

South Lyon Community Schools

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Dear South Lyon Community Schools Residents:

All of us are experiencing extraordinary times. The Coronavirus pandemic is impacting everyone and forcing all residents, families, businesses, and school districts to make some tough decisions.

The Governor's Executive Order required us to close schools through April 6. One result of this closure is that Michigan students are losing valuable instructional time. However, to protect the health and safety of our students and to be sensitive to the needs of our community, most people agree that closing Michigan's schools was the right thing to do.

Now, we have been asked by the Michigan Secretary of State to move our May 5th bond proposal to either August or November. The rationale for rescheduling the election is to help reduce the spread of the Coronavirus by avoiding large gatherings and social contact at polling places on Election Day. The Secretary of State's request was not a mandate. However, if we opted to keep the bond proposal on the May 5th ballot, South Lyon Community Schools residents would be restricted to voting by Absentee Ballot.

To do our part in preventing the spread of the Coronavirus, the Board of Education has agreed to postpone the May election and address South Lyon's facility needs in a future election.

Postponing the May election will have a financial impact on the school district. For example, postponing the May election will result in bond projects being delayed by a year or more. These delays will likely result in price increases for bond project materials. In addition, postponing the election will mean that in the future we will be asking voters to restore the millage rate to the 2019 level.

We appreciate your understanding as we work together to reduce the impact of the Coronavirus. For the good of everyone, please continue to follow the regularly updated guidelines from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>.

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