



Pre-Bond Planning Information Meetings

Monday, May 1, 2023 & Tuesday, May 2, 2023

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Community Outreach

- ❖ TCAPS is considering a bond proposal in 2024. The Board of Education has hired our teams to work closely with TCAPS to complete facility assessments and gather community input regarding future improvements.
- ❖ Long-term master planning for TCAPS is a high priority. As outlined in the Strategic Plan recently created, the Board of Education desires a 3-5 year Facility Plan.



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COMPASS

CRUCIAL OBJECTIVES AND METRICS TO PLAN FOR ACTIONABLE STUDENT SUCCESS

VISION

An educational community providing opportunities and resources to relentlessly support all learners in achieving their full potential.

MISSION

TCAPS educates, inspires, and supports all learners to maximize individual excellence and success.

VALUES

Students First

Prioritizing the needs of all learners

Excellence

Offering a world-class educational experience to all students

Integrity

Operating with honesty, transparency and fairness

Inclusive

Ensuring equitable access and acceptance for all

Success for All

Supporting each learner to maximize their full potential

Leadership

Developing high-quality programs and people through innovation, empathy, and mindfulness

Community

Connecting with each other and our community to serve our students greater

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS 2022-25

- Implement strategies to attract and retain students, leading to sustainable enrollment.
- Engage and collaborate with the community to address resources to the district leading to student success.
- Analyze and improve communication systems to establish a culture of collaboration and transparency.
- Focus on preventing and addressing harassment and bullying to provide a safe and inclusive environment for all students.
- Attract, recruit, and retain a diverse and robust employee workforce to provide a world-class learning environment.
- Develop and implement structures and systems of support to increase mental and emotional health and social well-being.
- Continuous improvement of academic achievement to maximize student success.
- Identify and implement strategies regarding student behavior to maximize learning.
- Provide additional resources and supports for diverse learners so that all students can be successful.
- Develop a 3-5 year facilities plan to provide optimal student learning environments.
- Develop a collaborative plan for the exploration of a Regional Enhancement millage to prioritize safety, security and other operational needs.
- Assess current conditions and identify areas of improvement related to safety and security, using best practices to enhance a healthy and productive school environment.



District Snapshot

Traverse City Area Public Schools (TCAPS) is known for providing the region's widest variety of high-quality academic and extracurricular programs. TCAPS offers multiple world languages, award-winning robotics, music & performing arts programs, and opportunities for students to earn college credit while still in high school.

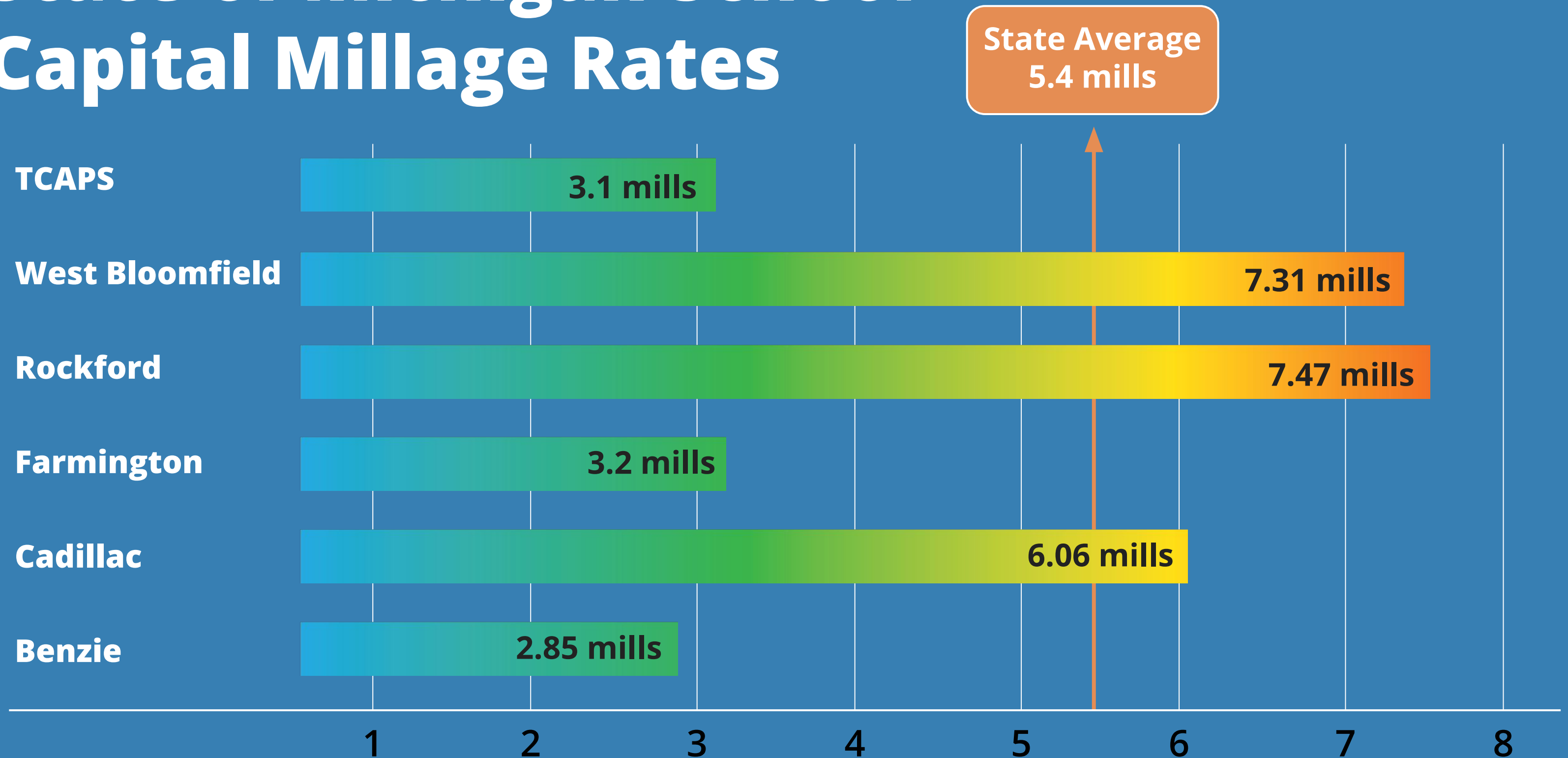
- Total general operating budget \$100 million
- 2nd largest employer in northern Michigan
- \$400 million in assets
- Approximately 9,000 students
- Nearly 300 square mile boundary area
- 16 schools, 4 support buildings
- Approximately 2,100,000 square feet of space

