

What is this bond proposal?

The Brighton Area Schools community will have the opportunity to consider a bond proposal at an election to be held on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**. If approved, the proposal would authorize the district to borrow \$156,285,000 million for building and site improvements to address identified and ongoing capital projects based on facility assessments, community surveys, and community focus group feedback. If the bonds are issued, it is estimated that the district's overall debt millage levied in 2026 would increase by 1.08 mills from 2025 levels, restoring the millage to 4.00, but **below the 2024 debt millage rate of 6.19**.



2026 Bond Proposal Information



VOTE ON OR BEFORE

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Absentee ballots available March 26, 2026

How would the bond proposal impact my property taxes?

Brighton Area Schools currently levies 2.92 mills of overall debt millage. If the May 2026 bond proposal is approved by voters and the bonds are issued, it is estimated that the district's overall debt millage levied in 2026 would return to 4.00 mills, which is **below the 2024 levels of 6.19 mills**. The following chart calculations are based on the estimated net millage increase of 1.08 mills:



Calculate your estimated tax impact

Use your phone camera to scan this QR code or go to the BAS website and click on the **Tax Calculator** link:

bit.ly/BASBond2026

HOME MARKET VALUE	HOME TAXABLE VALUE	YEARLY COST	MONTHLY COST	DAILY COST
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$108.00	\$9.00	\$0.30
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$162.00	\$13.50	\$0.44
\$400,000	\$200,000	\$216.00	\$18.00	\$0.59
\$500,000	\$250,000	\$270.00	\$22.50	\$0.74

NOTE: If taxpayer qualifies for the State Homestead Property Tax Credit, the "net" tax rate could be less than shown above. Talk to your tax preparer to see if you qualify.



Brighton taxpayers paid 7.19 mills for bond debt from 2012 to 2022. In 2019, voters approved new bonds that extended the 7.19 debt mills, but because of interest rates, payment schedules, and property values, rates for Brighton debt taxes dropped to 2.92 mills in winter 2026. The May 5, 2026 ballot proposal, if approved, would increase the debt millage by an estimated 1.08 mills resulting in a net 4 mills for taxpayers. **This remains 3.19 mills below the the net debt millage after bond approval in 2019**, while also allowing our district to address the needs and opportunity areas presented in this bond. 4 mills remains the lowest debt millage of the Livingston County School Districts and, historically, Brighton's debt levy is as low as it has been since 1987.

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE bit.ly/BASBond2026

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to visit the BAS website for more information and FAQs.



Questions?

Contact
Superintendent, Matthew Outlaw
outlawm@brightonk12.com





Why a bond proposal now?

The 2026 bond proposal is planned to address the currently identified issues over the next nine years – through the year 2035. **Historically low tax rates and the sudden drop of rates from 7.19 mills to 2.92 have created an opportunity to address current and emerging needs, as well as opportunities to move this district forward.**

How does Brighton compare to other similar districts for capital improvement millage rates?

The average combined sinking fund millage and total debt millage levied by similar districts such as Novi, Grosse Pointe, Saline, Troy, and Ann Arbor is **7.10 mills**. If the 2026 bond proposal is approved by voters, it is expected that Brighton Area Schools would maintain a **4.0 mills total debt levy** and remain **below the average** of similar districts.



Important Voting Information



Election Day
Polls are open
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
from 7am - 8pm

Absentee Information

Absentee ballots are available starting **March 26, 2026** at your City or Township Clerk's Office. Contact your local precinct for hours of operation.

Polling locations and absentee ballot information are available at Michigan.gov/vote

Key Projects

This bond proposal would address only the **highest priority projects** as determined by the district and community feedback, with projects that are focused on safety, classroom updates, and replacing building systems that have reached the end of their useful lives:

Hawkins Elementary School

- ✦ Security lockout system
- ✦ Add 2 additional classrooms by:
 - Building a new music classroom
 - Redesigning special education classrooms/Add changing room with ADA Toilet
- ✦ Renovate cafeteria/Friendship Center
- ✦ Replace Selected Flooring
- ✦ ADA accessible walkway to athletic fields

Hilton Elementary School

- ✦ Security lockout system
- ✦ Add 2 additional classrooms and sensory space
- ✦ Build new gymnasium with storage and exterior restrooms
- ✦ Renovate cafeteria
- ✦ Drive loop, parking lot improvements and second well

Horning Elementary School

- ✦ Security lockout system
- ✦ New access road onto Brighton Rd/Parking lot redesign
- ✦ Add 2 additional classrooms
- ✦ Build new gymnasium with storage and exterior restrooms
- ✦ Add sensory room with ADA changing and toilet
- ✦ New office addition with secure vestibule for security
- ✦ Enclose walkways to access back classrooms for safety
- ✦ Replace chiller

Spencer Elementary School

- ✦ Security lockout system
- ✦ Drive loop and parking lot expansion
- ✦ Add 2 additional classrooms
- ✦ Build new gymnasium addition with storage and exterior restrooms
- ✦ Add sensory room with ADA changing and toilet
- ✦ Build office addition with secure vestibule for security
- ✦ Replace chiller and boiler

Maltby Intermediate School

- ✦ Security lockout system
- ✦ New access road onto Brighton Rd/Parking lot redesign
- ✦ Roof replacement with natural lighting for main atrium
- ✦ Remodel science lab sinks, cabinetry, and countertops
- ✦ Additional playground equipment and outdoor learning space
- ✦ Add A/C to the gymnasium
- ✦ Add temperature-controlled orchestra equipment storage
- ✦ Replace classroom furniture
- ✦ Elevator replacement

Scranton Middle School

- ✦ Security lockout system
- ✦ Build an orchestra classroom with temperature-controlled storage
- ✦ Add A/C to the gymnasium and replace bleachers
- ✦ Add parking lot near stadium
- ✦ Build two team rooms in the stadium
- ✦ Update interior restrooms
- ✦ Replace select classroom furniture, casework, and flooring
- ✦ Locker room updates
- ✦ Elevator replacement

Brighton High School

- ✦ Security lockout system
- ✦ Build new bandroom
- ✦ Build or renovate for new orchestra room with temperature-controlled storage
- ✦ Renovate science rooms
- ✦ Add team room in stadium
- ✦ Add A/C in gyms & replace bleachers
- ✦ Update interior locker rooms
- ✦ Add baseball/softball turf, team rooms, and restrooms
- ✦ Roof replacement in select areas
- ✦ Replace sound system in gym and pool scoreboard
- ✦ Renovate stadium press box, digital scoreboard, new sound system
- ✦ Select flooring replacement in classrooms
- ✦ Elevator replacement

Center for Performing Arts

- ✦ Replace theater seating
- ✦ Update dressing rooms
- ✦ Install virtual music shell
- ✦ Upgrade sound, lighting, and camera system
- ✦ Replace elevator

Brighton Education & Community Center (BECC)

- ✦ Security lockout system
- ✦ Select roof replacement
- ✦ Loading dock concrete replacement
- ✦ New corridor doors for security/egress code

Miller Early Childhood Center

- ✦ Security lockout system
- ✦ Parking lot improvements
- ✦ Replace gym floor
- ✦ Replace door glass

Transportation & Maintenance Building

- ✦ Build or renovate to create a centralized scratch kitchen
- ✦ Repair and resurface the bus lot