South Lyon Community Schools

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August 4, 2020 - Bond Proposal Election

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. When is the election?
   The election will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Voters are also able to vote by Absentee Ballot after June 20th through Election Day.

2. What is on the ballot?
   The bond proposal projects are the same as those proposed for the May election. In an effort to keep residents safe during the coronavirus pandemic, the Board of Education voted to move the election to the August 4th ballot.

   The amount of the ballot proposal is $98.725 million. If voters approve the bond proposal, there will <u>not</u> be an increase to the current tax rate. In fact, at the June 1, 2020 Board of Education meeting, the Board voted to reduce the current debt fund tax rate from 7.90 mills to 7.10 mills beginning with the 2020 summer tax collection.

3. Did postponing the election and moving the proposal to the August 4th ballot delay any projects?
   Yes. Postponing the election delayed the design phase and the start of projects that were scheduled to be completed next summer. However, it is anticipated that by 2022, all projects will be back on schedule and the majority of work will be completed as originally projected.

4. How were the bond proposal projects developed?
   South Lyon Community Schools' strategic plan includes a process for ongoing evaluation and monitoring of all school facilities. Continually evaluating and monitoring of school facilities helps to protect the community's investment in its schools.

   Working with construction, technology, and architectural specialists, an in-depth facility study was completed in the summer of 2019. The study identified all facility needs. While $130 million in projects were identified, school officials wanted to bring to the community a proposal that would address facility needs and <u>not</u> raise the current tax rate. After reviewing and prioritizing each proposed project, the final bond proposal projects list totals $98.725 million.

   The final list of facility projects to be completed was then reviewed by students, staff, parents, and community members in a series of focus panels conducted during December 2019.

5. How will the bond proposal affect my taxes?
   If approved, the $98.725 million bond proposal will not increase the current tax rate. The 2019 tax rate was 7.90 mills. The new tax rate will be <u>reduced</u> to 7.10 mills beginning with the 2020/21 tax collection.

6. How can the bond proposal projects be completed without a tax rate increase?
   The August 4th bond proposal will not increase the current tax rate because the proposed bond will replace the current bond debt that is expiring. The proposed bond will be

sold in two series, further reducing interest costs and overall bond costs for repayment. (See attachment A).

7. Will all the bonds be sold at one time?
No. The bonds will be sold in two series (in October 2020 and May 2023). Selling the bonds in two series reduces the interest cost on bond repayment.

8. What facility projects will be completed with bond proposal revenue?
All bond proposal projects address facility needs in six major areas:

1. expanding student safety and school security measures including adding additional security and video surveillance systems, replacing exterior lighting, adding playground fencing, and generators

2. updating the technology infrastructure and related equipment including replacing interactive classroom projectors, desktop computers, mobile computing devices, and upgrading the technology network

3. improvements to athletics, the arts, and academic programs including improving baseball and softball fields, installing synthetic turf at both high schools, resurfacing the track at Millennium, replacing the pool at SLHS, replacing band instruments, upgrading the theater lighting in the auditorium, updating art rooms and equipment, replacing STEM and CTE equipment, and renovating media centers to safely address teacher-student interaction and collaboration

4. building updates including roof replacements, replacing building equipment and furniture, and updating interior and exterior lighting, doors, and windows

5. site improvements including addressing drainage issues, updating playground equipment, adding additional fencing, replacing sidewalks, and making improvements to parking lots

6. building additions at two elementary schools to accommodate growth in student enrollment and to maximize instructional space

9. What projects will be completed at each facility if the bond proposal is approved by voters?

(9.1) BARTLETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Year built: 1955 - Age of building: 65 years

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Upgrade the fire alarm system
- Add bollards at the front entry
- Upgrade and add additional security and video surveillance system

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replacement of desktop / mobile computing devices
- Purchase replacement printers

- Install/replace building standard and interactive projectors
- Upgrade the technology network
- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network
- Upgrade the media center technology

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
- Replace the gym roof
- Complete roof restoration where needed
- Renovate gym storage area into a receiving area
- Replace wall graphics in the gym and C hall
- Renovate the media center and add furniture
- Upgrade interior lighting to LED in select areas
- Upgrade the gym sound system
- Purchase teacher desks for rooms 3-25
- Purchase office furniture
- Purchase replacement furniture in public areas
- Purchase furniture for the four-classroom addition

