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# May 6, 2025 Election

On May 6, 2025, the Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools will be asking its residents to vote on the following two ballot items:

- (1) A proposed renewal of the District's NON-HOMESTEAD operating millage levy;
- (2) A proposed BOND for remodeling, construction, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, purchasing buses and improving sites.

**PROPOSAL ONE (A Non-Homestead Tax – would NOT be levied on your primary home)**

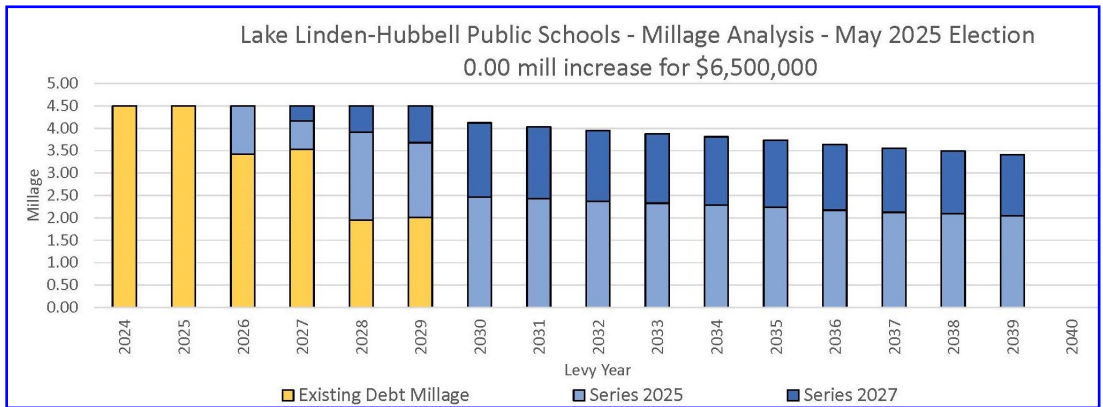
The first proposal will ask voters to **renew** Lake Linden-Hubbell School District's current operating tax rate of 20.7543 mills. Only 18 mills of that rate can ever be levied in a given year, and the rate above 18 mills provides a cushion against possible future millage erosion which occurs when property values rise faster than the rate of inflation. The Lake Linden-Hubbell School District experienced a reduction like this just over three years ago and our District was only able to levy 16.3 mills causing us to lose out on just over \$100,000. So, in 2022, we asked voters to authorize an increase to 21 mills...and they did. That 3 mill cushion has eroded slightly down to the 20.7543 mill level and that's what the District will ask voters to consider on May 6, 2025. Again, this millage is levied only on non-homestead properties, such as second homes, businesses, hunting properties and others located within the school district. It is not levied on owned primary residences or other properties currently exempt from assessment of school millage.

**PROPOSAL TWO**

Proposal Two differs from Proposal One in that, if approved, it would be levied on all property in the District. It would allow the District to issue bonds in the amount of up to \$6,500,000 to be repaid in up to fifteen years. In essence, Proposal Two would continue the current debt levy millage rate of 4.5 mills for a no-mill increase over the District's current year debt levy. The estimated simple average millage required to repay the new bonds is 3.19 mills over the life of the bonds. Of that 4.5 mills, 1.08 mills would be for these new bonds, and the remainder would be for our existing bonds. As the millage needed for the existing debt declines, a bigger portion of that 4.5 mills would be used to repay the proposed new bonds.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Mar. 19** Kindergarten/PreK Registration
- Mar. 24 -30** Spring Break
- April 3** Family Literacy Night
- April 18** Good Friday Holiday
- April 27** Spring Band Concert
- May 3** Prom
- May 23** 2025 Commencement
- May 26** Memorial Day Holiday
- June 5** Half Day Inservice
- June 6** Last Day of School



## Election (Continued)

The District is always striving to provide a safe and comfortable learning environment for all of its students. Earmarked for this potential project are infrastructure and safety improvements. There are three boilers that serve the high school and elementary buildings. Two of them are 33 years old and one is 29 years old. The boiler in the separate Tech Ed building is 27 years old. Age and efficiency are a concern. They are near if not past their intended life expectancy. The elementary building was constructed in 1998 and the windows in it are original to the building. The same concerns as the boilers exist with them. The current security camera system has served us well for many years but is becoming antiquated.

