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Mattawan School District Celebrates Passing of \$110 Million Bond Proposals

Mattawan, MI – May 13, 2024 – The Mattawan School District is thrilled to announce the success of both bond proposals, resulting in a total investment of \$110 million toward the betterment of our students and community. This momentous achievement marks a significant milestone in our district's journey.

With immense gratitude, we extend our sincerest thanks to the Mattawan Consolidated School Community for their unwavering support and trust in the vision and mission of the Mattawan Consolidated School. Your resounding vote of confidence underscores our collective commitment to nurturing a thriving educational environment that empowers every student to succeed. The impact of this investment will resonate for generations to come.

"The overwhelming support from our community for these bond proposals is a testament to the shared belief in the importance of investing in our students and their future," remarked Ted Roethlisberger, President of the Mattawan Consolidated School Board. "We are deeply grateful for the trust placed in us and are committed to delivering on our promise to provide exceptional facilities and resources for our students."

The approved funds will be allocated towards addressing critical safety and security needs, alleviating parking congestion, and creating additional space around our middle and high schools to separate carpool and bus traffic. Moreover, extensive upgrades to student learning environments will encompass essential elements such as modernized furniture, advanced technology integration, and the renovation of outdated science labs. In addition, renovated bathrooms, enhanced building controls, and high-efficiency lighting upgrades mark other enhancements throughout these buildings. These investments will ensure that our students have access to state-of-the-art facilities conducive to learning and growth in safe, comfortable areas.

In addition to these essential improvements, the bond proposals will also facilitate the construction of several new facilities. Highlights include the expansion of the middle school cafeteria to alleviate overcrowding, a comprehensive renovation of the stadium and track, the construction of a cutting-edge 60,000 square-foot field house operational year-round, and the relocation and construction of new tennis courts, maintenance buildings, and a transportation complex. Our ball fields will also see updates to infield/outfield spaces and surrounding amenities. Practice fields will also be upgraded, and several new spaces created to allow our students and community more efficient, safe spaces to practice and play. Lastly, the bond will construct a competition swimming pool for student and community use. These new additions will further enhance the overall student experience and foster a sense of community pride.

"We are thrilled to see these bond proposals pass, as they will allow us to make significant improvements to our schools, ensuring a safe and conducive learning environment for all our students," said Randy Fleenor, Superintendent of Mattawan Schools. "This investment represents our dedication to providing the best possible education for our students and the continued growth and prosperity of our community and the communities trust in the District."

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Administration, Board of Education, and many staff, parents, students, and community members who dedicated countless hours to the meticulous planning and preparation over the past two years. Your dedication and hard work have been instrumental in bringing this vision to fruition.

As we look towards the future, we are filled with optimism and excitement for what lies ahead. Together, we are poised to embark on a new chapter of excellence, and we firmly believe that the best is yet to come for Mattawan Consolidated School.

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