BUILDING ADDITIONS
- Construction of four additional classrooms that include toilets and office space areas

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Add a sidewalk at the NW staff lot for walkers
- Add a basketball court to the playground
- Allocation to support the replacement of older playground equipment
- Replace landscaping at the front of the school

(9.2) BRUMMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Year built: 2000 - Age of building: 20 years

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Upgrade building exterior lighting
- Purchase replacement furniture for public areas
- Upgrade and add additional security and video surveillance system

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replacement of desktop / mobile computing devices
- Purchase replacement printers
- Install/replace building standard and interactive projectors
- Upgrade the technology network
- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
- Rework masonry screen wall
- Replace the hot water tank
- Update the original well water system
- Update the septic system that has been in use since 1999
- Upgrade site lighting and LED entrance sign
- Upgrade interior lighting to LED in select areas
- Upgrade the gym sound system
- Purchase replacement furniture for public areas

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Replace curb sections in the bus loop
- Replace asphalt paving in parking lots and driveway
- Replace basketball court paving
- Allocation to support the replacement of older playground equipment

(9.3) DOLSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Year built: 1947 - Age of building: 73 years

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Upgrade and add additional security and video surveillance system
- Add removable mullions at the front door and gym

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replacement of desktop / mobile computing devices
- Purchase replacement printers
- Install/replace building standard and interactive projectors
- Upgrade the technology network
- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
- Replace the entire roof
- Renovations to the wooden cupola
- Replace non-classroom windows
- Replace classroom windows
- Modify exterior doors at the front
- Replace exterior gym doors
- Address toilet room flooding
- Improve the septic system to address drainage issues

- Upgrade interior lighting to LED in select areas
- Upgrade the gym sound system
- Purchase replacement furniture in public areas

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Replace asphalt paving in dumpster area, basketball court, parking lots, and driveways
- Replace concrete walks
- Allocation to support the replacement of older playground equipment

(9.4) HARDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Year built: 2004 – Age of building: 16 years

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Upgrade and add additional security and video surveillance system

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replacement of desktop / mobile computing devices
- Purchase replacement printers
- Install/replace building standard and interactive projectors
- Upgrade the technology network
- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
- Expand storage space
- Replace the chiller
- Replace the rooftop units
- Upgrade interior lighting to LED in select areas
- Upgrade the gym sound system
- Purchase replacement furniture for public areas

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Replace asphalt paving on the basketball court, parking lots, and driveways
- Replace concrete walks
- Allocation to support the replacement of older playground equipment

(9.5) KENT LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Year built: 2001 - Age of building: 19 years

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Add fencing at the playground

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replacement of desktop / mobile computing devices
- Purchase replacement printers
- Install/replace building standard and interactive projectors
- Upgrade the technology network
- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network
- Upgrade and add additional security and video surveillance system

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
- Replace café and kitchen roof
- Replace the gym roof
- Replace office roof
- Add doors by the gym for easier access to the playground
- Replace flooring in corridors
- Upgrade interior lighting to LED in select areas
- Upgrade the gym sound system
- Purchase replacement chairs in office, lounge, and media center
- Purchase replacement furniture for public areas

BUILDING/SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Replace asphalt paving at drop off loop, parking lot, and driveways
- Repave the basketball court
- Replace concrete walks
- Add a walking path around playground
- Allocation to support the replacement of older playground equipment
- Replace basketball hoops
- Remove planting area at playground

(9.6) PEARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Year built: 2018 – Age of building: 2 year

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replacement of desktop / mobile computing devices
- Purchase replacement printers
- Install/replace building standard and interactive projectors
- Upgrade the technology network
- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Allocation to support the replacement of older playground equipment

(9.7) SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Year built: 1957 – Age of building: 63 years

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Upgrade the fire alarm system
- Upgrade and add additional security and video surveillance system

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replacement of desktop / mobile computing devices
- Purchase replacement printers
- Install/replace building standard and interactive projectors
- Upgrade the technology network

- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
- Replace interior doors on the electrical room
- Improve the serving line equipment in the food service area
- Update the power system (disconnect switches)
- Upgrade interior lighting to LED in select areas
- Upgrade the gym sound system
- Purchase replacement furniture for public areas
- Purchase furniture for addition

BUILDING ADDITIONS
- Construction of 4 classroom addition including toilets and office space

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Replace asphalt walking path at the playground
- Allocation to support the replacement of older playground equipment

(9.8) SAYRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Year built: 1961 – Age of building: 59 years

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Upgrade fire alarm system
- Add fencing at the playground
- Upgrade and add additional security and video surveillance system

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT

- Replacement of desktop / mobile computing devices
- Purchase replacement printers
- Install/replace building standard and interactive projectors
- Upgrade the network infrastructure
- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
- Complete roof and drainage work (gutters and downspout to the front entry)
- Renovate interior space for meetings (commons area for collaboration)
- Replace flooring in the office
- Upgrade interior lighting to LED in select areas
- Upgrade the gym sound system
- Purchase classroom furniture
- Purchase replacement furniture in public areas
- Install interior vestibule doors at the main entry

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Allocation to support the replacement of older playground equipment
- Create an outdoor classroom area (paved area with benches)
- Repave basketball court

(9.9) CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Year built: 1976 – Age of building: 44

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Upgrade sidewalk lighting
- Upgrade and add additional security and video surveillance system

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replacement of desktop / mobile computing devices
- Purchase replacement printers
- Install/replace building standard and interactive projectors
- Upgrade the technology network
- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
- Replace the entire roof
- Rework the masonry screen wall
- Address leaking windows
- Replace exterior doors (mechanical yard door)
- Replace the roof access door

- Improve the food service area equipment and serving line
- Replace band/choir drinking fountain/water bottle fill
- Upgrade interior lighting to LED in select areas
- Upgrade cafeteria sound system
- Purchase replacement furniture for public areas

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Replace concrete walks and sidewalks

ATHLETICS
- Replace gym scoreboards
- Upgrade sound systems in both gyms

(9.10) MILLENNIUM MIDDLE SCHOOL
Year built: 1968 - Age of building: 52 years

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replace the emergency generator
- Upgrade and add additional security and video surveillance system

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replacement of desktop / mobile computing devices
- Purchase replacement printers
- Install/replace building standard and interactive projectors
- Upgrade the technology network
- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
- Replace the 7th/8th-grade wing roof
- Remodel the main office to improve traffic flow
- Replace gym roof
- Replace exterior doors at the 6th-grade hallway
- Replace ceiling tiles in various areas
- Improve food service area equipment and serving line
- Replace corridor flooring in 6th/7th/8th-grade hall
- Replace the chiller
- Replace classroom unit vents
- Address chilled/hot water piping issues
- Upgrade interior lighting to LED in select areas
- Replace cafeteria sound system
- Purchase science tables and stools
- Purchase replacement furniture for public areas

- Purchase cafeteria tables

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Replace asphalt paving in the staff parking lot, east drive, drop off loop, and the back drop-off area
- Replace concrete walks at the south and east sides
- Update entry landscaping

ATHLETICS
- Resurface the track
- Resurface the tennis courts
- Replace the gym roll down divider curtain
- Upgrade the sound system in the large gym
- Replace the gym scoreboards
- Improve the stadium bleachers

(9.11) SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL
Year built: 1990 - Age of building: 30 years

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replace the generator
- Upgrade and add additional security and video surveillance system

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replacement of desktop / mobile computing devices
- Purchase replacement printers
- Install/replace building standard and interactive projectors
- Upgrade the technology network
- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
- Replace the roof in various areas
- Renovate the kitchen area
- Replace exterior doors in the pool mechanical room
- Replace toilet room accessories to meet ADA code
- Relocate the athletic office
- Address elevator issues
- Install new window treatments in classrooms
- Install hydraulic pit cover for theatre
- Renovate student services office
- Renovate the P.E. locker rooms
- Renovate the art room

