

2025 BOND PROPOSAL

Vote Tuesday, May 6!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BOND INFORMATION

Q: Why is the District proposing a bond on the May 6th, ballot?

A: Redford Union Schools is dedicated to equipping our students with the tools for success in a safe and stimulating learning environment. To further this mission, the District is proposing a \$44.375 million bond program on the May 6 ballot, which comes with a **ZERO TAX-RATE INCREASE**.

Q: What is on the May 6, 2025, ballot?

A: There is one Redford Union Schools' bond proposal on the May 6th ballot. The proposal asks voters to consider a **ZERO TAX-RATE INCREASE** \$44.375 million program for District-wide improvements, including District-wide infrastructure work, site work, instructional technology, and HVAC systems, Secondary Campus (RUJH & RUHS) restroom renovations, and infrastructure work & interior renovations at Beech Elementary.

Q: What are the bond program highlights?

A: Projects identified in the ballot proposal are allocated across the following major focus areas:

1. District-wide Infrastructure Work

- Projects Include: Roofing & Flooring, Restroom Renovations at Secondary Campus, Windows, and more.

2. Infrastructure Work at Beech

- Projects Include: Interior Hallway Flooring, New Interior Ceilings, Cafeteria Upgrades, and more.

3. Site Work

- Projects Include: Parking Lots, Sidewalks, Fencing, and more.

4. Instructional Technology

- Projects Include: Computers, Visual Boards, Classroom Equipment, and more.

5. HVAC

- Projects Include: Temperature Controls, Boiler Pumps, Exhaust Fans, and more.

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Q: How are Michigan Schools Funded?

A: The state of Michigan provides funding to school districts on a per-pupil basis, based on the cost to educate the average pupil per year. The state of Michigan DOES NOT provide funding to address facilities, which are funded exclusively through local property taxes. There are two ways that school districts can raise money for facility improvements: levying sinking funds and selling bonds.

Q: What can the proceeds generated by the bond program be used for? And what can they not be used for?

A: Bond proceeds CAN be used for construction and remodeling of facilities, purchase of technology equipment and infrastructure, purchase of equipment and furniture, and site improvements.

Bond proceeds CANNOT be used for staff salaries and wages, general operating expenses, repairs, and maintenance, classroom supplies and textbooks, and administrative costs.

Q: What happens if this bond does not pass?

A: Failure to approve the bond proposal would mean the Redford Union Schools would have to delay much-needed improvements and enhancements. In addition, emergency improvements would have to be paid for with general operating funds that would otherwise go to support educational programs for students as well as needed staff positions and/or staff compensation. It is also likely that program enhancements would be put on hold, potentially impacting opportunities and programs for our students.

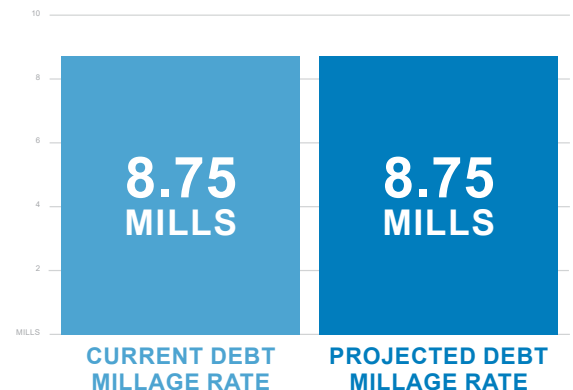
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Q: How much money would the Zero Tax-Rate Increase proposal generate?

A: The Zero Tax-Rate Increase proposal would generate \$44.375 million.

Q: Will my taxes increase if I vote yes?

A: The RUSD 2021 bond proposal is a **Zero Tax-Rate Increase** proposal. This means the current 8.75 mills the District levies per household **would not change**. The bond would allow the RUSD to fund proposed projects and keep general fund dollars in the classrooms.



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Q: Will taxes change for senior members in the community?

A: Property tax costs may be lower for senior citizens or households with incomes below a certain level that qualify for the Homestead Property Tax Credit. For more information, please visit www.legislature.mi.gov/publications/ServicesforSeniors.html.

VOTING INFORMATION

Q: What will the ballot language read, on the May 6th ballot?

A: Below is a breakdown of the ballot language.

Shall Redford Union School District No. 1, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Forty Four Million Three Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$44,375,000) and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds therefore, for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of:

Remodeling and equipping or reequipping school buildings, including structures, and athletic fields, or parts of those facilities; refurbishing remodeled school buildings; preparing, developing, or improving sites, or parts of sites, for school buildings, including parking lots and athletic fields; acquiring, installing, and equipping or reequipping school buildings for technology?

YES NO

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in the year 2025, under current law, is 1.06 mills (\$1.06 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mill net increase over the previous year's levy. The bonds may be issued in series, with thirty (30) years as the maximum number of years that any series of the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 4.69 mills (\$4.69 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district currently has \$52,790,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and \$0 of qualified loans outstanding under the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program. The school district does not expect to borrow from the program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditures of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

\$44.375 Million Bond

RUS would sell bonds totaling \$44.375 million for identified projects.

**Infrastructure Work,
Site Work, Instructional
Technology, & HVAC Systems**

Improve facilities and programs across the district.

Zero Tax-Rate Increase

Voters' tax rate would not change if the bond passes.

Bond funds can only be used for the physical improvements as defined in the brochure.

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Q: How do I register to vote?

A: Visit <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/> to register to vote online.

Q: Who is eligible to register to vote?

A: To vote in the May 6, 2025, school election, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen;
- At least 18 years of age by election day;
- A resident of Michigan and the designated Redford Union Schools portion of Redford Township for at least 30 days (when you vote); and
- Registered to vote.

Q: Where do I vote?

A: To find where your voting precinct is located visit Michigan.gov/vote or contact the [Township Clerk's Office](#).

Q: How can someone obtain an absentee voter ballot?

A: Registered voters need to complete and submit an application to receive their absentee voter ballot. To vote by mail, fill out and sign the application, then return it to your local clerk. For help finding your local clerk's address, visit www.michigan.gov/sos.

Absentee voter ballots are available for the May 6th election day starting March 27 through May 6, 2025.

Q: What are the important dates leading up to election day?

A: The last day for voters to register by mail is April 21, 2025. Voters may register in person through May 6, 2025, with the required documentation.

Absentee voter ballots are available as early as March 27 until May 6, 2025.

Q: Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

A: For more information visit www.redfordu.k12.mi.us

You are also welcome to contact Superintendent Jasen Witt at wittj@redfordu.k12.mi.us or 313-242-6001