



Bond 2026 Presentation

Election Day - May 5, 2026



What is on the May 5 Ballot?

- Special Education bond proposal for \$99.96 million to upgrade Ingham ISD's special education facilities
- Tax Impact = 0.55 mill increase



Why Now?



3 Key Reasons

1

Ingham ISD's special education facilities average 53 years of age (Heartwood School and Beekman Center)

2

The upgrades needed have significant costs in order to comply with current educational, accessibility, and safety standards

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Programs require specialized spaces designed to support mobility, medical needs, and individualized instruction

Legacy & Community



- Founded in 1968 by a dedicated community members for students in the Ingham ISD service area
- Marvin E. Beekman was the architect, along with the school's first principal, John Breough
- At that time, there were no laws mandating formal education for students with special needs, making the establishment of the Beekman Center a pioneering effort to provide educational opportunities for children with disabilities
- Ingham ISD provided approximately \$1.4 million for the construction of the building
- Pat Nixon visited the Beekman Center in 1970. Her visit was part of her broader efforts to promote education
- No significant renovations except for a roof replacement in 2014
- Student enrollment grew to nearly 300 students from all over the county after opening the Beekman Center in 1968
- This growth prompted the opening of a second center-based school in 1978, Heartwood School in Mason that would be operated by Ingham ISD

Plan Developed with Local District Partners



Current Special Education Facility Challenges

- Storage spaces do not accommodate mobility devices
- Class and therapy spaces are not appropriate for student needs
- Entryways are exposed to the weather and lack compliance with current ADA standards
- Hallways and common areas are cramped and struggle to accommodate students with many different needs

Beekman
was built in
1968

Heartwood
was built in
1978

Goals of the 2026 Special Education Bond Proposal

Create classrooms and support spaces that allow all students to learn in safe environments that promote comfort, dignity, and independence



Address critical and urgent upgrades identified in Beekman and Heartwood facilities



Through thoughtful, creative, and impactful design, create spaces to engage and inspire students and staff



Accessible

Engaging

Safe

New Beekman Center



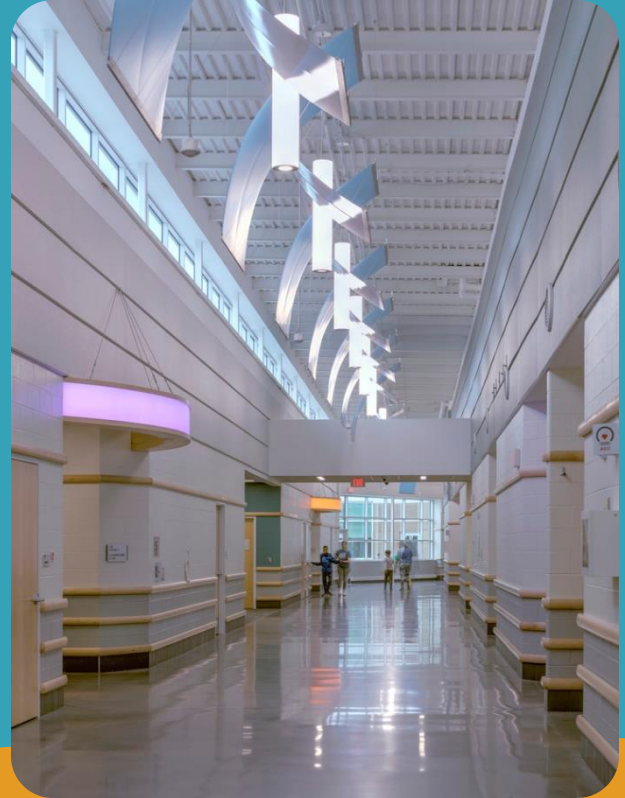
Safety and Security Enhancements

- Secure entryways to control visitor access
- Weather protected sidewalks allowing students with mobility devices to safely enter the building
- Strategically placed bathrooms to increase functionality, and to provide a secure location if a catastrophic event happens
- New and renovated spaces will align with current building codes for egress, fire protection, air quality, and building standards

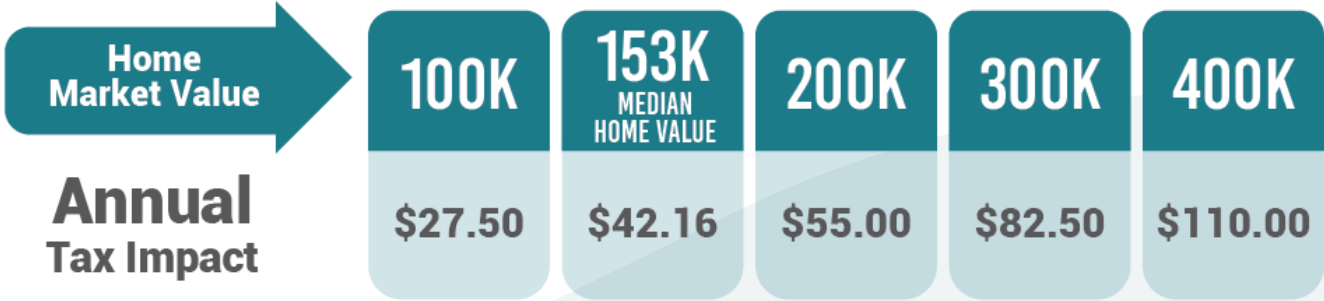


Student-First Environments

- Spacious and secure vestibule
- Easily supervised main circulation pathway flooded with natural light
- Interactive Streetscape supporting life skill development
- Universally designed classrooms with adjacent restrooms and storage components
- Easy access to outdoor spaces
- Enhanced outdoor play areas, patios and walking paths
- Accessible interactive touchscreens for instruction, flexible data/power in learning spaces, and security system/cameras throughout buildings



Taxpayer Impact – 0.55 Mill Increase



Bond Proposal would raise \$99.96 million to fund the construction of the New Beekman Center and the Addition/ Renovation of Heartwood School

The median taxable value per parcel for 2025 in Ingham County is \$76,665 per the equalization office. Typically, the home market value is estimated at a minimum of twice the taxable value.

Where do I vote?

Find helpful information about where to find your clerk, polling place, and sample ballot by searching:

**[mvic.sos.state.mi.us
/Voter/index](https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/index)**

April 20, 2026

Deadline to register to vote by mail or online and be eligible to vote in May election

April 21, 2026 through Election Day

a voter can register in person with their local clerk with proof of residency

May 4, 2026 at 4pm

Deadline to vote in person, with an absentee ballot, at your city or township clerk's office

Absentee Voting

View Absentee Voting information on the State of Michigan's website:

**[michigan.gov/sos/elections/
voting/absentee-voting](https://michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/absentee-voting)**

March 26, 2026

Absentee ballots available

May 5, 2026 Election Day

Deadline to vote is 8pm
on Election Day



For More Information



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Please visit the District's website at
www.inghamisd.org/ourimpact/special-education-facilities-bond/

Email your questions about the proposal to

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Thank you!★
& Remember to Vote
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