If this bond proposal passes, the District would replace all the aforementioned boilers with modern, high efficiency systems, replace all of the windows in the elementary building, replace the entire security camera system, implement a new secure entry in the elementary building, remodel the first and second floor bathrooms in the elementary, remodel the second floor bathrooms in the high school, create an outdoor classroom/observatory near the water, construct a 2,500 square foot storage building, replace the PA systems in both buildings, install additional lighting on the playground, replace the hot water heaters in the high school, modernize the heating control systems in both buildings, do some renovations to the library and high school chemistry and science labs, replace the phone system throughout the district, purchase computers for K-12, upgrade some older wiring in the high school, replace older wood windows that remain in the high school, purchase some additional kitchen equipment, install security cameras at the bus garage and purchase two new school buses. That is a large portion of what this bond will accomplish if passed.

The election takes place on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. This election is an important one for the Lake Linden-Hubbell School District. We believe that members of our community need and deserve the information necessary in order to cast their vote. Hopefully this newsletter is successful in providing you with a great deal of what you need before you head to the polls in May. There will be more communication forthcoming and you can also visit our website at [www.lakelinden.k12.mi.us](http://www.lakelinden.k12.mi.us) for this information and any updates that may come along regarding the proposals. I also extend a personal invitation to each of you to call me at (906) 296-6211, or stop into my office if you would like more information or have questions. We need to continue to work together for the improvement of the school and our community and I look forward to doing so with each of you.

Sincerely,

Brad Codere  
Superintendent/6-12 Principal

Taxable Value Growth History		
Year	Value	% Change
2024	\$156,027,705	8.23%
2023	144,116,023	6.72%
2022	135,045,055	5.95%
2021	127,464,859	4.43%
2020	122,057,771	3.64%
2019	117,768,044	
5-yr Average Growth Rate		5.79%

Levy	July Only
Millage Impact	
Projected	4.50
Current	4.50
Net Incr.	0.00

### ESTIMATED MILLAGE NEEDED TO RETIRE BONDED DEBT

Tax Year	Fiscal Year	Existing UT Debt	Series 2025		Series 2027		Proposed and Existing UT Debt	Projected Tax Base	Growth Rate	Mills Needed All Qualified Debt
			\$2,505,000	\$4,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$4,000,000				
2024	2025	\$682,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$702,125	\$156,027,705	8.23%	4.50	
2025	2026	680,200	122,656	0	0	726,699	161,488,675	3.50%	4.50	
2026	2027	672,000	166,000	0	0	748,500	166,333,335	3.00%	4.50	
2027	2028	668,200	166,000	86,747	770,955	171,323,335	171,323,335	3.00%	4.50	
2028	2029	383,600	346,000	103,750	794,084	176,463,035	176,463,035	3.00%	4.50	
2029	2030	374,400	303,530	148,750	817,505	181,756,926	181,756,926	3.00%	4.50	
2030	2031	0	457,513	306,883	758,509	185,392,065	185,392,065	2.00%	4.09	
2031	2032	0	459,855	303,375	757,876	189,099,906	189,099,906	2.00%	4.01	
2032	2033	0	456,575	304,660	755,990	192,881,904	192,881,904	2.00%	3.92	
2033	2034	0	457,880	305,530	758,281	196,739,542	196,739,542	2.00%	3.85	
2034	2035	0	458,563	305,985	759,504	200,674,333	200,674,333	2.00%	3.78	
2035	2036	0	458,623	306,025	759,695	204,687,820	204,687,820	2.00%	3.71	
2036	2037	0	453,060	305,650	753,853	208,781,576	208,781,576	2.00%	3.61	
2037	2038	0	452,083	304,860	752,217	212,957,207	212,957,207	2.00%	3.53	
2038	2039	0	455,483	303,655	754,515	217,216,352	217,216,352	2.00%	3.47	
2039	2040	0	453,053	302,035	750,542	221,560,679	221,560,679	2.00%	3.39	
2040	2041	0	0	0	0	225,991,892	225,991,892	2.00%	0.00	
			\$3,461,000	\$5,666,871	\$3,387,904	\$12,120,851				

[1] Includes capitalized interest for all or a portion of the May 1, 2026 and May 1, 2028 payments; subject to change  
 [2] Mills to be levied are estimated, subject to change based on final interest rates and future taxable value growth

## Attendance Goals

The Lake Linden-Hubbell Schools is focused on achieving a student attendance rate of 95% or higher. Regular school attendance provides significant benefits for your child:

- ◆ Higher academic performance
- ◆ Improved social skills
- ◆ Promotes a sense of responsibility
- ◆ Contributes to better future career prospects
- ◆ Develops healthy life habits



March is *National Reading Month* and is celebrated in honor of Dr. Suess's birthday. It is a time to encourage reading and promote a love of books. The Elementary School has a month full of fun reading activities based on the book "8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel divided by 1 Dog = Chaos!"



