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Dear Redford Union Schools' Resident,

The Redford Union Schools (RUS) proudly serves more than 2,500 students in **our community**. With the continued help of our instructional and non-instructional support staff, parents, and you, the community, we seek to provide a **tradition-rich and future-focused educational experience for our students** in a safe and challenging learning environment.

Currently, the Redford Union Schools has nine school and support services **buildings that average 69 years of age**. The continual maintenance and upkeep of these buildings requires a large investment from our general funding on an annual basis, which limits our capability to **improve other areas of our children's educational and extra-curricular experiences**.

Over the past several years, the District has examined several options to provide **our students** with a better overall educational experience that will shape their positive future. After a **thorough facility assessment**, Redford Union Schools is proposing a **\$59.2 million bond program** directed toward the **critical needs of our students** and school facilities. This bond gives the community the opportunity to **improve our schools** and the students' educational experience with a **ZERO TAX-RATE INCREASE** to you. **Election day is May 4, 2021**. Likewise, **absentee voter ballots will be arriving soon** to homes within our community.

With **your consideration**, the bond would be focused on the following areas:

- Addressing critical facility needs
- Maximizing the use of District buildings
- Upgrading Security & Safety Measures
- Expanding educational programs
- Improving Athletic & Performing Arts Spaces
- Upgrading Technology

Also included in the bond plan is a redesign and reconfiguration of our District buildings. The bond program would allow the Redford Union Schools to create a **vibrant Secondary Campus** for both middle school and high school students, provide a **return to two traditional (Pre-K through 5th Grade) elementary buildings** serving the north and south ends of the District, and **centralize support and secondary educational buildings**. With these initiatives, we can provide **more educational programs and opportunities for our students** while **reducing operating costs** in the short-term and long-term.

Our vision is to provide students with a **tradition-rich, future-focused education** in environments where they can learn, grow, and thrive. **With our community's support**, we can make sure **our students** are getting the best education possible and are prepared for a **successful future**. On the reverse side of this page is the breakdown of the bond proposal and if you'd like to learn more, please visit our informational webpage at: <https://www.redfordu.k12.mi.us/district/2021-bond-initiative/>.

REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THE MAY 4TH ELECTION!

Sincerely,

Jasen Witt
Superintendent



ZERO TAX-RATE INCREASE

REDFORD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021 BOND PROPOSAL

Shall Redford Union School District No. 1, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Fifty Nine Million Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$59,270,000) and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds therefore, for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of:

\$59.27 MILLION BOND

The RUSD would sell bonds totaling \$59.27 million for identified projects.

Erecting, remodeling, and equipping or reequipping school buildings, including structures, athletic fields, playgrounds, or other facilities, or parts of or additions to those facilities; furnishing or refurbishing new or remodeled school buildings; acquiring, preparing, developing, and improving sites, or parts of or additions to sites, for school buildings, including structures, athletic fields, playgrounds, or other facilities; acquiring, installing, and equipping or reequipping school buildings for technology?

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION, COLLABORATIVE LEARNING, EARLY CHILDHOOD, PERFORMING ARTS, & ATHLETICS

- Improve facilities and programs across the RUSD
- Upgrade technology devices, infrastructure, and furnishing
- "Tradition-Rich, Future-Focused" improvements
- Create spaces that offer new opportunities for students and the Redford Union community

YES _____
NO _____

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in the year 2021, under current law, is 2.15 mill (\$2.15 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a **-0- mill net increase** over the previous year's levy. The bonds may be issued in series, with thirty (30) years as the maximum number of years that any series of the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 7.48 mills (\$7.48 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

ZERO TAX-RATE INCREASE

Voters will not see a change in the millage rate and tax-rates will NOT change.

The school district currently has \$6,260,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and \$0 of qualified loans outstanding under the State School Bond Qualification and Load Program. The school district does not expect to borrow from the program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(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.)