MAJOR SCOPE ITEMS:

New K-5 Elementary

Betsie Valley Elementary Upgrades

- Replace roof
- Replace ceilings
- HVAC and electrical system upgrades
- Security cameras and building access controls
- ADA upgrades to bathrooms and stage
- Replace septic system
- Repave parking lot

Lake Ann Elementary Upgrades

- 2 Classroom addition
- Replace roof
- New boiler and other HVAC upgrades
- Upgrade electrical systems
- Security cameras and building access controls
- Replace sidewalks
- New playground surfacing

Middle/High School Upgrades

- Replace roof
- Expand and remodel gymnasium, adding:
  - Locker and team rooms
  - Weight and fitness room
  - Wrestling room
  - Indoor track
- Remodel science labs
- HVAC upgrades, including ventilator replacements
- Security cameras and building access controls
- Upgrade electrical systems
- Resurface parking lot, drives, and drop-off loop
- Athletic field improvements:
  - Baseball dugouts and backstops, bleachers, new fencing
- ADA upgrades

Student Transportation

- New bus garage
- New buses annually for the next 10 years

District-Wide Technology

- Student computers
- Projectors and other classroom equipment

WHAT'S CHANGED FROM THE MAY BOND?

You spoke, we listened. The term of the bond has been shortened from 30 years to under 26 years in this revised proposal. We have also added a crucial project to our scope in response to regional demand - the addition of preschool classrooms at Lake Ann Elementary. We've been able to do this while also decreasing the millage amount requested from 3.00 mills to 2.98 mills.

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MILLAGE IMPACT:

An increase of less than 1/2 of one mill to invest nearly 48 million dollars for the future of our school district and communities

*Approval will result in a **net increase** of .48 mills.*

Current Levy	Levy if Approved
1.6 mills existing levy	1.6 mills existing levy
	+1.38 mills new levy
+0.9 mills total sinking fund	+0.0 mills total sinking fund
2.5 mills total	**2.98 mills total**

**should voters approve this bond the Benzie Central Board has committed to not levy any sinking fund millage.*

Market Value	Taxable Value	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase
$50,000	$25,000	$12	$1
$75,000	$37,500	$18	$1.50
$100,000	$50,000	$24	$2
$125,000	$62,500	$30	$2.50
$150,000	$75,000	$36	$3
$175,000	$87,500	$42	$3.50
$200,000	$100,000	$48	$4

Taxable Value ÷ 1000 ×0.48 = Annual Increase

BC BENZIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS

2019 BOND

VOTING INFORMATION

Registering and Absentee Voting

The deadline to register to vote in any manner other than in-person should be done with the township clerk by **October 21.** Unregistered voters wishing to register on October 22 to November 5 should contact their township clerk directly.

Absentee Ballots Available: September 21, 2019

Who Can Vote? Any registered voter living in the Benzie Central School District.

Where to Vote? Vote in your usual polling place for local, state, and national elections. Visit michigan.gov/vote to locate your polling place or to register to vote.

VOTE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Ensuring Continued Excellence

Investing in Our Students

The bond allows Benzie schools to renovate all of the facilities, including:

- New roofs
- HVAC upgrades to improve student comfort and energy efficiency
- Reconstructing parking lots
- Security access control and surveillance additions
- Building upgrades such as furnishings, carpeting, and surfaces

Student Transportation

- A new bus garage to replace the inadequate current structure
- Bus purchases to create a sustainable fleet over the next 10+ years.

STEM Lab Renovations

- Develops problem-solving skills
- Fosters creativity & innovation
- Promotes science-based career paths
- Prepares students for college curriculum and modern careers
- Increases storage space & flexibility

Improved Athletics and Fitness for Everyone

- Refurbished and expanded gymnasium to provide additional practice/instructional space and additional seating
- New locker rooms and fitness center. The new fitness center and indoor walking track will be available for community use.

Investing in a New Elementary for Future Benzie Students

Current Conditions at Crystal Lake:

While we have maintained our schools and worked to make improvements over the years, Crystal Lake Elementary is no longer meeting the needs of our district. In 2017, a community committee made up of parents and community members analyzed the needs of the district. Some of the main factors at Crystal Lake include dated facilities that are inefficient and impact our students' learning environment and classroom space that is only 75% of the recommended space for K-5.

A new elementary would allow for:

- Shared student spaces that support project-based and individual learning
- Modern educational environments for 21st century learning
- Operational and energy efficiency