

NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



No-Tax-Rate Increase Bond Proposal

May 7, 2024





When is the election?

The election will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Absentee ballots will be available after March 28 and can be cast through Election Day.



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What is on the ballot?

A \$43.6 million no-tax-rate increase bond proposal.



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How will voter approval of the bond proposal not increase the current tax rate?



- **New Haven Community Schools will extend the current tax rate for the entirety of the bond, which will not require any tax-rate increase.**
 - **Similar to a homeowner applying for a home equity line of credit.**



Why is the bond proposal necessary?

- **Community growth is creating overcrowding issues at the elementary and middle school levels.**
 - **Fifth-grade students were relocated to a wing at Endeavour Middle School.**
 - **The middle school is now full, with no additional classroom space available to accommodate student growth.**
- **To create and provide additional classroom space, the bond proposal will include re-opening Siefert Elementary School.**
- **Preschool programs are at capacity and additional classrooms are needed.**
- **It's time to refresh student technology devices and update instructional technology.**



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- **A new bus garage is needed to support the bus fleet.**

Five buildings to serve New Haven students...

- **Preschool programming at the administration building**
- **Two elementary schools (Developmental Kindergarten-4th grade)**
 - **New Haven and Siefert Elementary Schools**
- **Endeavour will serve all 5th - 8th-grade students**
- **New Haven High School will serve 9th-12th-grade students**



What will it take to reopen Siefert Elementary School?

- Siefert Elementary School has not been in operation for many years, the building must be updated to meet current building codes.
- Renovations and updates are needed throughout the interior and exterior of the building.
- Safety measures will have to be added to the facility to match those that are already installed in other New Haven School buildings.



What will the exterior of Siefert Elementary School look like?

Conceptual exterior image of Siefert Elementary School.



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What will the Siefert Elementary School site plan look like?

Conceptual site plan of Siefert Elementary School.



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

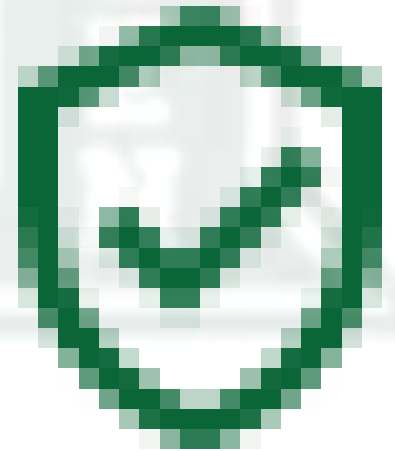
- **Bond proposal funds cannot be used for employee salaries.**
- **They also cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.**
- **Bond proposal funds must be used only for purposes specified in the ballot language, and as required by state law, they must be independently audited.**



What safety measures will be added through the bond proposal?

Keeping students and staff safe is a priority in the New Haven Community Schools. Many security updates have already been completed through state grants and a competitive safety grant the school district received.

Reopening Siefert Elementary School will require the school district to install security measures at this facility. At other school sites, updates will include expanding security camera systems, updating security access cards, and updating phone systems for two-way communication with classrooms.



What updates will be made to the learning environment?

- All school buildings will be updated.
- At the elementary level...
 - Siefert Elementary School will receive interior and exterior updates in compliance with the State of Michigan building codes and the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.
 - New Haven Elementary School, will receive interior updates such as replacing select classroom walls, floors, and ceiling tiles. Technology devices will also be refreshed, and instructional audio/visual systems will be updated.
- At the middle and high school levels...
 - temperature control systems will be replaced, student technology devices will be refreshed, and instructional audio/visual systems will be updated.



You have two ways to vote in this election.



At the polls on May 7th from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.



**By absentee ballot after March 28th through
Election Day.**

**For more voting information: go to the
Michigan Voter Information website
(www.michigan.gov/vote) or call your
local clerk's office.**



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Where can I get more information about the bond proposal?

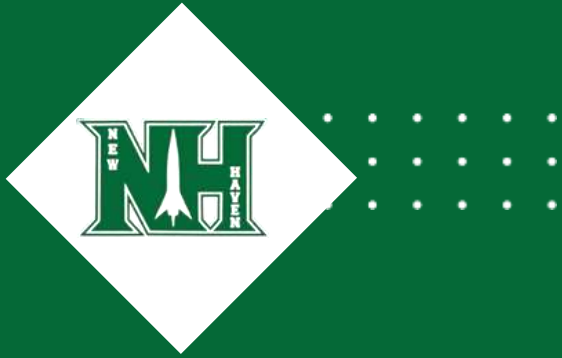
Go to www.newhaven.misd.net and click on Bond Proposal Information

Contact Cheryl Puzdrakiewicz, Superintendent of Schools, by phone (586-749-5123) or email (cpuzdrakiewicz@newhaven.misd.net)



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