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Learning and Leading for Tomorrow


WBSD SEEKS SINKING FUND RENEWAL



**Woodhaven-Brownstown
School District**

ZERO-TAX-RATE-INCREASE SINKING FUND RENEWAL

The fund is used to support the repair, improvement, and upkeep of our district's nine school facilities and sites comprising more than 885,000 square feet.

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- ☒ No tax rate increase, passed 1997, renewed 2006, and 2011
 - ☒ No interest costs — every dollar goes to our schools
 - ☒ Helps keep general fund dollars in the classroom, supporting our students
 - ☒ Helps keep our facilities in good repair and protects the investment made by our 2015 bond

VOTE: Tuesday, November 5, 2019

A Message from Supt. Mark Greathead

Every year the WBSD proudly serves more than 5,000 students in our community — a community that values family, education, and hard work.

As superintendent, I see firsthand how our amazing students, teachers, staff, and school facilities make the WBSD a place where we are all proud to live and work. We have worked hard to make our district a *Destination of Excellence*, and this is due in large part to the community's support of our 2015 bond. I am happy to announce we have completed nearly all of the projects specified in the bond on schedule and under budget.

The 2015 bond improved student safety and security renovated school buildings, updated instructional technology, built several additions to WHS, and replaced aging school buses.

On November 5th, we have the opportunity to help protect that investment by voting on a Sinking Fund renewal which is used to keep our facilities in good repair. Unlike a school bond which cannot be used for repairs, the Sinking Fund has no interest. It helps keep our schools in good working order by addressing planned and unplanned repairs, as well as additional projects. Most importantly, our

Sinking Fund helps keep general fund dollars in the classroom, supporting our students.

Our community first passed a Sinking Fund in 1997 and renewed it in 2006 and 2011 with no millage rate increases. If voters renew this Sinking Fund proposal in November, this will again be at a ZERO increase to the current tax rate.

Working together with the community, we want to ensure the learning environment is safe and secure, the educational facilities remain a source of community pride for generations to come, and the district continues to provide the best educational experience possible. Please remember to vote on November 5th.

For more information, please visit our website at www.woodhaven.k12.mi.us.

Mark Greathead
Superintendent

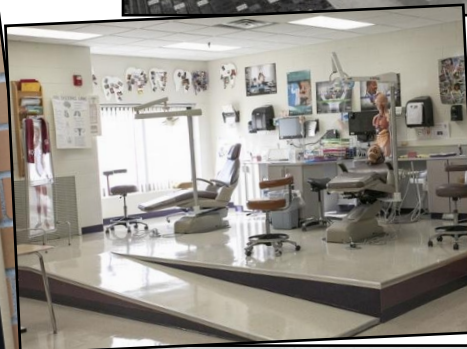
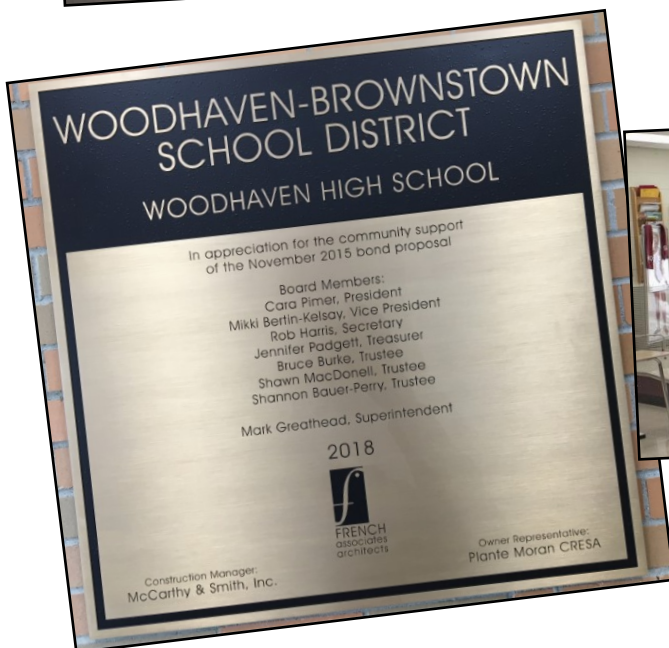
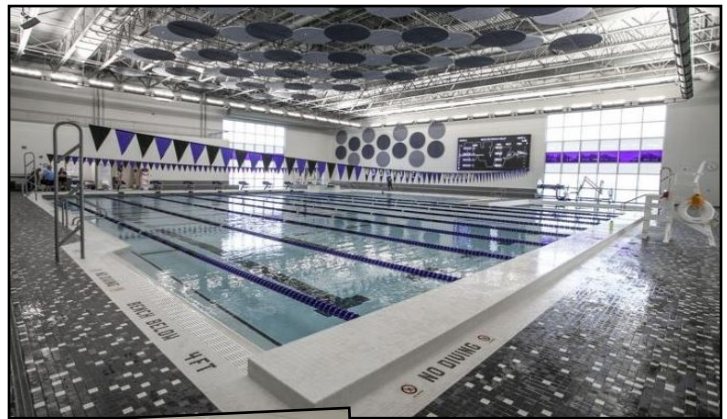
2015 BOND CONSTRUCTION COMES TO A CLOSE