**MARCH IS READING MONTH**

Students in grades 6-12 are also celebrating reading month with a "Lakes Go Hollywood" theme based on books that were made into movies.

## New Teacher and Program Spotlight

A year ago, Andrew Goldsworthy was spending his days clearing the snow from Lake Linden’s roads and getting ready for the busy spring in the Village as the head of the Public Works Department. This year he is instructing Middle and High School students in the Tech Ed building including the new “Makers Lab” as the Tech Ed teacher. These classes allow students to use the District’s commercial laser cutter/engraver as well as recently updated 3D printers both of which became available due to generous donations from individuals through the Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools Foundation.



According to Mr. Goldsworthy, there really isn’t any limit to what the students can create. Once they come up with an idea and design, then it’s a matter of using the software to tell the machines exactly what they want them to “make.” “The kids were a little hesitant at first,” said Goldsworthy, “but once they started to see some of the projects others and myself made, it really sparked something with them. Now they are using their imaginations and producing some really neat items.”

And what does Mr. Goldsworthy think of his new job? “I was probably more nervous than the kids at the start, but I was absolutely up for the challenge. My goal is to instill common sense and foster creative thinking, all while teaching practical, hands-on life skills that will serve them for years to come. No matter how big or small a project or problem might seem, there’s always a solution or modification that can lead to success. From day one, I’ve told the kids, let’s challenge ourselves—and our projects will speak for themselves.” Welcome aboard Mr. Goldsworthy!



## Strategic Planning

The Lake Linden-Hubbell Schools recently partnered with the Michigan Association of School Boards to create a Strategic Plan for the district.

Strategic planning is an extensive process of bringing together the Board of Education, administration, faculty, staff, parents, students and community members to establish priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations and ensure that we are all working toward common goals.

The Strategic Plan that was developed focuses on four main areas:

- Academics and Programs**
- Learning Environment and Culture**
- Communications and Community Engagement**
- Personnel and Leadership**



For more information or to view the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan Summary, please visit the school website or use the QR code.

## Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts Five New Members

The Lake Linden-Hubbell Schools is proud to announce the 2024 Inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame. The inductees were recognized at a ceremony held on September 14.

Dean Londo  
*Coach 1973-1996*

Kenn Clouthier  
*Athlete 1976-1980*

Andy Crouch  
*Athlete 1988-1992*  
*Coach 1997-2020*

Jamie Koskela  
*Athlete 1989-1993*  
*Coach 2000-2022*

Kenneth Anderson  
*Athlete 1965-1969*



Nominations for the Class of 2025 Athletic Hall of Fame will be due August 1, 2025. Please contact the school for more information.



## Don't Forget to Vote!

Your vote is important! Voting for the May 6, 2025 Election takes place in person from 7 am to 8 pm in the location where you normally vote in local, state and national elections.



Absentee ballots will be available at your local township clerk's office beginning on March 27.

You may register to vote at a Secretary of State's office or your local township clerk's office.

## Athletic Schedules

Even though it still looks like winter outside, the Lakes spring sports teams are preparing for another successful season. Best of luck to all our athletes and coaches!

Boys & Girls Track  
Softball  
Baseball  
Golf



Use the QR code to find the schedules for all our teams.

**GO LAKES!**



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## Kindergarten/PreK Registration



The Lake Linden-Hubbell Schools will hold a Kindergarten and Preschool registration on Wednesday, March 19. Registration is by appointment from 12:30 –5:30 p.m. Visit the school website or use the code below to sign up for an appointment.



Kindergarten/PreK  
Registration

Students are eligible for Kindergarten if they turn 5 years old by September 1, 2025 (or December 1 with a waiver). The Preschool program is open to students who turn 4 years old by September 1, 2025 (or December 1 with a waiver).

### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Lake Linden-Hubbell Public School District complies with all Federal and State Laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination and with all requirements and regulations of the U.S. Department of Education and State of Michigan Department of Education.

Questions or concerns regarding Statements of Assurance of Compliance with the Federal and State Law should be directed to:

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