



# WHITEHALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS 2025 BOND PROPOSAL

**VOTE ON OR BEFORE**  
**Tuesday, November 4, 2025**  
Absentee ballots available September 25, 2025

## WHAT PROJECTS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS BOND PROPOSAL?

### **Ealy Elementary School:**

- Heating & cooling upgrades
- Media center updates
- New furniture & equipment
- Technology for classrooms
- New window coverings
- Electrical work

### **Shoreline Elementary School:**

- Heating & cooling upgrades
- Cafeteria and kitchen updates
- Front office and learning space upgrades
- Technology for classrooms
- Electrical work

### **Middle School:**

- Heating & cooling upgrades
- Cafeteria and kitchen updates
- Replacement of select flooring
- Media center updates
- Technology for classrooms
- Electrical work

### **High School:**

- New secure entry and administration area
- Heating & cooling upgrades
- New fire alarm
- Cafeteria updates
- Technology for classrooms
- Furniture
- Electrical work

Additionally, bond proceeds would fund roof repairs and replacements on select buildings, as needed.

## WHAT IS THIS BOND PROPOSAL?

Our community will have the opportunity to consider a bond proposal at an election to be held on November 4, 2025. If approved, the proposal would authorize the district to borrow \$30,000,000 for building and site improvements to address identified and ongoing capital projects based on facility assessments, community surveys, and community focus group feedback. If the bonds are issued, it is estimated that the district's overall debt millage levied in 2026 would return to the 5.0 mills last levied in 2024.

**Conceptual rendering of new secure entry at the High School**  
*Final subject to change*



## QUESTIONS?

FAQS ONLINE AT

[bit.ly/WDSBond2025](https://bit.ly/WDSBond2025)

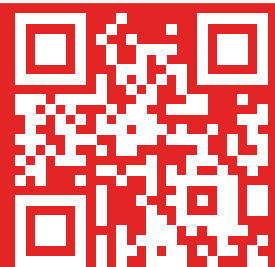
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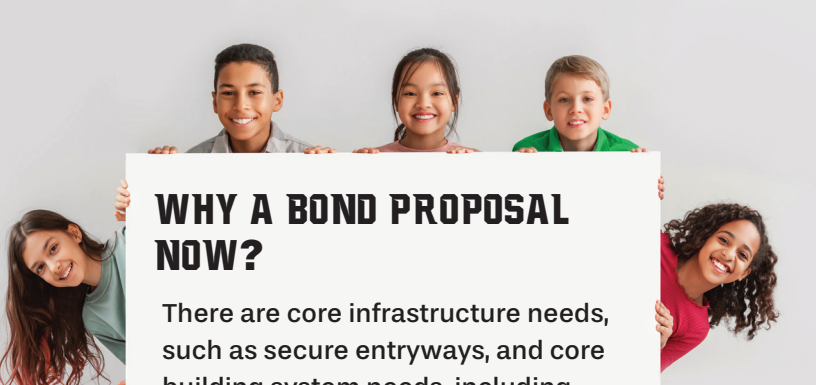
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**MORE INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE ONLINE**



**2025 BOND PROPOSAL FOCUS:**  
**SAFE.WARM.DRY.**



## HOW DOES WHITEHALL COMPARE TO SURROUNDING DISTRICTS?

The average combined sinking fund millage and total debt millage levied by surrounding districts is **7.41 mills**. If the 2025 bond proposal is approved by voters, it is expected that Whitehall District schools would maintain a **5.0 mills** total debt levy and remain **below the average** of surrounding districts.

## WHY A BOND PROPOSAL NOW?

There are core infrastructure needs, such as secure entryways, and core building system needs, including heating, cooling, and electrical systems, that have reached the end of their useful life. Replacing these systems would extend the lifecycle of our school buildings, enhance **student safety**, and improve **classroom learning environments**.

# IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION



### ELECTION DAY

Polls are open  
Tuesday, November 4, 2025  
from 7am – 8pm

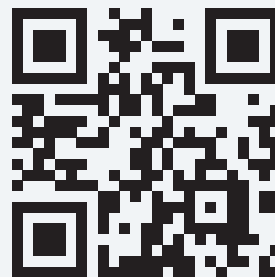
### ABSENTEE INFORMATION

Absentee ballots are available starting September 25, 2025 at your City or Township Clerk's Office. Contact your local precinct for hours of operation.

Polling locations and absentee ballot information are available at [Michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote)

## HOW WOULD THE BOND PROPOSAL IMPACT MY PROPERTY TAXES?

Whitehall District Schools currently levies 3.20 mills of overall debt millage . If the November 2025 bond proposal is approved by voters and the bonds are issued, it is estimated that the district's overall debt millage levied in 2026 would return to the 5.0 mills last levied in 2024. The following chart calculations are based on the estimated millage increase of 1.80 mills:



## CALCULATE YOUR ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

Use this QR code or go to the link below for an anonymous tax calculator:

[bit.ly/WDSTaxCalc](https://bit.ly/WDSTaxCalc)

HOME MARKET VALUE	HOME TAXABLE VALUE	YEARLY COST	MONTHLY COST	DAILY COST
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$90.00	\$7.50	\$0.25
\$150,000	\$75,000	\$135.00	\$11.25	\$0.37
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$180.00	\$15.00	\$0.50
\$250,000	\$125,000	\$225.00	\$18.75	\$0.62

**NOTE:** If taxpayer qualifies for the State Homestead Property Tax Credit, the "net" tax rate could be less than shown above. Talk to your tax preparer to see if you qualify.