

BOND PROPOSAL



Vote by
May 5th

HANOVER-HORTON SCHOOLS

Hanover-Horton Schools

Bond Proposal - May 5, 2026



What is a school bond proposal election?

- A school bond proposal election is a public vote
 - Community members decide whether their local school district can borrow money
 - Funds are for major building and improvement projects
 - If approved, the district can issue bonds (like borrowing). The borrowed money is then repaid over time through property taxes.
 - If voters do not approve the bond, the district cannot borrow the funds and move forward with proposed projects.
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What projects can a bond fund?

Approved projects include:

- Renovations to buildings
 - Safety upgrades
 - New equipment
 - Technology improvements
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Why is Hanover-Horton School District asking voters to consider a bond?

- Most prioritized projects are from the 1995-1996 bond and are in need of replacement
 - Some items on the priority list can only be paid for through a bond project and not with sinking fund dollars
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Is this a millage increase?

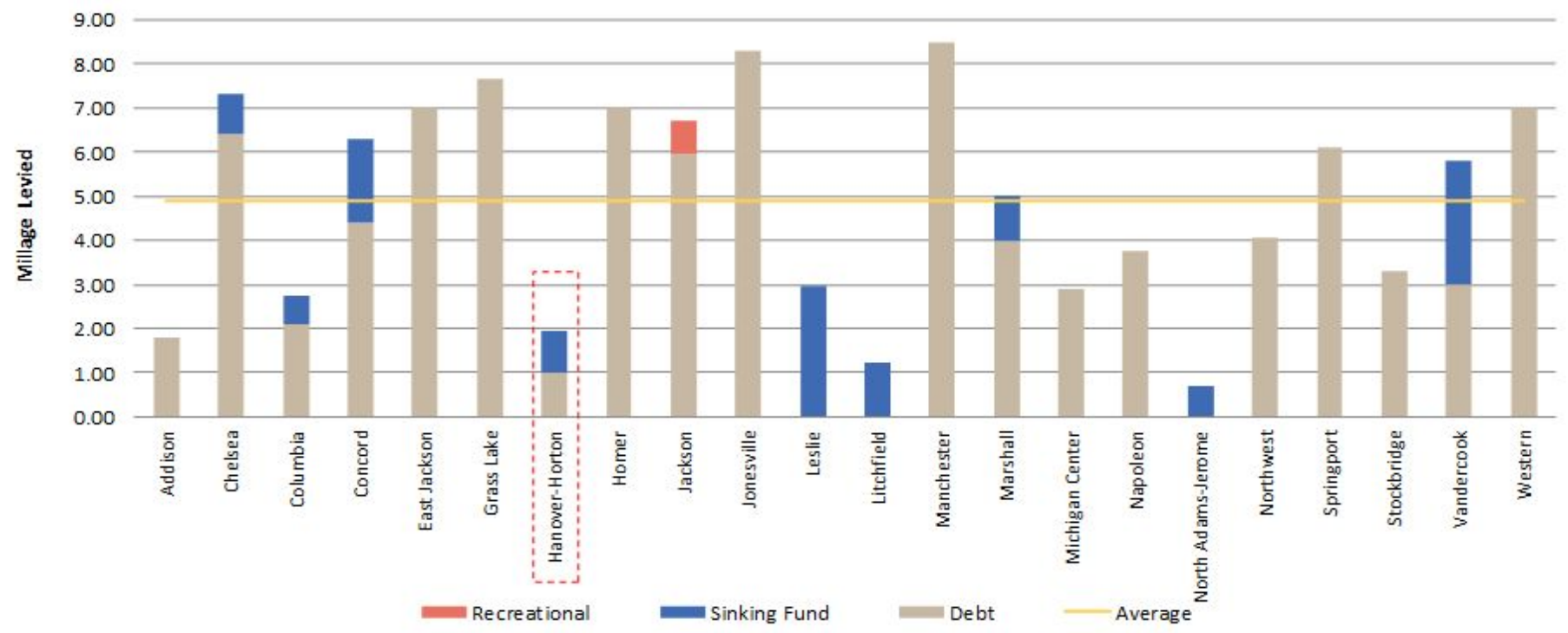
- No, the millage is **NOT** an increase
 - Current number of mills (1) would continue to be levied for 25 years
 - Generating \$3.9 million **without** increasing the current millage rate
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How many total mills does the district currently levy?

