

# **Benzie Central Schools**



# Introductions and Purpose

- Who we are...
- Who we represent...
- Strong Schools = Strong Communities
- What is at stake...

# PLANNING PROCESS

## GENERAL TIMELINE of EVENTS

- **Fall 2016** – Full study of facilities conducted
- **Winter 2017** – First community forum. Creation of Future Planning Committee. Work begins on sinking fund initiative
- **Spring 2017** - Sinking Fund issue passed
- **2017-18** – Future Planning Committee continues work on long term infrastructure planning. Sinking Fund work begins
- **Fall 2019** – Future Planning Committee finalizes recommendations on long term plan and bond proposal
- **Winter 2019** – Board approves committee recommendation and submits applications to State of MI
- **January 2019** – State of MI approves preliminary application and Board of Education calls for May 7, 2019 Election.



# Community Recommendation:

## PROJECTS-

- Remodeling/Renovation of **Lake Ann, Betsie Valley**, and the **HS/MS** buildings and grounds including investment in roofs, HVAC upgrades, security upgrades, and other needs for the future generations of students.
- Construction of a **new elementary** building on the main HS/MS campus to replace Crystal Lake Elementary
- Construction of a **new bus garage** and ongoing purchases of **2 new busses per year** for the next 10 years
- Construction of a **new locker room/fitness/walking track** complex alongside remodeling and renovation of our main gym facility at the High School

# Community Recommendation:

## The Financial Bottom Line

**This recommendation represents an increase of approximately \$25 / year or just over \$2 / month for the owner of a \$100,000 home. This modest increase raises over 47 million dollars for district improvements**

## Millage Levy Details

- Maintain the existing 1.6 mills set to expire in 2020
- Add the 0.9 mills from the approved sinking fund (and agree not to levy the current 0.9 mill sinking fund in the future contingent on approval of the bond)
- Increase the overall levy by 0.5 mills

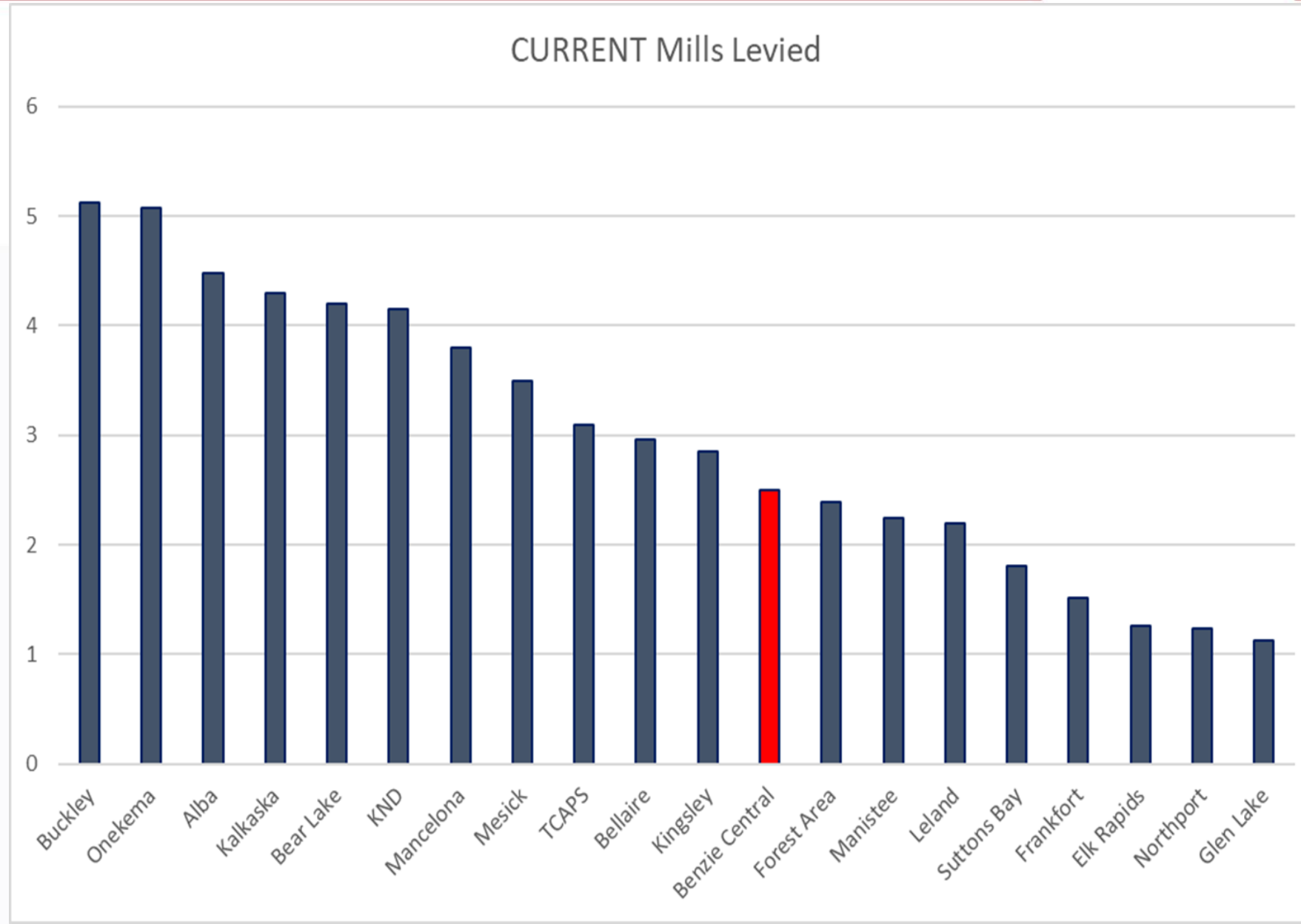
# Financial Breakdown:

