



WHITEHALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS 2025 BOND PROPOSAL

VOTE ON OR BEFORE

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Absentee ballots available September 25, 2025

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

What is on the ballot?

- \$30 million school improvement bond proposal
- 1.80 mills from the current year
- It is estimated that the district's overall debt millage levied in 2026 would return to the 5.0 mills last levied in 2024.

WHITEHALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL

Shall Whitehall District Schools, Muskegon County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of:

erecting, remodeling, equipping and re-equipping, furnishing and refurnishing school buildings, additions to school buildings, and facilities, including safety and security improvements and secure entrances; preparing, developing, improving and equipping structures and sites; purchasing school buses; and acquiring, installing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology?

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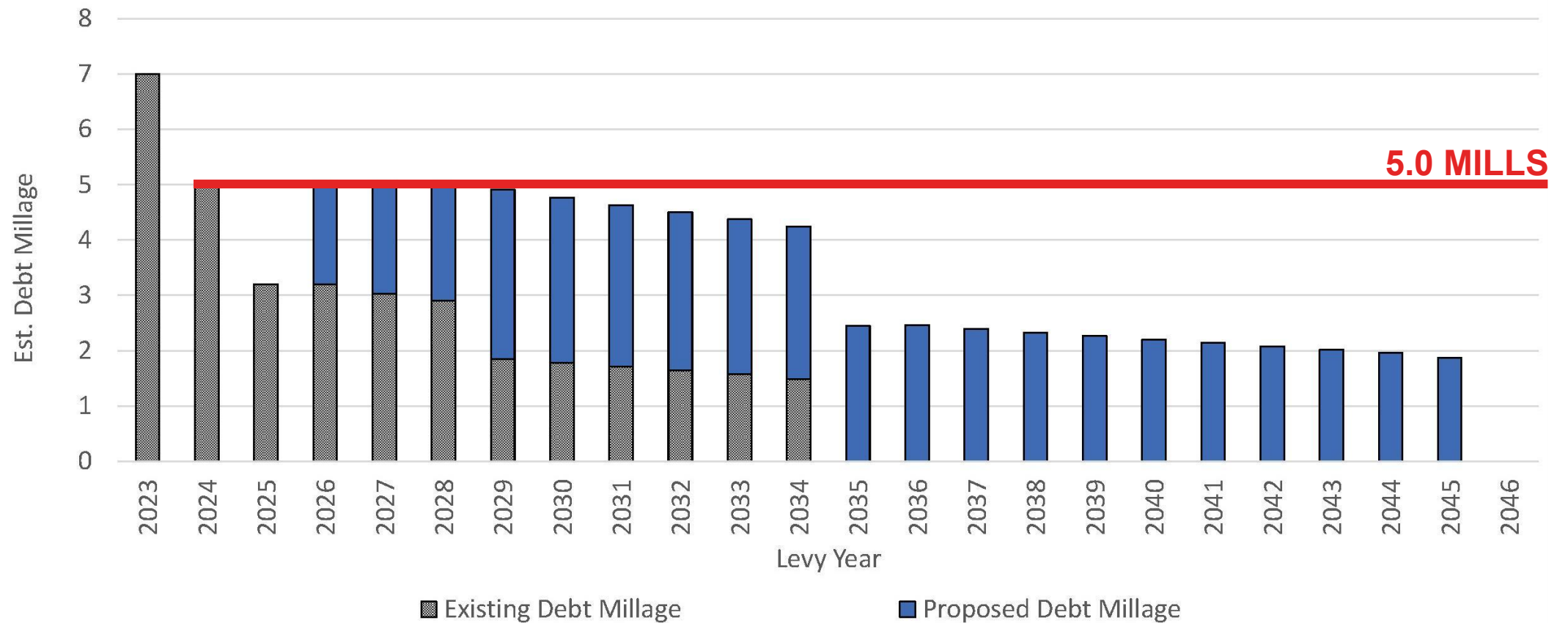
The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2026 is **1.80 mills** (\$1.80 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.37 mills (\$2.37 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)



