

Register to Vote by January 25, 2010
Election Day: February 23, 2010

Breakdown of Costs

Site Improvements	\$2,143,750
Elementary School	\$3,007,500
Middle School	\$1,818,750
High School	<u>\$5,023,750</u>
Total Projected Building Cost	\$11,993,750 *

*See inside for information regarding financing of the building program.

For More Information

- Visit the District website at www.blissfieldschools.us
- Please contact Superintendent Scott Moellenberndt at (517) 486-2205 or by email at smoellen@blissfield.k12.mi.us.
- Attend one of the community informational sessions, the first of which will be held on Wednesday, September 30th in the High School cafeteria, starting at 7:00 pm.



Calculation of Millage

Home Taxable Value	Annual Increase (2.51 mills)	Proposed Daily Increase
\$55,000	\$138.05	\$0.38
\$65,000	\$163.15	\$0.45
\$75,000	\$188.25	\$0.52
\$85,000	\$213.35	\$0.58
\$100,000	\$251.00	\$0.69



BLISSFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Commitment to Excellence

Bond Issue: February 23, 2010

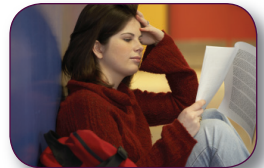
In tough economic times, when other districts are pulling back, Blissfield Schools are moving forward!

Blissfield Community Schools is one of 32 districts statewide recently qualified to borrow up to \$15 million dollars in Qualified School Construction Bonds through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Rarely do communities have an opportunity to provide such extensive district-wide improvements to their school facilities for so little cost to constituents.

After months of study, surveying the community, and planning by community members, staff, and architects, the Board of Education unanimously approved Bond Issue 2010. On February 23, 2010, community members will be asked to vote on a school building program that will provide much needed upgrades to Blissfield Schools' aging facilities.

Why is a School Bond Needed?

- Blissfield's school buildings are 30-50 years old. While well maintained, they have received little renovation over the years.
- Classroom improvements promote student learning and increased technology use.
- Current traffic patterns pose safety concerns.
- Aesthetic enhancements promote Blissfield as a Community of Choice.
- Interior spaces are dark, poorly ventilated and utilize outdated furniture and equipment.
- The community currently has little space for concerts, lectures, and civic gatherings.
- Windows and heating systems are in need of replacement and lack energy efficiency.
- The high school roof needs to be replaced.
- To utilize full advantage of the ARRA stimulus funds being extended to our schools. (See inside for additional information regarding this great news!)



FEATURES OF BOND ISSUE 2010

1 IMPROVE SAFETY & SECURITY

- Separate Bus / Car Traffic
- Create New High School Visitors' Parking Lot
- Secure Entry at High School
- Increase Safety at Pick Up / Drop Off



2 INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Install New Roof and Insulation at High School
- Replace Windows
- Replace Mechanical Systems & Lighting



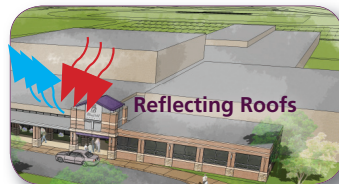
3 ENHANCE THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Upgrade Classrooms
- Improve Science Labs
- Upgrade Technology
- Increase Daylighting
- Air Conditioned Schools



4 GO GREEN

- Renovate Rather than Build New
- Install Geothermal Systems
- Install Light Reflecting Roofs
- Install Energy Efficient Systems



5 SPACE UTILIZATION & ENHANCEMENT

- Create Flagship Look for High School
- Add Cafetorium Space
- Expand Classrooms
- Create Multi-purpose Room
- Improve High School Aesthetics



FUNDING OF BUILDING PROGRAM

Blissfield Community Schools is one of only 32 School Districts throughout the State of Michigan to qualify for Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB). Authorized by the Federal Government through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, **the QSCB provide federal tax credits for bond holders in lieu of interest in order to significantly reduce an issuer's cost of borrowing for public school construction projects.** What does this mean for Blissfield Schools? Depending on the market when construction is ready to begin, the School District may be able to borrow funds for as low as 0% interest, saving taxpayers approximately \$5 million in interest over a 15 year term!

