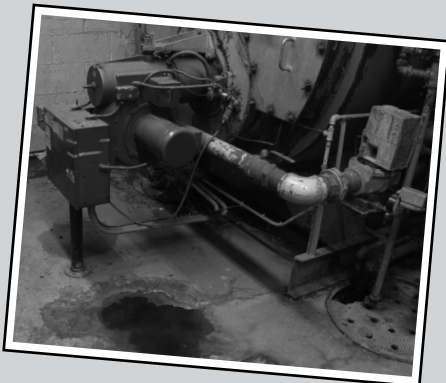


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# Pontiac School District Sinking Fund Millage FAQs

## Past, Present & Future

- Pontiac School District currently operates 11 buildings, serving 4,700 students.
- The average age of Pontiac School District's school buildings is over 56 years.
- These buildings are in need of renovations, repairs and maintenance to keep them in SAFE working order for our students.
- We can make major safety improvements for our students for just **40 cents a day** from property owners!
- The Pontiac School District has faced many challenges in the past. We are focused on the future and making positive change to benefit our students and our community.
- We have reduced our deficit by 24% in just one year (and will continue to reduce our deficit each year until it no longer exists) and we are starting to see positive change in student progress.

***This is an exciting time for Pontiac School District!***

## What is a 'Sinking Fund' millage?

- A sinking fund millage is a limited property tax that is specifically designed for addressing building and renovation projects. We are seeking a sinking fund millage to help cover the costs of these school renovations.
- The Pontiac School District is seeking **2.87 mills for five years** from property owners. *This is LESS than the previous 3.87 mills for the 1991 general obligation bond that recently expired.*
- Should this new millage pass, property owners will improve their neighborhood schools for just **40 cents a day**. This is a **WIN-WIN** for Pontiac PROPERTY VALUES and for Pontiac SCHOOLS!

## How will the millage funds be used?

- **Repair, Safety, Technology:** The funds will be used on repairing and updating Pontiac school buildings, and making our buildings safe places for our students to learn. The State of Michigan has strict guidelines on what the new millage can fund. Some of the projects on the School District's list include:
  - School boilers
  - Energy management systems
  - Roof repairs
  - Fire suppression systems
  - Replacement of flooring tiles
  - Lighting improvements
  - Upgrades to bathrooms
  - Security systems for entry doors
  - Communication systems
  - Building repairs
  - Upgrades to technology
  - Paving
  - Playground improvements

## How will the millage funds be monitored?

### **Triple Oversight:**

- 1) State law requires an independent annual audit of the millage funds, and requires the district to submit the audit results to the state treasurer and are posted on the school district's website.
- 2) As Pontiac School District is operating under a state Consent Agreement, all contracts awarded by the school district after September 18, 2013 require pre-approval by the State Treasurer. This oversight and monitoring will continue throughout the terms of the Consent Agreement (ending in 2023), and throughout the life of the new millage which would expire in five years.
- 3) Oakland Schools provides all Business and Human Resource services for Pontiac School District, and Michigan Department of Education monitors all educational plans.

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