The Woodhaven-Brownstown School District has undergone a dramatic transformation during the past four years since the community approved a \$57.4 million bond. Numerous upgrades were made at each of the eight schools with Woodhaven High School undergoing the most dramatic change.

The footprint of WHS has drastically changed offering state-of-the-art facilities and 21st century learning for our students. During a recent Community Open House hosted September 24, 2019, those in attendance noted that WHS has a mini college campus feel. "That's kind of what we set out to do, Supt. Mark Greathead commented. "It's the kind of learning situation we wanted for our students, and it validates their efforts to improve the district." Greathead further stated, "The district is grateful to have the support of the community to do all things that have been done. We set out to put our children in the best educational environment as possible." That goal was accomplished - strong school district, strong community, they go hand in hand.

There are still a few remaining items that need to be wrapped up with technology and bus purchases but for the most part, brick and mortar work is complete.





ATTAINING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

WBSD students pride themselves on academic excellence. Hitting the books, balancing extracurriculars and trying to find time to be “kids” is no small feat today. Our students strive to be the best they can be.



Fifty-six 7th graders at BMS are currently members of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). In order to qualify for NJHS, students must maintain a GPA of 3.5 over two consecutive quarters, complete an essay on their character and citizenship and document service and leadership experiences. Sixth graders are inducted at the end of their sixth grade year for the following school year.



PHMS also inducted 20 students into the NJHS on October 23, 2019, bringing their total NJHS membership to 135 members. PHMS students must maintain a GPA of 3.55 for three consecutive quarters while demonstrating outstanding performance in the five criteria areas of scholarship, character, leadership, service and citizenship.

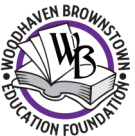
WHS has a two opportunities available for students. On September 19, 2019, 360 students received academic recognition and were honored at the Academic Letter Ceremony. According to Asst. Principal Jay Vesperman, “122 sophomores received certificates, 120 juniors received Academic Letters and 124 seniors received the lamp of enlightenment.” A minimum GPA of 3.5 is necessary for academic recognition.



On October 10, 2019, 48 students were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS), 40 sophomores and eight juniors, bringing the total membership to 170 members. According to NHS Co-Sponsor Mary Jones, “Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 and meet several requirements to be considered for NHS.” Keep up the great work Warriors!

WBEF STARTS THE YEAR OFF ON A HIGH NOTE

The WBEF changed up grant distribution this year surprising teachers by awarding three, \$5,000 “Warrior Strong” grants during the annual staff “Welcome Back” address at WHS on August 27, 2019. WBEF Board members decided on the earlier distribution of grants this year so teachers could benefit from the use of their grants over the entire school year. In addition, several \$250 “New Teacher” grants were also issued on the same day allowing new teachers to purchase items to decorate their new classrooms.



On September 20, 2019, WBEF Board Members visited all eight schools popping in and out of classrooms showering teachers with money. A buzz was definitely in the air as the WBEF made its way from school to school. Where would they show up next? That was the question of the day. All in all, over \$75,000 was given out to teachers. Not a bad way to start off the new school year!



A Day in the Life of a Warrior . . .

Warrior Strong



Waiting on the team.



PHMS students run the school store.



Catching some air against Carlson.



BMS students say it's always a joy working with Joy.



Gudith staff knows that "kindness is cooler".



Goonettes host first ever all female Robotics competition at WHS.



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