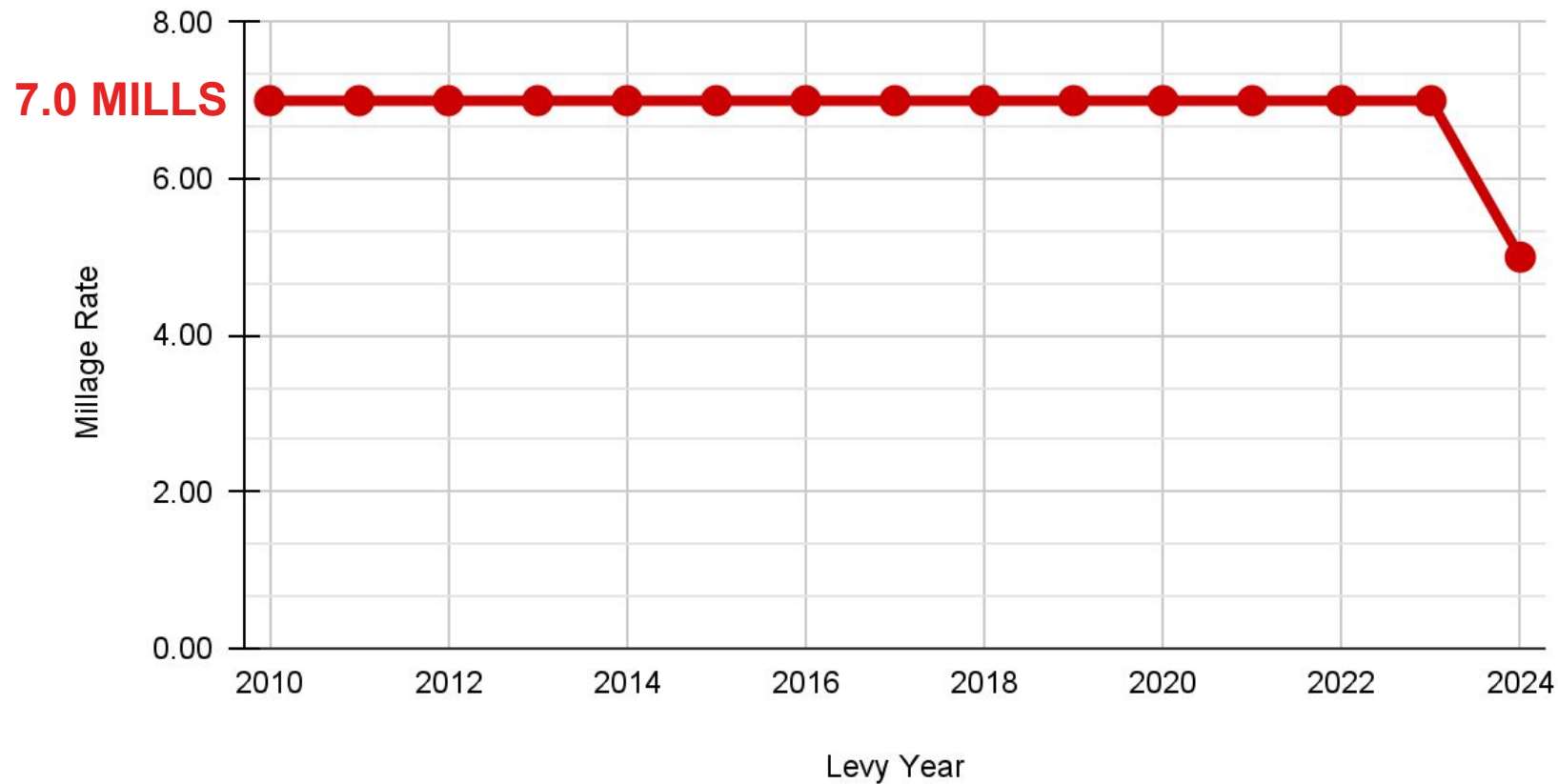
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Whitehall District Schools - Future Debt Millage Analysis - Nov 2025

