

OPEN LETTER TO WHITE CLOUD PUBLIC SCHOOL VOTERS

Absentee ballots will be available for our school district's May 3 bond election on or before March 19. In case you decide to cast an absentee vote, I want to make sure that you have the information you need to make a decision about the proposal that is on the ballot.

The primary purpose of the election is to enhance student safety and educational opportunities while assuring that the classroom learning environment is up-to-date and that our schools and school facilities are in good repair. The bond proposal is designed to positively impact all of our students and all of our schools.

The bond proposal projects fall into five general areas:

1. Improving student safety and school security
2. Upgrading instructional technology and technology infrastructure
3. Upgrading building infrastructure to improve energy efficiency and reduce operating costs
4. Reconstructing the track and replacing large band
5. Improving parking areas and site lighting

A complete list of all the projects in the bond proposal appears on the school district's website, www.whitecloud.net. All bond proposal projects have been approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

This bond proposal is on the ballot to assure that White Cloud Public School's instructional program remains up-to-date, that the learning environment is safe and secure, and that our schools and educational facilities remain a source of pride for the people they serve. Below is an estimate on cost.

1.25 mill increase (\$1.25 on each \$1,000 of TAXABLE valuation)			
Assessed Value	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
Cost Per Year	\$31.25	\$62.50	\$93.75
Cost Per Month	\$2.60	\$5.20	\$7.80
Cost Per Day	\$0.09	\$0.17	\$0.26

In this election every vote is really important. Please make sure you vote on May 3rd at the polls or any time after March 19 by absentee ballot. If you expect to be out of town on Election Day; or, if you are 60 years of age or older; or, if you are unable to vote without assistance at the polls; or, if you cannot attend the polls due to religious reasons, you can vote by absentee ballot. After March 19 you can go to the Clerk's Office where you reside, complete your application, AND vote--all in one stop. The whole process takes less than five minutes.

If you have questions or need more information, please call any White Cloud principal, or you may call me (231/689-6591).

Thank you.

Barry Seabrook
Superintendent of Schools