



EXCITING NEWS about the Kent City Schools

No New Tax Bond Issue on the March 17, 2020 ballot!

What you need to know:

Because bonds issued over 20 years ago to construct Stanton Middle School and make renovations to Roosevelt High School and Davey Elementary are maturing, Kent Schools is taking advantage of this opportunity for our district and our community to make much needed improvements to all our schools at no new cost to the taxpayer. This approximately \$25 million bond issue would NOT raise taxes for our homeowners.

Representatives of ThenDesign Architecture (TDA) and Hammond Construction, firms with experience in school-related renovation projects across the state, provided recommendations and cost estimates to the Board of Education for each project.

As we put together our 2019-2024 Strategic Plan, we asked our community for input. Our Kent residents made it clear that they saw the immediate necessity to keep our students safe and maintain the community's investment in our schools. The survey results showed the need for improvements in safety and security across the district, as well as upgrades to modernize school buildings and facilities.

Projects include:

1. Improve Safety and Security in all our schools (Est. Cost= \$5,957,787)

- Entry vestibules (Each school will have increased security during the day.)
- Exterior LED lighting (Lighting upgrades will provide security and be cost effective.)
- Redesigned traffic/circulation/parking on secondary campus (Student/visitor vehicle and pedestrian safety will be increased.)
- Additional Davey and Roosevelt parking (Increased safety by parking closer to the building.)
- Building access controls (Electronic access will provide increased security.)

2. Improve Instructional Environment (Est. Cost= \$6,431,463)

- Air conditioning in all elementary and high school classrooms (Stanton Middle School is already air conditioned.)
- LED classroom lighting
- Replace elementary gym flooring in rooms used for instruction, cafeteria and assemblies
- Walls classroom addition and Roosevelt multipurpose room
- Davey and Stanton flooring upgrades
- Stanton roof upgrade

3. Improve Performing Arts and Athletic Facilities

(Est. Cost Roosevelt= \$6,731,597) (Est. Cost District Facilities= \$6,069,153)

- Richard Roberts auditorium renovation
- Roosevelt gym expansion
- Stadium upgrades with turf and fieldhouse
- Natatorium renovation

Who will benefit from Performing Arts and Athletic Facilities renovations?

➔ **Auditorium:** Elementary Performances, SMS Band/Choir/Orchestra, RHS Band/Choirs/Orchestra/Drama and Musicals, School Assemblies, Student Recognitions, Community Events and Rentals

➔ **Roosevelt Gym Expansion:** Physical Education Classes, Athletic Practices & Contests (Varsity, Junior Varsity and Ninth Grade), School Assemblies, Band Extravaganza, Parks & Recreation, Kent Community Expo, Craft Shows, Homecoming Dance and Prom, Student/Community Fundraising Events

➔ **Stadium Upgrades:** Physical Education Classes, Athletic Practices and Contests (Varsity, Junior Varsity and Ninth Grade), Athletic Healthcare Program, Marching Band Practice and Performance, SMS Football Games, Kent Youth Football and Cheer, Off-season Practices, Improved Concession and Expanded Restroom Facilities

➔ **Natatorium:** Swimming & Diving Team Practice and Competitions, Off-season Conditioning, Seariders Youth Swimming, Community Swimming Lessons and Water Programming, Parks and Recreation Summer Swimming Programs