- Renovate the lecture hall
- Renovate the CTE area for program expansion and to create storage
- Renovate media center to be used for collaboration space and meetings
- Renovate the science rooms
- Replace the pool air handling unit
- Replace the air handling units
- Upgrade interior lighting to LED in select areas
- Upgrade theater lights in the auditorium
- Replace 1st-floor classroom and corridor flooring
- Purchase student desks
- Purchase drafting tables
- Purchase STEM/CTE equipment for fabrication lab
- Purchase washer and dryer for athletics
- Purchase fitness equipment
- Purchase band performance equipment
- Purchase choral risers
- Purchase band instruments
- Purchase equipment for the pool addition
- Purchase office furniture
- Purchase replacement furniture for public areas

BUILDING ADDITIONS
- Add band storage area
- Reconstruct pool/locker rooms
- Construct an addition to the outdoor storage building

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Replace concrete walkways at the stadium and around school
- Replace entry landscaping

ATHLETICS
- Demolish existing pool/locker rooms
- Upgrade stadium lighting
- Upgrade gym lighting
- Replace the press box roof
- Renovate the training room
- Replace/add gym divider (main gym and auxiliary gym)
- Renovate the dance studio
- Renovate team locker rooms
- Replace gym concessions cabinets/counters
- Replace mats and athletic tile flooring
- Replace dance studio floor
- Upgrade the gym sound system
- Upgrade the stadium sound system

- Resurface the track
- Install synthetic turf at the practice field
- Install synthetic turf on the baseball infield (JV infield)
- Install synthetic turf at the varsity softball field (entire field)
- Improve softball fields (sprinklers, dugout, sound system and score system)
- Renovate the varsity baseball field (dugout and fencing)
- Renovate the tennis courts
- Renovate the athletic field locker rooms and toilet areas
- Replace the stadium fencing
- Replace the ball field fencing
- Improve drainage at the baseball fields
- Improve the commons patio
- Renovate concession areas (flooring and cabinets)
- Improve drainage at the stadium
- Purchase athletic grounds equipment

(9.12) SOUTH LYON EAST HIGH SCHOOL
Year built: 2007- Age of building: 13 years

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Upgrade parking lot lighting
- Upgrade and add additional security and video surveillance system

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replacement of desktop / mobile computing devices
- Purchase replacement printers
- Install/replace building standard and interactive projectors
- Upgrade the technology network
- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
- Replace auditorium area roof
- Replace 2200 stair area roof
- Renovate the kitchen area
- Upgrade technology and furniture in the media center
- Add a trophy cabinet for academics
- Add trophy cabinets for clubs
- Create more storage spaces
- Replace the exterior door near the gym for wider access
- Renovate the elevator
- Install hydraulic pit cover for the theatre
- Renovate the food area into two classrooms

- Renovate the project rooms into two classrooms
- Replace the flooring in entry by the main office
- Replace the chiller
- Improve ventilation (metalsmithing ventilation, dust collection system, and CTE ventilation)
- Upgrade interior lighting to LED in select areas
- Upgrade theater lighting
- Replace the fitness center cabinets
- Purchase STEM/CTE equipment
- Purchase ice machine
- Purchase kiln for art class
- Purchase desks
- Purchase replacement furniture for public areas
- Purchase equipment for auxiliary gym addition

BUILDING ADDITIONS
- Build auxiliary gym addition with storage
- Addition to expand STEM program

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Replace asphalt paving at the baseball/softball fields, in athletic areas, and various spaces
- Modify the SW lot for drop-off
- Add student parking to the NW lot
- Replace concrete walks at various locations (stairs at the west parking lot, tennis courts, replace asphalt with concrete)
- Replace landscaping
- Add site directional signs
- Add fencing at the detention pond area

ATHLETICS
- Improve varsity ballfields
- Resurface the track
- Replace turf (installed in 2007)
- Install synthetic turf to the practice field
- Install synthetic turf to the baseball infield
- Install synthetic turf to the softball field (entire field)
- Replace the windscreens at tennis courts
- Replace the tennis poles/nets
- Resurface the tennis courts
- Improve the stadium stairs
- Replace ballfield fencing
- Create a storage area for the athletic field
- Expand the athletic support building

