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**PORT HURON SCHOOLS RALLIES BEHIND NEW PROPOSAL; REQUESTS
COMMUNITY INPUT**

Port Huron Schools Will Return to Election Ballot in August with Revised Bond Request

PORT HURON, Mich. — A special board of education meeting this morning at Port Huron Schools approved the district to return to the ballot on August 2, 2016. Voters will be asked to consider a revised single-proposal request on the ballot.

“The community has spoken and Port Huron Schools respects the voter’s voice,” said Superintendent Jamie Cain. “However, our needs have not changed and facilities continue to age. During the recent campaign, our district participated in over 80 community events and countless conversations in person, with the local press and on our social media, regarding the pros and cons of our recent proposals. We have analyzed and reflected on all of this input from stakeholders and are submitting a new proposal to our community in August.”

Realizations:

1. We heard that our community did not want us to stop advocating for kids. We have revised our proposal and are returning urgently to our voters with a new “ask.”
2. We heard that constructing two new buildings and reopening another caused concerns. The revised proposal creates an addition to meet our needs with no new builds or reopening of closed buildings.
3. We heard that \$153 million was too much money. The revised proposal is \$105.9 million.
4. We heard that two proposals were confusing to some. Although they were intended to give voters a choice, the revised proposal is simply one question.
5. We heard that 3.44 mills were too much of an increase to ask all at one time. The revised proposal is less by nearly half at 1.74 mills.
6. We heard that the vision is supported, and we will continue to achieve our goals, but intend to accomplish them differently.

We are not finished listening and continue to gather more input, while working on the finite details of the new proposal. Over the next month we are very interested in hearing more from our community ... especially those who did not support Port Huron Schools in May. We will do this through small and large group discussions and allowing all stakeholders to provide feedback in a survey:

[Community Survey Re: PHSchools Bond](#)

How does the August Bond compare to the recent May Bond:

Maintained	Building Safety and Security
Maintained	Energy and Efficiency
Maintained	Environment / Climate Control



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- Maintained Classrooms (lighting, ceiling tiles, windows, paint, bathrooms, flooring, etc.)
- Maintained Enlarged Kindergarten rooms
- Maintained Science Renovations MS & HS
- Maintained STEAM Labs MS & HS

- Reduced \$153 Million Proposal by nearly a third by achieving our collective vision differently
- Reduced Technology (second series of personal technology purchases eliminated)
- Revised Early Childhood Center (not free standing - major addition to McKinley Center)
- Revised Proposal 2 Infrastructure Needs Almost Entirely Eliminated from this bond (postponed incl. elevators, roofs, boilers, etc.)
- Revised Classroom furnishings
- Revised Site Safety and Security (including parking lots and sidewalks)
- Reduced 6.05 mills to 4.24 mills taking us from last to 2nd from last in the county
- Reduced Taxable yearly impact from \$160.00 to \$78.30 (based on \$90,000 home market value)

- Eliminated Program at Lakeport (building remains closed, magnet/accelerated programming will be housed at existing schools)
- Eliminated New Construction of Flexible Instructional Spaces (media centers will be maximized as flexible instructional spaces)
- Eliminated New School in Kimball

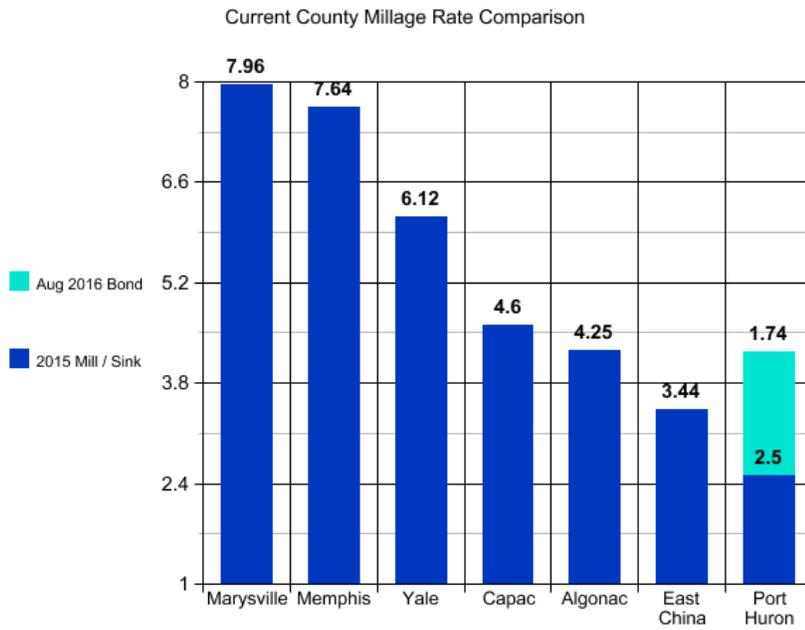
August 2, 2016 Election

Although the May election did not pass, our district is incredibly proud and encouraged by the amount of support that was earned. Our community is certainly informed and motivated to continue the pursuit of an answer to the district's current financial, facility and program shortcomings. We have positive momentum and our entire community is educated about the challenges and realities of our district more than ever before. We want to continue the dialogue to increase support of the vision for our district and community. We feel the timeline for this is pressing and urgent. We also feel the community should have the ability to focus on this issue exclusively, rather than considering it with other partisan, political issues that accompany a presidential election. This ballot in August is about our schools and community.

Updated monthly tax increase for August 2 proposal versus May 3 two-proposal Bond:

Market Value of Your Home	Taxable Value of Your Home	May 2016 Bond Estimated Monthly Increase	Aug 2016 Bond Estimated Monthly Increase
\$50,000	\$25,000	\$7.39	\$3.63
\$90,000	\$45,000	\$13.32	\$6.53
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$14.79	\$7.25
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$29.59	\$14.50
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$44.38	\$21.75

Updated county millage comparison with revised August 2 proposal, which adds 1.74 mills for a new PHS total of 4.24 if approved:



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