

# SCHOOL MILLAGES ON NOV. 5, 2024 BALLOT

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The Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution to place the Operating Millage Proposal and the Sinking Fund Millage Proposal on the November 5th ballot.



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## Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property (except principal residence and other property exempted by law) required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. Voters will decide whether the limitation on the amount of taxes that may be assessed against all property in Grand Ledge Public Schools (except principal residence and other property exempted by law) shall be increased by 18.8899 mills for a period of 10 years – replacing an 18.8899 mill operating millage that expired with the 2024 tax levy. The proposal's estimated revenue is approximately \$12,485,000, about 16% of the general fund budget.

## Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

Voters will decide whether to increase the sinking fund millage to the rate of 0.7921 mills for ten years – replacing a 0.7921 mill sinking fund millage that expired with the 2024 tax levy.

The Sinking Fund is a capital improvement fund that was first approved by the voters in 2002 at a rate of 1.000 mills, and previous voters approved renewals in 2011 and 2021. Headlee reductions have lowered the tax rate over time to the current rate of 0.7921 mills. In the past, it has paid for school building improvements, roof replacements, HVAC upgrades, parking lot work, athletic facility upgrades, and more. If approved this November, the Sinking Fund could also be used to pay for school buses, security improvements, student technology, maintenance vehicles, and all other purposes authorized by law.

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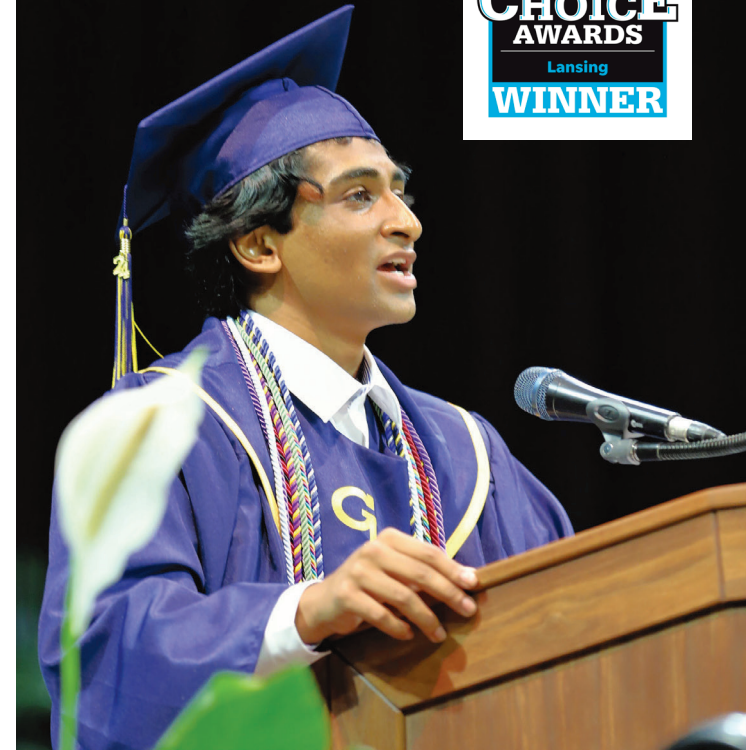
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# FALL 2024 MICRO INSIDER

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## Superintendent Note

Grand Ledge Public Schools Community,

Our school district continues to be an educational leader in the area and in the state, and we are guided by our mission of **Growing Learners, Preparing Students**, as well as our vision of providing every student a high-quality education, critical thinking skills, and social development to reach their highest potential in a safe and inclusive environment. Every day, our skilled staff creates enriching learning experiences for our students, our students inspire us with their efforts, insights, and leadership, and our families engage with us in significant ways to support our students and programs. We take our responsibility seriously to help the communities that we serve thrive. We appreciate the prior support that all of you provide through partnerships, programs, facilities, and bond projects – we are honored to serve the entire Grand Ledge Public Schools community.

Please review the information in this microINSIDER and on our website. Specifically for the November election, we have provided information on our operating and sinking fund millage proposals. We pride ourselves on being strong stewards of the resources you provide for us, so neither initiative represents a tax increase above the current 2024 tax levy levels; both ask for the replacement of an expiring millage with a millage rate of the exact same amount. The operating millage is required for us to receive our revenue per pupil foundation allowance, which funds our day to day operations, while the sinking fund allows us to continue to make improvements to district facilities, including items like roofs and parking lots.

Our communities' future leaders are in our schools, and thanks to our students, our staff, our families, and the entire Comet community, Grand Ledge Public Schools is an outstanding place to learn and grow. As always, I am **#proudtobeacomet!**

Sincerely,

Dr. Bill Barnes,  
Superintendent of Grand Ledge Public Schools



## Bond Projects: Planned & Completed

### New Wacousta Elementary School Opens This School Year

Photo of the new Wacousta Elementary, July 2024



Architectural design rendering of the new Wacousta Elementary main office entrance



Architectural design rendering of hallway outside media center between academic classroom wings

Photo of hallway outside media center, July 2024

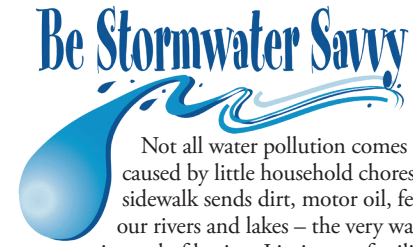


[More about all of the Bond Projects at GLcomets.net/Bonds](https://GLcomets.net/Bonds)



**School Calendar Highlights**  
August 27, 2024 – First Day of School (full day)  
November 27-29, 2024 – Thanksgiving Break  
December 23, 2024 - January 3, 2025 – Winter Break  
March 21-28, 2025 – Spring Break  
June 6, 2025 – Last Day of School (half day)

[More at GLcomets.net/Calendar](https://GLcomets.net/Calendar)



Not all water pollution comes from big factories – it's also caused by little household chores. Hosing off your driveway or sidewalk sends dirt, motor oil, fertilizer, and animal waste into our rivers and lakes – the very water we drink. So, please sweep instead of hosing. Limit your fertilizer use and avoid applying it before a rainy day. Take care when changing your motor oil. Also, tidy up after your pets.

Wondering what to do with unused household and landscaping chemicals? Drop them off at the Ingham County Health Department.

Remember: anything that enters storm drains or ditches is headed straight for your local lake or river. No filters, no treatment. Your waterways are closer than you think!

To learn more about how Grand Ledge Public Schools is helping to protect our local streams, visit [GLcomets.net/Stormwater](https://GLcomets.net/Stormwater).

## Integrated Pest Management Program

Grand Ledge Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the district's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given at least 48 hours before the application by the following two methods: (1) Posting at the primary entrance to your child's school, the one nearest the main office, and (2) posting on the district website at [GLcomets.net/Notifications](https://GLcomets.net/Notifications).

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or antimicrobial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified above.

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting the Operations Department at 517-925-5430.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by email at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be added to the advance notification email list, please contact the Operations Department at 517-925-5430 to share your name, preferred email address, and what school(s) your child or children attend.