District Financial Highlights

- Current debt millage - 3.1 mills
- Same Rate for over 20 Years
- 40% Lower than State Average of 5.4 Mills
- TCAPS credit rating AA- (S&P Global)
 - Out of 353 school districts in Michigan, this bond rating is in the top 2% of K-12 Public Schools
- TCAPS has received National Recognition from the Association of School Business Officials for *Excellence in Financial Reporting* 18 years in a row



State of Michigan School Capital Millage Rates



*TCAPS' taxes on homeowners are among the lowest in the state.
Capital millages provide funds to pay for improvements identified in the ballot proposal.*



Bond History

- 13 bond or millage campaigns run since 1995
- All but 3 passed with overwhelming support
- All successful requests did not include increases
- 2014 non-homestead renewal passed with 67.4% support
- 2018 Capital Bond passed with 67.07% support
- 2020 Operating millage - headlee restoration passed with 61.96% support





Legal uses of Capital Bond Funds

Bond Proceeds Can Be Used For:

- ☐ Construction of new school buildings & additions to existing buildings
- ☐ Remodeling of buildings or infrastructure
- ☐ Purchasing school buses
- ☐ Purchasing technology (with certain limitations)
- ☐ Energy conservation improvements
- ☐ Asbestos abatement
- ☐ Purchasing land
- ☐ Developing/improving sites
- ☐ Developing/improving athletic facilities
- ☐ Purchasing loose furnishings & equipment

Bond Proceeds Cannot Be Used For:

- ☐ Employee salaries, benefits, or professional development
- ☐ General operating repairs, parts, labor, maintenance, or maintenance contracts
- ☐ **Textbooks/Curriculum**
- ☐ Student supplies, office supplies, or instructional materials
- ☐ Automobiles, trucks, or vans
- ☐ Uniforms
- ☐ Technology software systems or subscription services
- ☐ Computer training, consulting or professional service



Capital Bond Projects Summary



Safety & Security

- Nearly 90% of school buildings have been renovated to include Secure Entry/Vestibules
- e911 Plan and Signage
- Lockdown Notification Systems
- Cameras

Technology

- Short Throw Projectors
- Chromebooks

Transportation

- School Buses
- Bus Parking Lot & Bus Wash

Thirlby Field

- Site Upgrades
- Sound and Lighting
- Turf Replacement
- Digital Scoreboard

Elementary Projects

- New Construction of TCAPS Montessori
- New Classroom and Cafeteria Furniture
- Classroom Additions & Renovations
- Library Renovations
- Playground Fencing
- Playground Equipment
- Walk-in Freezers
- Parking Lot Improvements

Middle School Projects

- Tennis Court Renovations
- Paging Upgrades
- Classroom Studio Renovations
- Additions and Renovations
- Bus Drive Improvements
- Interior Renovations (Art Rooms)
- Athletic Field Irrigation
- New Classroom & Cafeteria Furniture

High School Projects

- Cooling Tower Replacement
- Auditorium Upgrades
- Athletics Improvements
 - Parking Lot
 - Track Fencing
 - Dugout Roofing
 - Weight Room
- Library Renovations
- New Classroom Furniture
- Cafeteria Furniture
- Corridor Extensions
- STEM Renovations