- Replace the field house roof
- Relocate the tech booth
- Replace the concrete at the sound booth
- Renovate the outdoor training room
- Recast the pool
- Redo flooring at the outdoor concessions
- Replace the dance studio floor
- Replace the press box heaters
- Upgrade the stadium lights
- Install a sound system in the press box
- Upgrade the gym sound system
- Install a scoreboard for pool
- Upgrade the scoreboard for baseball/softball
- Upgrade the stadium scoreboard
- Add an athletic timing system for the pool
- Upgrade pool record board (digital)
- Improve the stadium home/visitor bleachers
- Add fencing at ballfield bleachers
- Add fencing around stadium bleachers
- Purchase a washer/dryer for athletics
- Purchase athletic grounds equipment
- Purchase mats for cheer performance
- Purchase track/field mats
- Purchase wrestling mats
- Purchase fitness equipment

(9.13) Early Childhood Center
Year built 2001 – Age of building: 19 years

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Add fencing at the playground
- Add bollards at the front entry
- Upgrade and add additional security and video surveillance system

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replacement of desktop / mobile computing devices
- Purchase replacement printers
- Install/replace building standard and interactive projectors
- Upgrade the technology network
- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT

- Replace rooftop units
- Purchase furniture for the addition

BUILDING ADDITIONS
- Construction of a multi-purpose room and office

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Replace asphalt paving
- Add an addition to the current playground

(9.14) GRISWOLD OPERATIONS CENTER
Year built: 2007 – Age of building: 13 years

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Purchase replacement buses
- Upgrade exterior lighting in parking lots

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
- Upgrade network infrastructure
- Upgrade the Cisco IP phone system and desktop phones
- Expand the wireless network

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
- Add interior doors on 2nd floor of the warehouse
- Replace all carpeted flooring
- Upgrade exterior wall lighting
- Upgrade interior lighting to LED

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Replace asphalt paving at the bus lot

(9.15) ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Year built: 1998 – Age of building: 22 years

SAFETY/SECURITY AND EQUIPMENT
- Replace/upgrade the emergency generator
- Upgrade site lighting to LED
- Replace exterior lighting to LED
- Replace interior lighting in corridors and large spaces to LED
- Replace emergency exit lighting to LED

BUILDING UPDATES AND FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
- Replace the north flat roof
- Replace the sloped shingle roofing
- Replace the copula roof

- Replace exterior trim to aluminum
- Replace windows
- Replace exterior service doors
- Replace countertop in the staff lounge
- Replace metal toilet partitions with plastic
- Replace flooring in corridors, boardroom, and office area
- Replace rooftop units
- Modify the HVAC system
- Replace exhaust fans in toilet rooms
- Upgrade the sound system in the boardroom

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- Replace asphalt paving on the north and west sides of the building
- Replace concrete walks

10. Why did the School Board decide to add additional classrooms at Salem and Barlett Elementary Schools?

The school district is experiencing growth at the elementary level. The optimum size design for an elementary school is 24 classrooms. Schools that are larger than 24 classrooms need additional support spaces like gyms, cafeterias, office space, etc.

Adding four classrooms to Salem and Bartlett will bring those facilities up to 24 classrooms. Adding on to other elementary schools would require larger-scale additions and additional support space.

11. How long will it take to complete the pool renovations/construction at South Lyon High School?

Once the design phase is completed, it is projected that the construction phase for the pool renovations/construction will take up to 15 months to complete.

At this time, it is anticipated that breaking ground for the pool will take place in the spring of 2022 with project completion in 2023.

12. Many community groups and residents use the South Lyon High School pool. Will community activities be moved to East High School?

School officials will work with community groups to maintain programming during the pool construction phase at South Lyon High School. Every attempt will be made to make sure community groups have access to the pool at East High School when not in use during instructional time and when the facility is not in use for athletic practices and events.

13. Will the Senior Center at South Lyon High School close during the construction of the pool?

No. The Senior Center will remain open during construction at South Lyon High School. During construction, however, if it is necessary for safety reasons to relocate the entrance to the building, signs will be posted in advance, showing the new entry point.

14. Will the bond provide funds to add air conditioning to all gyms?

The operational cost of running an air conditioner in a gym is extremely expensive, mainly due to the size of gyms. However, systems can be installed to assist with airflow and improved ventilation. School officials are looking at fans and ventilation systems that can be added to the gyms to make them more comfortable for student and community use.

