

# Key Takeaways

- **Our District is Shrinking:** LCS is a declining enrollment school district. In 2008, there were nearly 7,000 students in the District. This year there are less than 5,000. As the birth rate remains at historically low levels, enrollment is projected to level out at around 4,200 in the next 5-7 years. Right-sizing is required not simply because it is in the long-term financial interest of the District, but it is the only way we can continue (and even expand) our academic and extracurricular offerings.
- **Our Buildings are Aging:** The District has identified \$25 million in facility costs (*not renovations, simply repairs and maintenance*) that would be required to maintain our current structure. We do not have a sinking fund to cover these costs. Further, it would be fiscally irresponsible to invest millions into aging facilities that likely would be closed as enrollment continues to decline.
- **Our Community Demands Fiscal Responsibility:** And they deserve it. The proposed configuration would save an estimated \$1 million in annual operating costs. Fewer buildings means more funding where it belongs – in the classroom. In addition, the vast majority of the 2007 bond (75%) was invested in the Rolland-Warner and Zemmer Campus renovations. Both remain a vital part of the long-term vision for the District.
- **Our Options are Limited:** Failure to pass the bond would result in further school closures in the short and long-term. We do not want to cut programs to save buildings.  
**A no-cost option does not exist.**
- **Our Students Deserve Better:** Our desire is for all students to learn in our best and safest facilities. This includes climate-controlled classrooms, dedicated spaces for specials and the most diverse catalog of opportunities that we can offer our students. LCS currently has the lowest millage rate in Lapeer County. If the bond passes, the rate would still be the second lowest in the county.

For more information, please visit [LapeerSchools.org](http://LapeerSchools.org) and click on the 2019 School Bond graphic on the main page.

## 2019 Bond Proposal Facts

**On Ballot**  
November 5, 2019

### Major Items

- Construct HS facility at West Campus with performing arts center
- Renovate East Campus for grades 1-4 with dedicated spaces for music, art, robotics, STEM and PE
- State of the art, park-style playground at East Campus
- Climate-controlled classrooms across entire district
- Transportation upgrades including new buses
- District-wide technology and security upgrades

**Proposal**  
1.94 mills

### 2018 Debt Levy by School District

- Almont: 8.45 Mills
- North Branch: 8.44 Mills
- Imlay City: 7.00 Mills
- Dryden: 3.03 Mills
- Lapeer: 2.75 Mills

### Estimated Cost to Average Homeowner

\$12 Per Month