof Improvements	Plumbing Infrastructure	Lighting Poles	Parking Lot/Traffic fixes	Concrete Replacement	Plumbing Infrastructure
Parking Lot/Traffic fixes	Parking Lot/Traffic fixes	Lighting poles	Technology Infrastructure	Technology Infrastructure	Technology Infrastructure	Parking Lot/Traffic fixes	Concrete Replacement
Athletic/Fine Arts Improvements	Concrete Replacement	Plumbing Piping	Security Upgrades	Security Upgrades	Security Upgrades	Technology Infrastructure	Technology Infrastructure
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Note: Additional projects will need to be addressed over the life of the Sinking Fund.



Project Examples

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Exterior Doors – rusting, in need of replacement



Hot water heater rusted, beyond design life, in need of replacement



Service drives cracking and in need of replacement

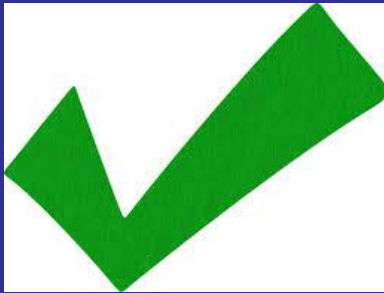


Exhaust fan replacement needed and roofing repairs necessary.



How do I know the money will be spent as promised?

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Can be used for:

- Repairs
- Security
- Remodeling
- Technology
- Construction of buildings and sites.



Cannot be used to:

- Pay for teacher, administrator, or any employee salaries
- Daily maintenance, or
- Other operating expenses.

❖ Expenses will be audited annually for compliance with Michigan Department of Treasury guidelines.



Economic Advantages – Sinking Fund

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- Money is collected locally, stays local and does not go through Lansing
- No interest or debt payments
- Projects funded on a “pay-as-you-go” basis



Ballot Language

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MILLAGE PROPOSAL, BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

This proposal will allow the Hartland Consolidated Schools to levy a building and site sinking fund tax. Pursuant to State law, the expenditure of the building and site sinking fund tax proceeds must be audited annually, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries or maintenance expenses.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Hartland Consolidated Schools, Livingston County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 0.50 mill (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2017 to 2026, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the repair or construction of school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology, for the purchase of real estate for sites for school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2017 is approximately \$593,744?



Voting Information

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Where to Vote on May 2, 2017

Residents of the Hartland Consolidated Schools district will **vote in the same local township polling location for this special election as when voting in the general election.**

Eligible Citizens May Vote Absentee – Absentee ballot applications will be received and processed at the township hall in which you reside. Township hall addresses and phone numbers are listed below. Please call to request an absentee application or for further information on how to vote absentee.

<i>Hartland Township Hall, 2655 Clark Road, Hartland, 48353</i>	<i>(810) 632-7498</i>
<i>Brighton Township Hall, 4363 Buno Road, Brighton, 48114</i>	<i>(810) 229-0560</i>
<i>Genoa Township Hall, 2911 Dorr Road, Brighton, 48116</i>	<i>(810) 227-5225</i>
<i>Oceola Township Hall, 1577 Latson, Howell, 48843</i>	<i>(517) 546-3259</i>
<i>Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, 48430</i>	<i>(810) 629-8631</i>
<i>Deerfield Township Hall, 4492 Center Road, Linden, 48451</i>	<i>(517) 546-8760</i>



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We would like to hear from you...

Superintendent Chuck Hughes (chuckhughes@hartlandschools.us) or Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations Scott Bacon (scottbacon@hartlandschools.us)
Or Call (810) 626-2100



Celebrating graduation!