

**UNOFFICIAL LIST OF PROPOSALS**  
**05/07/2024 - MAY CONSOLIDATED**  
**BERRIEN (11)**

**COLOMA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSAL**

**I. COLOMA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall Coloma Community Schools, Berrien and Van Buren Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twelve Million Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$12,480,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of:

remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and reequipping school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology; and preparing, developing, and improving sites, including demolishing the North Building?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2024 is 0.90 mill (\$0.90 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.43 mills (\$1.43 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$10,760,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure 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.)

**II. COLOMA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall Coloma Community Schools, Berrien and Van Buren Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eleven Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$11,900,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

equipping, preparing, developing, and improving sites, including demolishing the Alwood gymnasium and replacing the playground; erecting, equipping, and furnishing a new gymnasium to replace the Alwood gymnasium; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings, including air conditioning in classrooms; and acquiring and installing instructional technology?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2024 is 0.85 mill (\$0.85 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.34 mills (\$1.34 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$10,760,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure 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.)

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**LAKESHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSAL**

LAKESHORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SINKING FUND MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the building and site sinking fund millage that expires with the 2024 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate of 1.4734 mills (\$1.4734 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) which may be assessed against all property in Lakeshore Public Schools, Berrien County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2025 to 2034, inclusive, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2025 is approximately \$1,442,700 (this is a renewal of millage authorized for the same purposes that will expire with the 2024 tax levy)?

**ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSAL**

ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL

Shall St. Joseph Public Schools, Berrien County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Ninety-Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$98,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

remodeling, making security improvements to, erecting additions to, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school buildings; purchasing school buses; acquiring a school building; and equipping, developing and improving playgrounds, play fields, athletic fields and facilities, parking areas, driveways and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2024 is 2.56 mills (\$2.56 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a 1.95 mills net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-five (25) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.24 mills (\$3.24 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

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**BRANDYWINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSAL**

**BRANDYWINE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDING PROPOSAL**

Shall Brandywine Community Schools, Berrien and Cass Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Two Million Dollars (\$22,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

Erecting, completing, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and re-equipping additions to school buildings and other facilities; remodeling, completing, furnishing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings and other facilities; constructing, developing, improving, equipping and re-equipping athletic facilities, playgrounds and play fields; acquiring, installing, or equipping or reequipping school buildings and other facilities for technology; and preparing, developing and improving school sites, including the following projects:

- Erecting, completing, remodeling, furnishing and equipping secured entrances at school buildings and other facilities;
- Erecting, completing, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and re-equipping a new Performing Arts Center;
- Erecting, completing, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and re-equipping an addition to the gymnasium at Merritt Elementary;
- Erecting, completing, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and re-equipping a new Career Technical Education center;
- Erecting, completing, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and re-equipping athletic facilities and play fields, including a new baseball field and field turf at the football/soccer field;
- Completing, remodeling, resurfacing and equipping the athletic track; and
- Preparing, developing and improving school sites, including parking lot improvements.

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2024, is 0.7 mills (\$0.70 on each estimated \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a zero mill increase from the 2023 levy. The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is eighteen (18) years. The estimated simple average millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.85 mills (\$2.85 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

Pursuant to State law, expenditure 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.