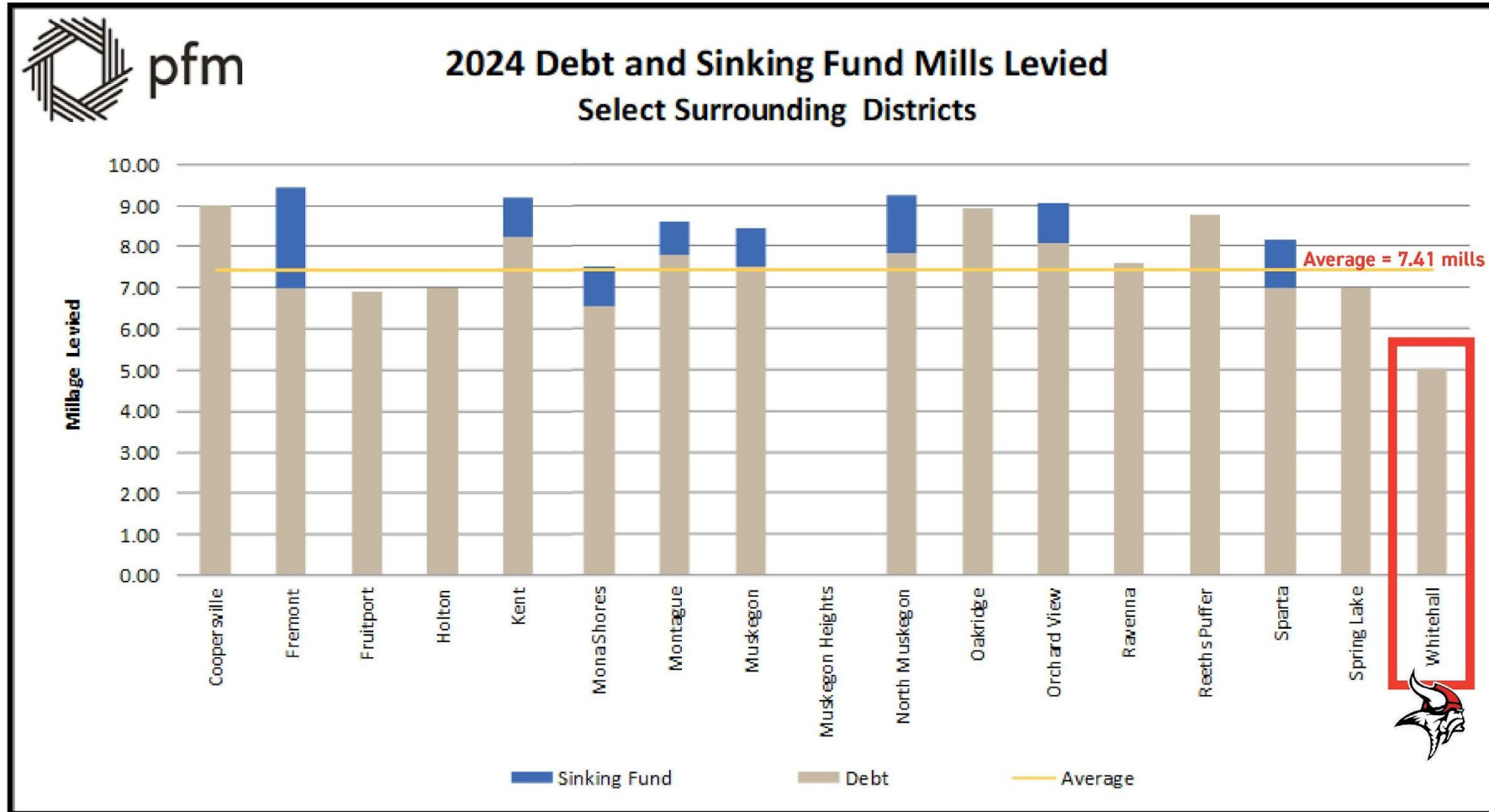


“Historically, how has the tax rate differed?”

Debt Levy for Whitehall District Schools Since 2010



How does the millage rate for Whitehall District Schools compare to other districts?



How would the bond proposal affect my tax rate?

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.**



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Homestead Property
Tax Credit and
Senior Tax Credit



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How were the bond projects identified?

- District's facility planning process
- Architectural and construction management bond partners
- An independent facility assessment that was published in [2025 by School Finance Research Foundation](#)
- Community meetings & community survey
- Staff and student focus groups
- **Only highest priority projects selected**



Middle School Cafeteria Flooding
August 12, 2025

Why a bond proposal now?

- Improve **security infrastructure and student safety**
- Address failing **building systems**
- **Keep our buildings dry**
- Improve **classroom learning environment**



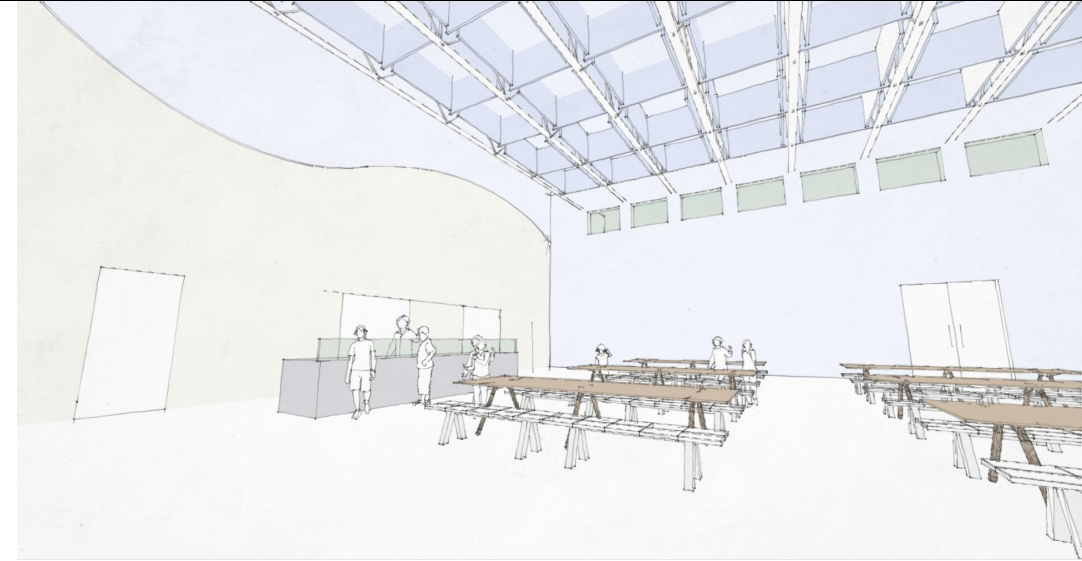


What projects are in this Bond Proposal?

