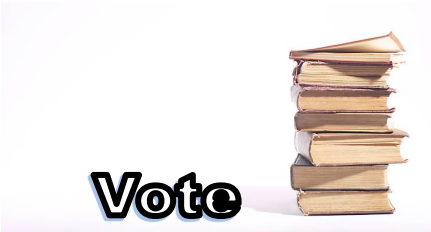
May 3, 2016
Ballot Language

Shall the Clarenceville School District, Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan, be authorized to levy four and one-half mills ($4.50 on each $1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of ten (10) years, 2016 to 2025, both inclusive, to continue a sinking fund for all purposes authorized by law, which millage would provide estimated revenues to the School District of approximately One Million Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Dollars ($1,216,000) during the 2016 calendar year, if approved and levied?



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Clarenceville School District
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Sinking Fund Continuation

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Promises Made……. Promises Kept

On Tuesday, May 3, 2016, Clarenceville School District will have a Sinking Fund renewal proposal on the ballot. The proposal is asking for approval to continue a building and site sinking fund in the amount of 4.50 mills for a period of ten years. This is the same amount that has been collected for the past 10 years.

Sinking fund levies are assessed against all homestead and business properties in the district. They provide a source of funds for districts to undertake projects that are allowed under current law. If approved, the sinking fund would raise approximately $1,216,000 in its first year. Of this amount, businesses would contribute 44% of the total while homeowners would contribute 56%.

Clarenceville School District has a long history of utilizing sinking fund dollars for improvements throughout the district. Since 1995 sinking fund revenues have been used for many projects including:

- New roofs on all district facilities
- Renovated media centers in all schools
- New boilers—Botsford, Grandview, Clarenceville High School
- Renovated front offices—Botsford, Grandview, Clarenceville Middle School
- Parking improvements and lot replacement—Botsford, middle school, high school
- Restroom renovations—All buildings
- Classroom renovations—All buildings
- Fire alarm replacement—All buildings
- Stadium renovation including new track, bleachers and lighting
- Auditorium Renovation
- New High School Cafeteria
- New athletic fields for baseball and softball

Through the generosity of the Clarenceville school community, many improvements have been made throughout the district since 1995. There remains more to do to ensure that students of the district have the opportunity to grow and learn in safe/secure and modern educational facilities for years to come.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What proposed projects will be completed if the sinking fund passes?

Phase I (2017—2019)

- Grandview parking lot replacement and improvements
- Middle school parking lot replacement and improvements
- Field house renovation
- Classroom renovations
- Heating and cooling upgrades in all gyms and media centers
- HVAC improvements—Clarenceville Middle School
- Kitchen upgrades in all buildings
- Clarenceville High School main office renovation
- Smaller projects to be determined

Phase II (2020—2022)

- Clarenceville High School parking lot replacement and improvements
- HVAC improvements—Botsford and Grandview
- Upgraded power service as necessary - all buildings
- Classroom renovations
- Smaller projects to be determined
- Track resurfacing

Phase III (2023—2026)

- HVAC improvements—Clarenceville High School
- Provision for boiler replacements (boilers 15—27 years old in 2025)
- Continued classroom renovation

Who decides how sinking fund dollars will be spent?

The Clarenceville Board of Education will approve all projects for the sinking fund program. For planning purposes, the board has developed a ten-year program that is broken up into three phases. By utilizing the phase approach, the board can better plan for major projects based on current needs.

Can the district use any of the funds for general operating purposes?

NO. Sinking funds cannot be used for salaries, benefits, utilities, supplies, or equipment purchases. The law specifically states that dollars raised by a sinking fund can only be used for the "purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings."

What does this mean to the homeowner of a house with a median market value of $110,000?

The cost will be approximately $248.00 per year for a taxpayer with a home valued at $110,000.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact the Board Office at (248) 919-0400 OR access our website at: www.clarencevilleschools.org

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