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SECURE ENTRANCE VESTIBULES

Silver Lake Elementary



Long Lake Elementary



Cherry Knoll Elementary

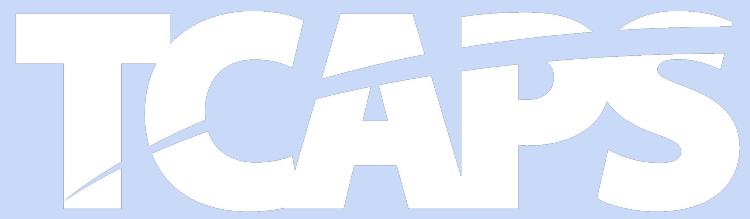


Traverse City High School



Courtade Elementary





West Senior High Library
Renovations



Central High School Corridor
Extension



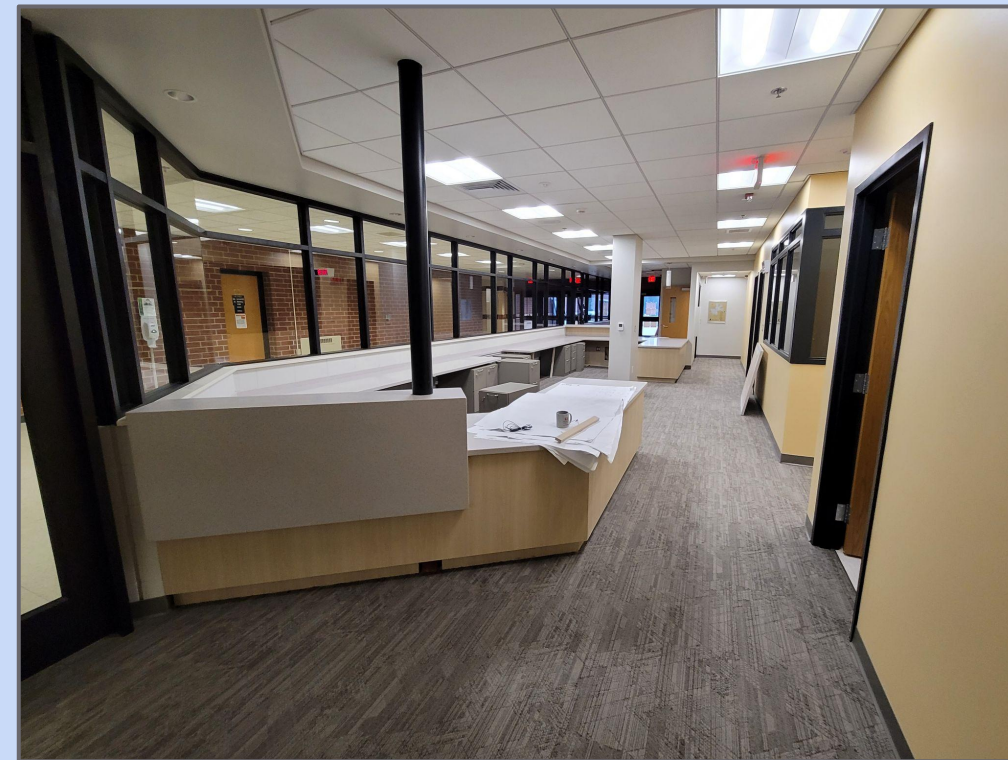
Westwoods Classroom Addition



TCAPS Montessori -
Grand Opening June 6



East Middle School Office/Entry



Trojan Athletic Complex





Stay updated with the latest bond information:

Visit the TCAPS Bond Webpage: www.tcaps.net/bond

Learn about Completed Bond Projects and Projects Currently Underway:
www.tcaps.net/bond (Completed and Current Bond Projects)

Attend or view Board of Education meetings: www.tcaps.net/board
(live stream available on the TCAPS website or Channel 190)

Board of Education meeting schedule: www.tcaps.net/board (Board Calendar)

Board of Education Retreat - August 16, 2023

- Summary report of the completed assessments
- Survey data
- Feedback from informational sessions
- All Board of Education meetings include the opportunity for Public Comment

TCAPS Pre-Bond Planning Timeline



3/6/23 - 5/1/23

4/17/23 - 5/16/23

4/24/23 - 8/16/23

8/16/23

8/16/23 - 1/16/24

Facility and Programming Assessments

- Develop facility condition assessment reports
- Building tours
- Condition assessment visits

Community Outreach

- Develop surveys
- Staff, Parent, and Community Meetings

Bond Programming and Planning

- Develop facility improvement lists
- Develop cost estimates

Board of Education Retreat

- Review facilities report and lists with Board Members
- Public welcome to attend and share feedback

Ballot Language, Election Date, and Total Dollar Amount

- Ballot question language prepared
- Determine election date
- Board finalizes dollar amount to be presented to voters on ballot



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How do I provide input?

Survey is available on the TCAPS website:

www.tcaps.net/bond

Computers available to take the survey now

Computers are set up with the survey pre-loaded

Paper copies of the survey

Paper copies of the survey are available

Email address for further comments:

TCAPS2024Bond@DHAE.com





GREAT COMMUNITY, GREAT SCHOOLS

thanks for participating!

Your opinion matters in this process.
TCAPS needs your feedback to make
the most informed decisions possible.

