# ALLEGAN PUBLIC 2021 Bond Proposal

\$87.5 Million Bond Proposal // No Tax Rate Increase

# Why consolidate our elementary buildings into one location?



#### **Student Services**

Allegan Public Schools employs many educational professionals who currently must travel between schools to provide services to their students. A consolidated campus would allow our Social Workers, Speech/Occupational Therapists, Psychologist, Specials Teachers (Phys Ed, Music, Art, Technology), and At-Risk Support Staff to more efficiently deliver services to our students by eliminating travel so that they can respond to student needs more quickly.



#### **Educational Equity**

Students that currently require more intensive support often have to leave their school and enter the school in which the services are provided. A consolidated campus would allow students to remain a part of their school in the event that their disability indicates the need for additional service allowing for more educational equity for all.



#### Class Size

Currently, class sizes are determined by the amount of students in a certain grade level that happen to live in a certain geographic area. In a grade center model, class sizes can be perfectly balanced to create fair and appropriate class sizes throughout a grade level.



#### **Teacher Collaboration**

Collaboration between teachers is a proven methodology for school improvement. A consolidated campus would allow for collaboration to occur at an improved level throughout all teachers in a grade level since they would not be spread out among multiple buildings.



### Parent + Family + Community **Engagement**

A consolidated campus would allow Parent/Teacher Organizations in our district to join forces in the best interest of all students when fundraising, organizing activities, and supporting teachers. Parental volunteers and mentoring programs such as Kids Hope would all operate more efficiently within a consolidated campus.



### **Improved Food** Quality

Currently lunch is cooked at the high school kitchen, transported to the elementary schools where it sits in warmers until lunch time. A consolidated campus would have the kitchen and food service capability to offer improved food quality to our elementary students.



## **Operational Efficiency**

Utility work, building upkeep/ maintenance, busing, snowplowing, mowing/groundskeeping, and security monitoring would operate more efficiently on a consolidated campus.



#### Extracurricular **Activities**

Access to extracurricular activities can be improved by allowing all students to have access to the same clubs and extracurricular opportunities and would no longer be dependent upon which school the student attends.



# We are all Tigers!

A consolidated campus would eliminate any perceived competition between elementary schools creating a more positive and unified community culture.

#### What is the financial impact on property owners?

The district can issue these new bonds and raise approximately \$87.5 million with no tax rate increase above the district's 2020 debt levy. If approved, we expect to continue to levy at the current debt millage rate.









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May 4, 2021

No tax rate increase would generate \$87.5 million.

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