



NOT A NEW TAX

IF THE PROPOSAL IS APPROVED, it is important to note that homeowners will not experience a tax rate increase. The owner of a \$150,000 home with a \$75,000 taxable value will continue to pay \$105 per year.

The sinking fund renewal will help keep schools in good repair. Children attending schools in good repair have higher academic achievement (Filardo, 2006). In addition, updated, rejuvenated schools preserve and enhance property value for homeowners.

If you have any questions, please contact Superintendent Roger Bearup at 254-6570 or visit gpsbulldogs.org.



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VOTE MAY 3, 2016

2016 Sinking Fund Millage Renewal

Continues the millage approved in 1996 and renewed in 2006.
This will **NOT** increase homeowners' current tax rate.



2016 Sinking Fund Millage Renewal

The Need for the Renewal

IN 1996, the residents of Grandville Public Schools generously approved a 1.5 mills sinking fund for a period of 10 years. In 2006, the voters renewed this millage at 1.4 mills. During this time, funds from this millage were used to repair and maintain schools and facilities.

On May 3, 2016, voters will have the opportunity to renew this millage at 1.4 mills for an additional 10-year period. By law, the sinking fund can only be used for school building, repair, construction and/or site acquisition. This money **may not** be used for employee salaries or general operating expenses.

The sinking fund will not increase homeowners' taxes and will protect the community's investment in the buildings, which are used by residents and students alike. Upgrades to lighting and heating systems will mean improved energy efficiency, which translates to valuable cost savings.

The Proposal

VOTERS ARE BEING asked to approve a **renewal** of 1.4 mills for 10 years. The revenue raised would be collected each year and be used to replace items that have reached or exceeded their normal life expectancy.

Future Improvements

POSTPONING REPAIRS may result in more expensive costs in the future. If approved, the sinking fund will allow the district to move forward and update areas of older construction, including:

- roof replacements
- repaving of parking lots
- carpet and vinyl tile repair or replacement
- lighting and electrical upgrades
- repair or replace boilers and heating systems, particularly at Grand View Elementary

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May 3!**

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Past Sinking Fund Improvements

FROM 1997 TO 2016, Grandville Public Schools used the sinking fund for improvements such as:

- roof replacement and repair
- window replacement across the district
- expansion of classrooms at East Elementary
- expansion of cafeteria and addition of the orchestra room at the high school
- boiler and energy management systems at several elementary buildings, resulting in several schools receiving Energy Star awards for energy efficiency
- underground gas storage tank replacement at bus garage
- carpet/tile replacement at all buildings
- resurfacing of high school tennis courts
- resurfacing of high school and middle school tracks
- Davies Field improvements
- high school stadium improvements