- Hanover-Horton School District has the **lowest** levy rate in Jackson County
 - Levy one (1) mill for the sinking fund
 - Levy one (1) mill for bond debt
 - This proposal would not change the total amount levied
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2025 Debt, Recreational and Sinking Fund Mills Levied Jackson County



Source: Jackson County 2025 Apportionment Report and Individual School Districts
4.91 mill average

How were the projects identified?

- Careful planning process in place focused on the district's long-term needs
 - A facilities needs assessment is conducted annually
 - Facilities committee reviewed needs list and prioritized list was developed
 - Consulted with RW Mercer Co., an engineer, roofing and window company to verify plans
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What projects are on the prioritized list?

Priorities include:

- New boilers
- Roof Replacement
- Window Refurbishing
- *Window Blinds
- *Locker Refurbishing
- *Locker Room Upgrades
- *Room Divider at Elementary
- *Event Tables & Chairs

* projects cannot be paid for with sinking fund dollars

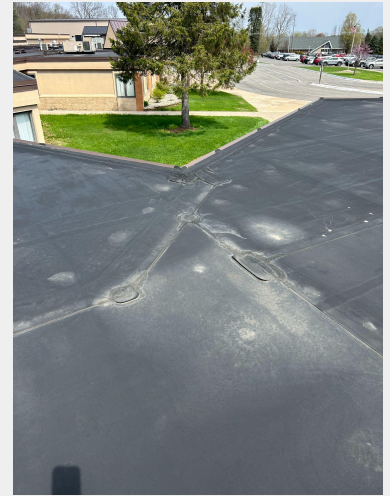
Boilers

- Approximately 30 years old
- Without boilers, there is no heat, without heat, there is no school



Roof

- Many sections 30+ years old
- Aging leads to inevitable leaks
- New efficient product and technology would save district money





Windows & Blinds

- High School Windows - 30 years old
- Push out vertical design windows have sustained damage due to wind
- Refurbishing will restore functionality (used less often due to air conditioning)
- Blinds in many rooms throughout district need replacing due to normal daily use



Elementary Dividing Wall

- Divides Gymnasium and Cafeteria into two spaces
- Current system is out of alignment and worn
- Replacing system ensures space can continue to be used for daily functions
- Ensure safety of students and staff



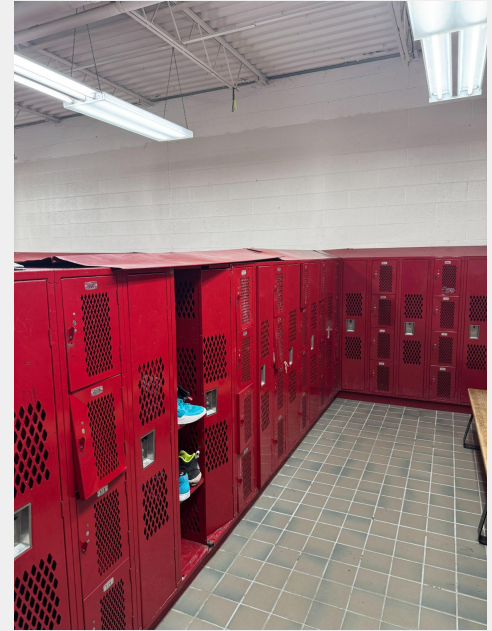
Hall Lockers

- Middle/High School lockers have been used for decades
- Structurally relatively sound
- Refurbishing hardware will improve functionality
- New coat of paint will improve environment for students



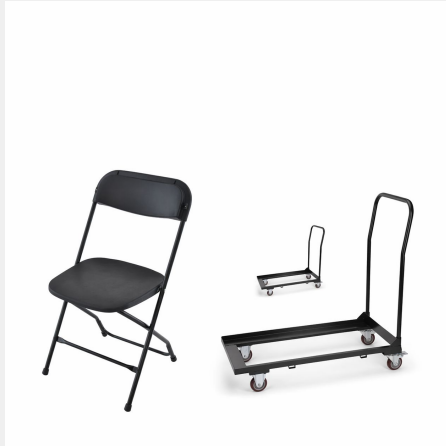
Locker Room Upgrades

- Lockers in the locker rooms need repair and updates would make for better environment for our students and visitors



Event Tables & Chairs

- Folding Chairs and Tables used throughout the district for special events
- Currently only 6-8 functioning tables at MS/HS & 14-16 at elementary
- Chairs are 30+ years old



Questions & Feedback

Board Members Chris Blackledge, Kristin Flick, Tonya Sears and Superintendent Denise Bergstrom are happy to answer any questions and listen to feedback.

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Thank you for supporting the students and staff of Hanover-Horton School District!

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