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Board of Education approves resolution to place \$144 million bond proposal on May ballot

Woodhaven, MI – At a recent board meeting, the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District’s Board of Education approved a resolution to place a bond proposal on the May 4, 2021, election ballot.

The board is asking voters to consider a \$144 million bond proposal to improve facilities, further advancing the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District as a “destination for excellence.” The bond would be offered at a zero-tax-rate increase to the community.

The proposed bond seeks to provide students with a superior educational experience by improving learning environments, replacing outdated infrastructure, improving athletic facilities, and upgrading technology for students and staff. Main areas of focus for the bond program would be the elementary and middle schools, specifically updates and enhancements to the school buildings and site improvements.

“We are proud that the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District is recognized as one of the top-performing academic school Districts in the metropolitan Detroit area. To ensure we continue to be a destination for excellence and provide students with the best educational opportunities possible, our schools require continual support from the community,” said Superintendent Mark Greathead.

“The District has shown outstanding stewardship of the 2015 bond, enhancing the high school and providing necessary facility improvements across the District. The 2021 bond allows us to advance the elementary and middle schools to align with the excellence of the high school while leading our younger students to success for years to come,” said School Board President Cara Pimer.

Features of the 2021 bond proposal include the following:

Facility Improvements

- Replace and improve building envelope and interiors
- Update HVAC, plumbing, doors, roofs, flooring, and lighting/electrical systems
- Upgrade safety/security features, including fire protection and alarm systems

Technology & Equipment

- New computers/one-to-one learning devices
- Classroom technology
- Network infrastructure and WiFi upgrades
- Instructional support technology
- Replace and update aging buses to keep the fleet modern and safe
- New furniture to promote flexibility and collaboration
- New furniture for media centers
- District maintenance equipment

Program Enhancements

- New collaborative outdoor classroom areas
- New additions and/or expansions for classrooms
- Media center/collaboration zones in elementary and middle schools to align with recent high school improvements
- Educational spaces for student and community enrichment

Athletic Field, Playground, & Site Improvements

- New high school baseball/softball complex
- Replace track and ball fields at middle school
- Site enhancements to improve parking lots and pick-up/drop-off areas
- New playground equipment

“With improvements and enhancements throughout the District, a zero-tax-rate increase, and historically low interest rates, the 2021 bond program would provide additional benefits for students and the community,” said Greathead.

Under state law, bond proceeds may not be used to pay administrator, teacher, or staff salaries, routine maintenance costs, or other school operating expenses. The money generated by this proposed bond must be directed toward improving Woodhaven-Brownstown School District facilities so that programs can be enhanced.

For more information on the bond, please go to www.mywbsd.org and click on School Election Information, contact any school principal, or reach out to Superintendent of Schools Mark Greathead at 734-783-3300 or mark.greathead@wbsdweb.com.