

# EAGLE EYE

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## Mason Consolidated Schools Bond Proposal 2025 Addressing Critical Needs

This **May 6**, voters in the Mason Consolidated Schools district will be asked to consider a **16-million-dollar bond**.

Back in 2021, our administration and Board of Education launched a new initiative to guide Mason Consolidated Schools through a three- to five-year **Strategic Plan** to help develop new goals and strategies for excellent education and to create a shared vision for the future. A survey was held for all of Eagle Nation's voices to be heard.

Over 500 responses came in across the community, staff, parents, and the students themselves. The results in the Operations category were pretty clear: when asked about barriers to improvement, "poor facilities" was named. When asked for needs for the district, "updated/new facilities" was listed. And when asked what their vision for our district was, Eagle Nation cited "pride in grounds and cleanliness."

The Strategic Plan became the road map to planning for the future at Mason, which led us to this Bond. Another survey was held for all of Eagle Nation last October, giving our community the opportunity to share their input once again. This time, the survey focused on gathering feedback on options developed

from the essential and priority needs identified in our extensive facilities study. Respondents were given **four different facility improvement options** and were asked for their honest answers and opinions.

Option 2 was supported by respondents and ultimately chosen by our School Board to pursue this May. It focuses solely on **addressing critical facility needs and maintenance upgrades**; essential repairs similar to those you'd make in your own home to keep things running smoothly!

The bond will only focus on these critical needs in our district, with no bells or whistles. Infrastructure needs like upgrades to the wastewater treatment system, electrical systems, and transformers are essential; these have caused school closures and disrupted learning in the past. This bond will also allow us to remove asbestos, upgrade the fire alarm systems, and create secure vestibules, reducing direct access to hallways and classrooms. More improvements include fresh-air ventilation units, a requirement for Michigan schools, along with temperature controls and necessary boilers and pumps to provide a consistent, comfortable learning environment. We'll also replace necessary roofing, windows, and install LED lighting in the middle school, as well as essential ceiling tiles in the middle and high schools.

Our buildings are over 60 years old; Central Elementary was built in 1953, Mason Middle School was built in 1954, and Mason Senior High in 1960. Much of the mechanical equipment is beyond its lifespan; these upgrades will ensure a secure, energy-efficient learning environment for our students, while preserving our tradition of excellence.

**Help us to keep Eagle Nation: Your Destination!**

For full survey results and for more information, see our Bond website at:

[eriamason.k12.mi.us/bond-proposal-may-2025](http://eriamason.k12.mi.us/bond-proposal-may-2025).



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At a Glance:

What:

A bond proposal for Mason Consolidated Schools to address critical facility needs.

How Much:

\$16 million  
2.69 mills

When:

May 6, 2025

Where:

Erie: Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. (only polling location in Erie)  
Luna Pier: Luna Pier Fire Hall, 4268 Luna Pier Rd.  
LaSalle: LaSalle Township Hall, 4109 LaPlaisance Rd.  
Bedford: Bedford Township Hall, 8100 Jackman Rd.



How would the bond proposal impact my property taxes?

Listed below is estimated to be 2.69 mills on each \$1,000 of taxable value. The approximate annual cost will depend on the taxable value of your home. We have provided below some examples of what 2.69 mills would cost annually on different taxable values.

**The taxable value should be 50% or less of the market value of the property.**

Taxable Value*	Market Value	Annual Cost
\$50,000	\$100,000	\$134.50
\$75,000	\$150,000	\$201.75
\$100,000	\$200,000	\$269.00
\$125,000	\$250,000	\$336.25
\$150,000	\$300,000	\$403.50
\$200,000	\$400,000	\$538.00
\$250,000	\$500,000	\$672.50

*\*Taxable value is approximately half of market value.*

Calculate Your Cost

Scan this QR code for a tax calculator that estimates the impact of this bond on your annual tax bill.



Important Election Dates

Vote Tuesday, May 6, 2025! Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

Deadlines:

- » To register to vote by mail or online, the deadline is April 21, 2025.
- » After April 21, voter registration must be done in person with their local clerk.
- » In-person voter registration is available until 8:00pm on Election Day!
- » Absentee ballots will be available March 27, 2025.
- » The last day a clerk can mail absentee voter ballots is May 2, 2025.
- » After May 2, voters can request an absentee ballot in person with their local clerk.