15. Does the school district have any plans for the construction of schools or classrooms to address future student enrollment increases?

The proposed bond includes the construction of additional classrooms to provide needed classroom space at the elementary level. As part of the school district's strategic planning process, annually, a review of facility needs and student enrollment projections is completed. Any request for additional classrooms or facilities will be tied to increases in student enrollment.

16. Will the modular classrooms be removed at Dolsen Elementary School?

No. It is more cost-effective for the South Lyon Community Schools to keep the modular classrooms in place as a cushion for future student enrollment growth. Currently, one portable serves as a preschool classroom and two of the portables are used for Special Education offices.

17. Will CTE programming be offered at both high schools?

Currently, students who wish to participate in a CTE program attend the Southwest Oakland Schools Technical Campus (OSTC). The school district also has agreements with Livingston Educational Service Agency for students to participate in their aviation program, fire cadet academy, and EMT program.

South Lyon Schools does not currently offer CTE programs. The bond proposal would allow the school district to create a dedicated space at each high school to add CTE offerings. East High School, which currently houses the facilities for a combined high school robotics team, would have the current robotics, design, and technology classroom spaces reconfigured and expanded to support a robotics CTE program. At South Lyon High School, classroom space would be reconfigured to support a cybersecurity CTE program.

Much like students travel between South Lyon high schools and OSTC, students at the high school level would be able to attend the CTE programs at either high school. Just like with OSTC, students who enroll in a CTE program would attend a half-day at their boundary high school (either AM or PM) and a half-day at a CTE program. The programs at both schools would be available to all of high school students in the school district.

Creating two dedicated spaces, one for each proposed CTE program, allows the school district to avoid the costs that would be associated with offering each program at each high school and saves programming space at each high school.

18. Are we at student capacity at the middle schools and high schools?

No. The middle schools were designed to serve 2,400 students. The current middle school enrollment is approximately 2,039. At the high school level, the facilities were designed to serve 3,660 students. Current enrollment at South Lyon High School is 1,299 and at East High School is 1,097.

19. Will taxpayers be still paying for computers when they are obsolete?

No. The Michigan Department of Treasury and federal tax regulations require that specific items in a bond proposal (such as computers) be paid for before they become obsolete. Computers must be paid off within five years of their first use.

20. How many parking spaces will be lost due to the expansion required for the pool renovation?

It is anticipated that the parking lot will be reduced by 12 spaces.

21. How long does the school district keep video surveillance footage?

The district keeps surveillance footage for the required 30 days. The district's surveillance system also has the ability to view footage in real-time.

22. Is the school district retiring buses?

Yes. The school district is on a bus purchase schedule that calls for the purchase of two buses each year. However, the school district has not had sufficient revenue to purchase any buses during the last two years.

23. Is there an option to purchase alternative fuel buses?

Yes. There is an option to purchase alternative fuel buses during the period of the bond. The decision to make such purchases will depend on cost and environmental benefits.

24. Does the school district have a maintenance plan for all buildings?

Yes. As part of the school district's strategic plan, all buildings are annually assessed to determine current and future maintenance needs.

25. What is the schedule for the completion of bond proposal projects?

Work on the bond proposal projects will begin immediately following approval of the bond proposal. It is estimated that all projects will be substantially completed by the 2025-2026 school year.

26. Will all bond proposal revenue benefit the South Lyon Community Schools?

Yes. All revenue from the bond proposal will benefit the South Lyon Community Schools. None of the revenue will go to Lansing or to any other school district or political entity.

27. If the bond proposal is approved by voters, will property values be affected?

Research indicates that real estate values tend to be higher in communities with school districts that are perceived to offer a quality educational program and have up-to-date school facilities.

All South Lyon Community Schools proposal projects are designed to reflect positively on homeowner property values and the school district's reputation for effectiveness and efficiency.

28. What is a bond proposal?

A bond is a State-approved funding process for a set scope of projects. When voters approve a bond proposal, the school district sells bonds in the authorized amount and uses the proceeds of the sale to pay for those projects in the bond proposal. Bonds are usually paid back in 20-30 years.

In many ways, the bonding process is like a homeowner obtaining a mortgage and making payments over a period of years.