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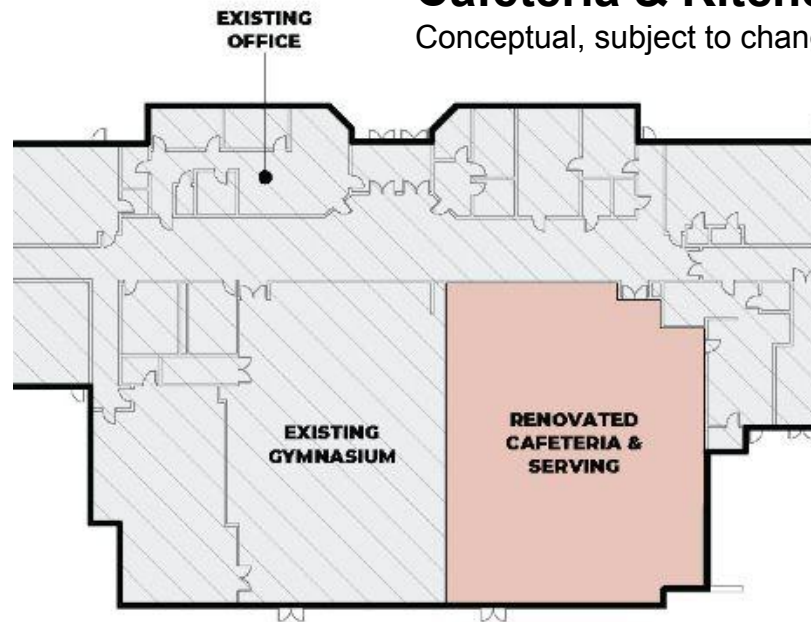
Shoreline Elementary School

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



Cafeteria & Kitchen Upgrades

Conceptual, subject to change



Early Elementary School

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



Middle School

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

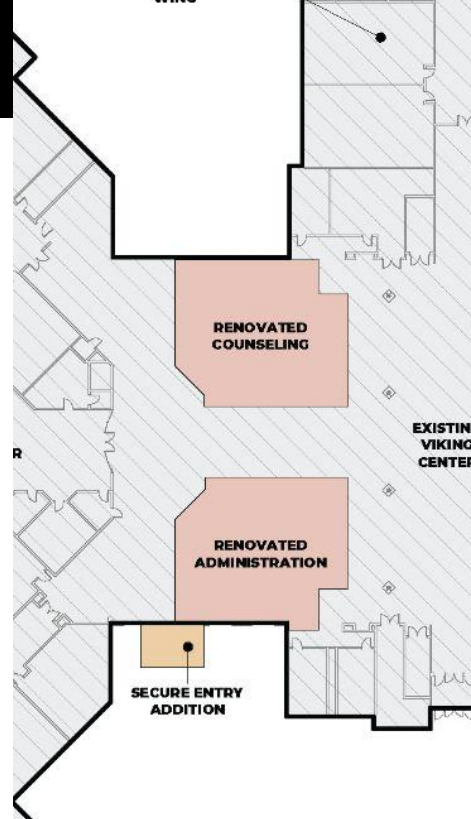


Renderings of Cafeteria & Kitchen Updates

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High School

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



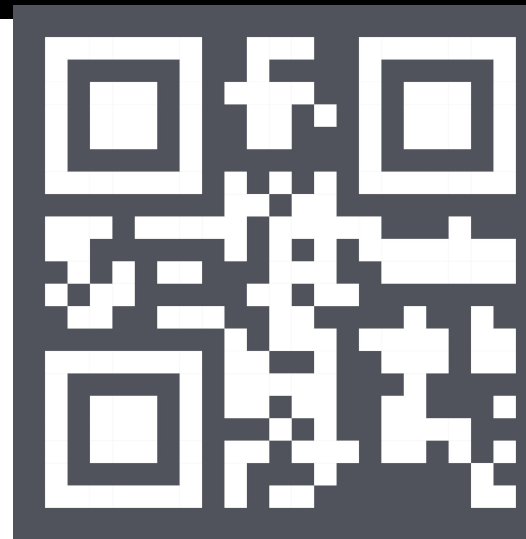
Voting Information

Register to vote online
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Election Day is:
Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Polls are open 7am-8pm



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Questions

Contact Superintendent, CJ Van Wieren
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