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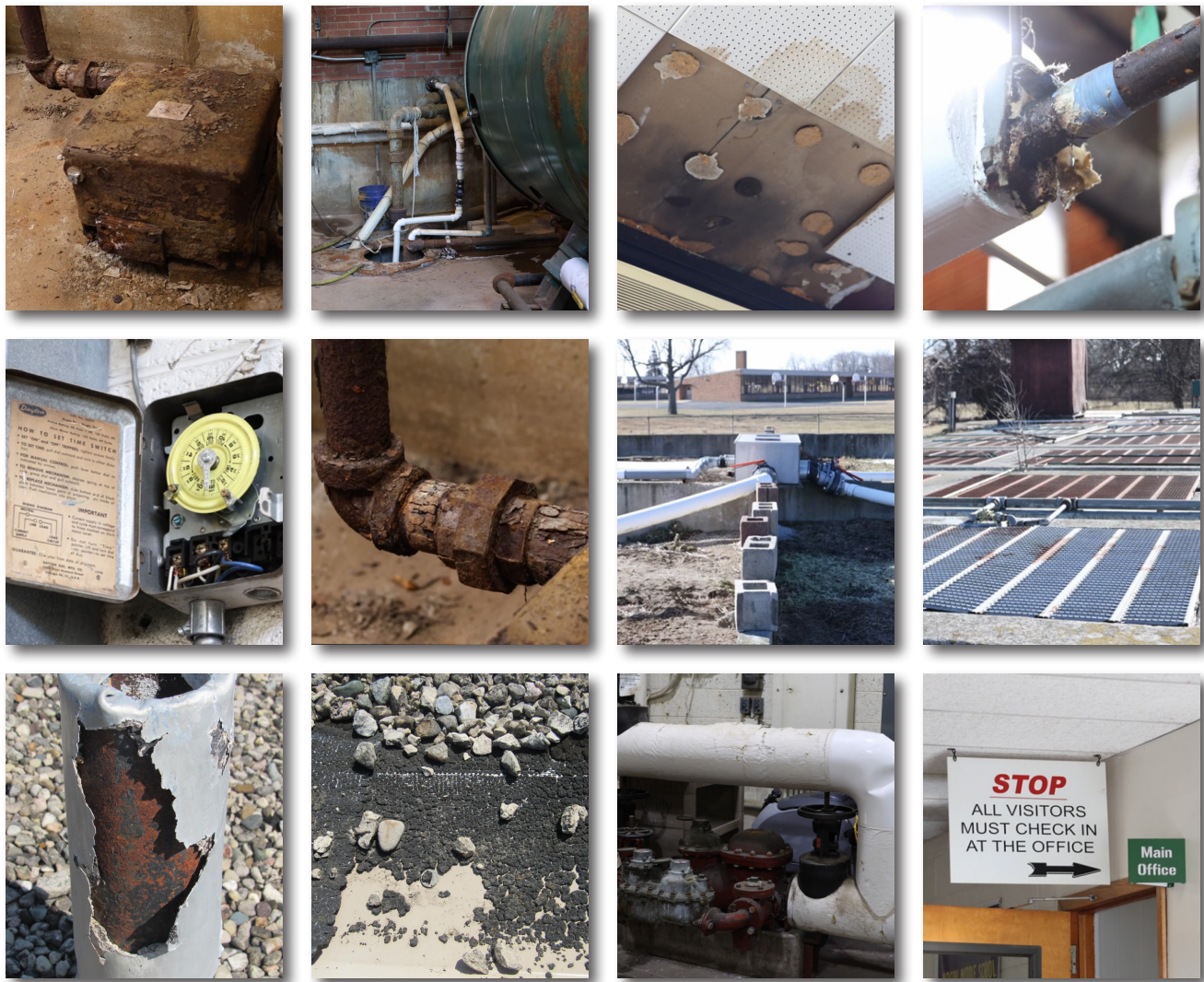
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# Bond Information Meetings

**March 18, 2025**

**April 24, 2025**

Walking tour begins at 4:45pm.  
Panel discussion follows at 6:00pm.

Join us at Mason Central Elementary School for a walking tour of our school buildings followed by a panel discussion about our upcoming May 6, 2025 bond proposal. Hear from our Operations Director, Architect, Construction Manager, Financial Advisor, and district leaders as they talk about the bond and the work to be done.