Total Bond Proceeds	\$47,850,000
Remodeling and Upgrades (BV,LA,HS/MS)	\$18,500,000
New Elementary	\$19,750,000
Bus Garage	\$2,000,000
Ongoing Bus Purchases (10 Yrs)	\$2,000,000
HS Gym/Locker Room	\$5,600,000

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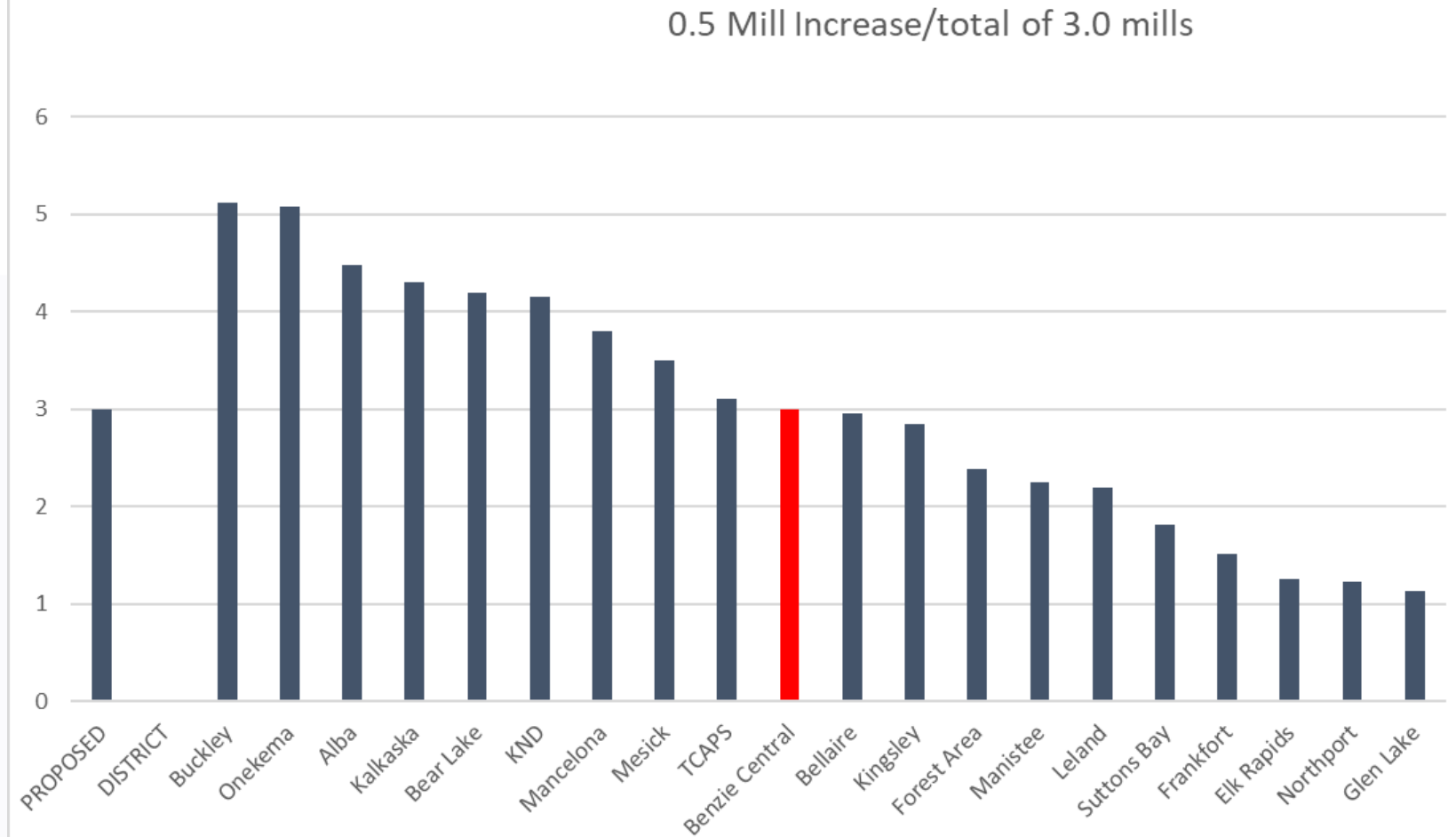
# Current Levy – 2.5 Mills

