



BOND FACTS

**\$23
Million**

FUNDS
GENERATED

0.0

EXPECTED MILLAGE RATE
INCREASE OVER
CURRENT 2024 LEVY

\$0.00

EXPECTED ADDITIONAL
LEVY COST FROM 2024
FOR 2025

**EXTENDS CURRENT BOND
RATE FROM 2029 - 2031
(A TWO YEAR EXTENSION)**



Voting Locations

City of Houghton

Precinct 1 - Firehall

Precinct 2 - Dee Stadium

Portage Charter Township

Precinct 2 - Hurontown

Fire Hall

Precinct 4 - Dolle Center

Voting is
open from
7 AM - 8 PM
Tuesday
Nov. 5, 2024

Voter Registration

You may register to vote at a Secretary of State's office or local township clerk's office. The last day to register to vote by mail is Monday, October 21, 2024. Voters may register in person through Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available starting the last week of September 2024.

Who Can Vote?

Every registered voter who lives in the Houghton - Portage Township School District is eligible to vote, whether a property owner or not.



For further information, please contact



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HOUGHTON- PORTAGE

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024

Bond Proposal

**Elevating Education
for ALL Gremlins**



**NO EXPECTED
INCREASE**
IN EXISTING MILLAGE RATE

Don't forget to vote BY:
Tuesday, November 5th
2024

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2024 PROPOSED PROJECTS

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

- New stand-alone Young 5's classrooms
- New stand-alone Kindergarten classrooms
- Potential of adding 4-year-old classrooms
- Secure entry to building
- Design for the unique needs of our youngest learners

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Secure entry renovation
- Flex space addition
- Technology upgrades
- Mechanical system updates
- Fire alarm system updates
- Continued improvements to parking and traffic flow

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL

- Secure entry renovations at the Middle School and High School
- Science labs renovation
- Modernize wood shop, welding lab, and small engine repair wing
- Create a new robotics lab
- Technology upgrades
- Auditorium lighting and sound system updates
- Mechanical systems update
- Implement Middle School playground at current bus drop
- Expand student parking



Pillars of the Project

Q How would we elevate education in this project?

A The project would elevate education by addressing space constraints, adding new facilities like the Early Childhood Center, renovating existing spaces such as science labs and CTE areas, creating flexible learning environments, upgrading technology, and expanding opportunities for hands-on learning through improvements to specialized spaces like robotics and STEM facilities.

Q Why are we considering an Early Childhood Center?

A The Early Childhood Center would alleviate elementary overcrowding by moving the Young 5's and Kindergarten students to meet the unique educational needs of our youngest students. Based on enrollment, there is also a potential to add 4-year-old classrooms and support the district's growing student population.

Q How would this project improve safety for our students?

A This project would improve student safety by adding secure entries at all schools creating an entry where visitors must enter the main office before entering the building.

SCHOOL BOND PROPOSAL LANGUAGE

Shall Houghton-Portage Township School District, Houghton County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Three Million Dollars (\$23,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting a new early childhood center; erecting an addition to the elementary school; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; and acquiring, preparing, developing, improving and equipping playgrounds and sites?



Bond Proceeds **CANNOT**

be used, by law, for:

- General operating expenses and maintenance
- Classroom textbooks or educational materials
- Administration, professional or support staff benefits, salaries and/or wages

Why Now?

Houghton-Portage Township Schools is asking voters to consider a bond due to significant student growth. Since 2013, we've seen an 8% increase (101 more students), which has created space issues, especially in our elementary school.

The proposed bond would fund several improvements:

1. A new Early Childhood Center for Young 5's pre- and Kindergarten students
2. This would reduce overcrowding in the elementary school and improve early education

These changes would benefit the district in two main ways:

1. Enhance the learning experience for students
2. Support community growth by maintaining high-quality schools that attract families and foster local talent

Additionally, the bond would support older students through:

1. A new recreation area for middle schoolers
2. Renovated science labs
3. Improved industrial and technical education spaces in the high school

ZERO MILL INCREASE | VOTE *BY* Tuesday, November 5th