29. How can bond revenue be used?

Bonds can be used for:
o Constructing new school buildings
o Constructing additions to existing school buildings
o Remodeling existing school buildings
o Energy conservation improvements
o Land purchases
o Site development and improvements
o Athletic and physical education facility development and improvements
o Playground development and improvements
o Refunding debt (if new present value savings can be demonstrated)
o Direct bond program costs such as professional fees, election fees, issuance costs, qualification fees, insurance fees, final audit costs
o School bus purchases
o Purchasing loose furnishings and equipment (including administrative technology)
o Technology purchases limited to hardware and communication devices that transmit,receive or compute information for pupil instructional purposes only.
o The initial purchase of operating systems and customized application software is allowed if purchased with the initial hardware.

Bonds cannot be used for:
o Salaries, service contracts, lease payments, installment contracts, and supplies
o Repairs, maintenance, or maintenance agreements
o Purchasing automobiles, trucks, or vans
o Portable classrooms purchased for temporary use
o Uniforms
o Textbooks
o Upgrades to an existing computer operating system or application software
o Computer training, computer consulting, or computer maintenance contracts

30. Can any of the bond proposal funds be used for employee salaries or operating expenses?

No. Bond proposal funds cannot be used for employee salaries. They also cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses. Bond proposal funds must

be used only for purposes specified in the ballot language, and, as required by State law, they must be independently audited.

31. Why did the school district decide to place the ballot proposal on the August ballot?

The Board of Education originally voted to place the bond proposal on the May ballot. To protect the safety of residents due to COVID-19, the Board of Education postponed the vote and moved the ballot proposal to the August 4th ballot.

32. What will appear on the August 4th ballot?

Here is the exact ballot wording:

SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall South Lyon Community Schools, Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Ninety Eight Million Seven Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($98,725,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:
• erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to school buildings;
• remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, equipping and re-equipping school facilities; remodeling for energy efficiency, including lighting, roofing and HVAC upgrades;
• acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology, including classroom technology and student devices;
• purchasing school buses; and
• acquiring, preparing, developing, or improving sites and facilities, including athletic fields, structures, playgrounds, parking lots?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2020, under current law, is .38 mills ($.38 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mills net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series 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 1.74 mills ($1.74 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.)

33. Who can vote in this bond proposal election?

Residents of the South Lyon Community Schools who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day and are registered to vote.

34. Where can I get information about voting (such as how to register, where to vote, and absentee voting)?

Go to the Michigan Voter Information website (www.michigan.gov/vote or call the Clerk's Office where you reside.

35. Do I need to update my voter registration?
        You need to update your voter registration if you have changed your name or address since the last time you voted. You can do this at any Secretary of State Office or at the Clerk's Office where you reside.

36. How do I vote by absentee ballot?
        Yes. Since voter approval of Proposal 3 in November 2018, registered voters do not need a reason to vote by absentee ballot. You can request an absentee ballot application from your Clerk's Office or by going online to www.michigan.gov/vote.

        You can also go to the school district's website at <u>www.slcs.us</u> and click on *2020 Bond Election*. From there, you can click on the link to the State of Michigan website at **<u>www.michigan.gov/vote</u>** to obtain and complete the absentee ballot application and to obtain answers to any questions you may have about voting.

        Absentee ballots will be available to voters after June 21st and may be cast through Election Day.

37. Why is synthetic turf being replaced at some fields and added to others?
        Artificial turf allows for expanded use of fields by students and the community. The fields are regularly used by school district athletic teams and community programs. Artificial turf creates a safer playing field for student and community use and prevents cancellation of spring and fall sporting events due to field conditions.

Artificial turf also reduces district maintenance costs (approximately $200,000 annually). The synthetic turf was installed at SL East in 2007. The synthetic turf will be replaced because it has reached the end of its life expectancy (10-15 years).

To get more information about the bond election
and answers to your questions...
- Go to www.slcs.us click on *2020 School Bond Election*
- Contact the Superintendent of Schools at 248.573.8100, or
- Email bond2020@slcs.us

Attachment A:

South Lyon Community Schools - BOND MILLAGE ANALYSIS FOR Pre-election schedule, 'Aug 2020 election, first levy July 2021 (capitalize May 2021 pymnt)