- We currently rank #12 out of 20 area schools for debt levy



# Proposed Levy – 3.0 Mills

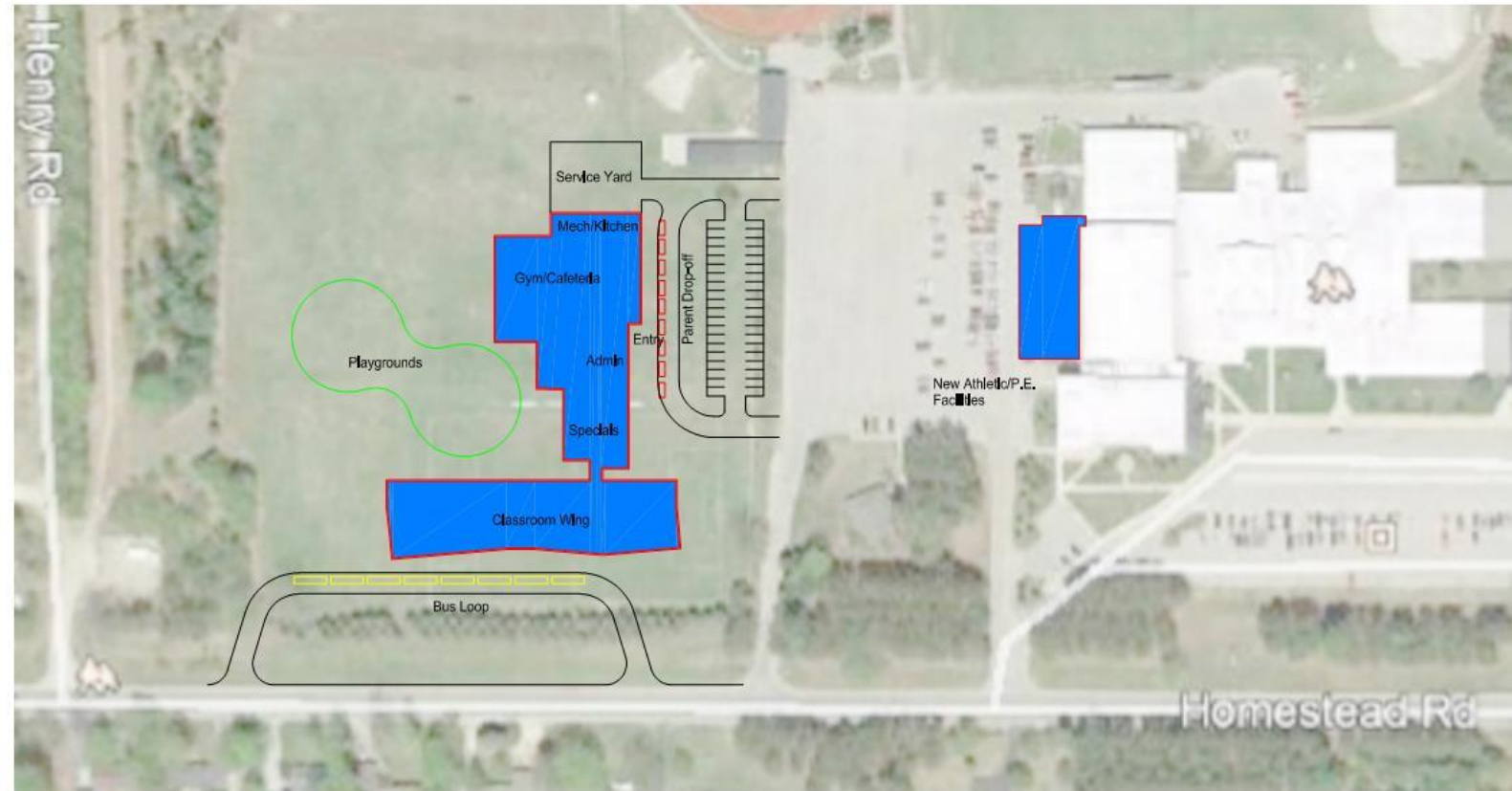
- We would rank #10 out of 20 area schools for school district debt levy
- State average for school debt is ~5.4 mills
- Benzie Central proposed levy is over 40% lower than state average





# Summary of Proposed Timeline

- 2019: Design Phase, Construction Begins
- 2020: Gym renovation/remodel completed
- 2021: New elementary, bus garage opens, Initial remodel of BV, LA, and BCHS/MS completed
- 2022: All remodel projects completed at all sites



# THANK YOU!!!

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## Closing Thoughts

***Strong Schools =  
Strong Communities***



# QUESTIONS???

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