A **CLEAR PLAN** FOR PARCHMENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Conceptual rendering of a proposed new 7th-8th grade wing at Parchment High School

November 2026 Bond Proposal

This November, Parchment School District voters will consider a $41 million bond proposal that, if approved, would result in an expected 3.95 mills increase to the debt levy in 2027 over the current debt levy.

If approved, the 2026 bond proposal would provide funds to consolidate school facilities, end costly maintenance expenses in old buildings, and better accommodate changing enrollment.

Learn more at parchment2026bond.com

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- New classrooms, gymnasiums, and science lab
- Additional opportunities for collaboration
- Expanded programming options

OPERATIONS + EFFICIENCIES

- Balancing class sizes
- Reducing day-to-day spending through consolidation
- Decreasing maintenance + repair costs to preserve funds for students and instruction

ELECTION DAY is NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Absentee ballots available no later than September 24, 2026.

Paid for by Parchment School District
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Conceptual rendering of a proposed new elementary gymnasium

WHAT WOULD THE BOND PROPOSAL DO?

If approved, the bond proposal would provide funds to consolidate and realign the district's footprint by doing the following:

- Convert Central Elementary into a dedicated Early Childhood Learning Center with administrative offices.
- Realign Northwood Elementary into a dedicated grade K–2 school.
- Realign North Elementary into a dedicated grade 3–6 school.
- Close Parchment Middle School.
- Construct a new grade 7–8 wing at Parchment High School with classrooms, science lab, and academic support spaces.

WHAT'S THE TAX IMPACT?

What is the expected dollar increase to the debt levy in 2027 over the debt levy in 2026, if the bond proposal passes?

MARKET VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE*	APPROXIMATE COST OF 3.95 MILLS INCREASE**
$100,000	$50,000	$198
$150,000	$75,000	$296
$200,000	$100,000	$395
$300,000	$150,000	$593
$400,000	$200,000	$790
$500,000	$250,000	$988

*Taxable Value = Approximately 50% of market value. Refer to your tax assessment. **Chart does not reflect total debt levy.

HOW ARE SCHOOLS FUNDED?

Michigan public schools receive annual operating funding from state and local sources largely for instruction, daily expenses, and other purposes. These funds generally cover day-to-day operations but are insufficient to cover both day-to-day operations and large-scale building projects like the 2026 bond proposal.

Improvements to public school facilities can be funded through voter-approved bond proposals. Without the funds provided by the 2026 bond proposal, the district couldn't complete significant capital projects of this scale and operate at current levels. Voters in the Parchment School District last approved a bond proposal in 2007.

Bond funds CANNOT be used for staff, teacher, or administrative salaries or other operational costs.

REDUCING EXPENSES | BALANCING CLASS SIZES | EXPANDING PROGRAMS

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