

Why Now?

- Quality schools retain and attract students, which mean adequate funding for quality programs for VDPS children.
- Strong schools are directly related to maintaining high property values.
- The interest rate on school bonds is low. When interest rates are lower, the overall cost to build is less.
- The district's current facility, security and technology needs are impacting our students today and need to be addressed.



Cost to Homeowners

This bond program will increase your current tax rate by 2.4 mils. It is a 6 year program totalling \$62,600,000. To determine the impact on your property tax, please go to www.mytaxcalc/vandyke.

Home Market Value	Cost Per Day
\$80,000	\$0.26 per day
\$100,000	\$0.32 per day
\$120,000	\$0.39 per day

"Homes in good school districts sell faster and at a higher price."

*Walter Molony
National Association of Realtors*

IMPORTANT DATES

Register to vote by April 7, 2008

**Absentee ballots available
April 16, 2008**

**Election Day May 6, 2008
Tuesday 7 am - 8pm**

Registration forms are available in your school's office, city clerk's office or on-line at www.sos.state.mi.us/election/elecadmin/voterreg.app.pdf

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please contact Kathleen Spaulding, Superintendent at 586-758-8333 or email spaulding.kathy@vdps.net

Visit the district's website at
www.vdps.net

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VOTE MAY 6, 2008!

What Is On The May 6th Ballot?

On May 6, 2008 voters in the Van Dyke Public Schools district will be asked to support a bond issue to provide improvements to district facilities.

How Was This Plan Developed?

The development of the Bond 2008 was a community-wide effort involving parents, teachers, board members, administrative staff and other community members. Vision planning sessions were held to solicit input from the community regarding facility and program needs. The program received approval by the Board on October 15, 2007.

Why Do We Need This?

It is crucial that Van Dyke Public Schools provide facilities that support changing curriculum and expanding technology, ensure our schools remain a competitive choice for our students and proactively respond to the need for enhanced security and safety in our schools. Bond 2008 is designed to:

- Strengthen the safety and security of buildings and grounds
- Maximize use of existing building and sites
- Minimize operational costs
- Contain general fun expenditures
- Provide equitable facilities and opportunities for all students
- Provide Van Dyke with a long-term plan

Major Goals of Bond 2008

- Safety and security upgrades
- Equity of programs and facilities for all students
- Student-focused learning environments
- Adequate support facilities, i.e. cafeteria, gymnasium and media center
- Technology enhancements to support curriculum initiatives
- Address facility needs of the educational community well into the future



“We need to maintain the proud tradition of VDPS, remain competitive with neighboring districts and ensure our students have the resources and tools to secure their futures.”

Improvements at District Buildings

- Security upgrades
- Secured entrances (controlled access)
- Updated fire alarm system
- Improved visitor parking & student drop off areas
- Provide new technology

* Improvements made at Carlson, McKinley, Lincoln Elementary, Lincoln Middle School and Lincoln High School

Carlson, McKinley and Lincoln Elementary School Features

- Upgrade media centers
- Install video surveillance system
- Remodel cafeteria
- New gymnasium
- Remodel bathrooms
- Replace interior doors and hardware
- Heating and cooling upgrades

Lincoln Middle School Features

- Replace corridor lockers
- Remodel art and music rooms
- Heating and cooling upgrades
- Remodel science lab

Lincoln High School Features

- Construct new media center
- Construct new careers center
- Hall lockers
- Remodel locker rooms
- Construct new main gym
- Remodel science labs
- Remodel art and drama areas
- Athletic field improvements



Max Thompson Community Center

- Provide new technology equipment and infrastructure