

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
May 5, 2026 ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS: OF THESE ALLEGAN COUNTY CITIES: DOUGLAS, HOLLAND, AND SAUGATUCK; OF THESE ALLEGAN COUNTY TOWNSHIPS: ALLEGAN, DORR, FILLMORE, HOPKINS, LAKETOWN, MONTEREY, OVERISEL, SALEM, SAUGATUCK, TROWBRIDGE, AND WATSON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2026. THE POLLS OF SAID ELECTION WILL BE OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK A.M. AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK P.M. OF SAID DAY OF ELECTION.

AT THE PLACES HOLDING THE ELECTION IN SAID MUNICIPALITIES AS INDICATED BELOW:

DOUGLAS CITY, 415 W. Wiley Rd. Suite 103
HOLLAND CITY, Wd. 4/7 Calvary Baptist Church, 517 W. 32nd
HOLLAND CITY, Wd. 5/8, 9, Maplewood Reformed Church, 133 E. 34th St.
SAUGATUCK CITY, 102 Butler St.
ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP, 3037 118th Ave.
DORR TOWNSHIP, Pct. 1, 4196 18th St.
DORR TOWNSHIP, Pct. 2&3, 1683 142nd Ave.
FILLMORE TOWNSHIP, 4219 52nd St.
HOPKINS TOWNSHIP, 128 S. Franklin St.

LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP, Pct. 1&3, 4338 Beeline Rd.
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP Pct. 2, GFD Station, 4534 60th St.
MONTEREY TOWNSHIP, Community Center, 2999 30th St.
OVERISEL TOWNSHIP, A-4307 144th Ave, Holland 49423
SALEM TOWNSHIP, 3003 142ND Ave.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP, 3461 Blue Star Hwy.
TROWBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, Voting at Pine Grove Township, Van Buren County
WATSON TOWNSHIP, 1895 118TH Ave.

POLLING LOCATIONS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE – AUDIO AND BRAILLE INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE.

PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AS DEFINED BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT SHOULD CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE CLERK'S OFFICE

TO VOTE ON City and School Proposals.

City Proposals

Macatawa Area Express (MAX) Transportation Authority Operating Millage - This proposal will authorize the City of Holland and Holland Charter Township to levy 0.6 mill for the purposes of funding operations of the Macatawa Area Express (MAX) Transportation Authority, including replacing reductions in State funding. Of the 0.6 mill, (i) 0.3854 mill represents a renewal of the 0.4 mill authorization approved by the electors in 2021, which will expire December 31, 2026, (ii) 0.0146 mill represents a restoration of that portion of the same authority which has been reduced by application of the Headlee Amendment, and (iii) 0.2 mill represents an increase in the levy: Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the City of Holland and Holland Charter Township be increased by 0.6 mill (\$0.60 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2027 through 2031 inclusive, as a renewal of the 0.3854 mill previously authorized by the electors which expires December 31, 2026 plus new additional millage in the amount of 0.2146, for the purpose of operating Macatawa Area Express (MAX) Transportation Authority (whose geographic boundaries are coterminous with those of the City of Holland and Holland Charter Township), including maintaining existing public transportation services, and expanding new mobility options like micro-transit services to improve access for seniors, workers, students, and residents with limited transportation? It is estimated that, if levied, the 0.6 mill would raise approximately \$2,454,982.00 in the 2027 calendar year.

School Proposals

GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL - This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining 16.7748 mills are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction. The total operating millage levied will not exceed 18 mills in any year. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Gobles Public Schools, Van Buren and Allegan Counties, Michigan, be renewed by 34.7748 mills (\$34.7748 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately \$1,276,640 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy)? **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HOLLAND SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL** - Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the School District of the City of Holland, Ottawa and Allegan Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.25 mills (\$1.25 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for and the construction or repair of school buildings; for school security improvements; for the acquisition or upgrading of technology; for the acquisition of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used for the maintenance of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of eligible trucks and vans used to carry parts, equipment, and personnel for or in the maintenance of school buildings; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used to maintain such trucks and vans; and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2027 is approximately \$2,540,000? **HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL** - Shall Hopkins Public Schools, Allegan County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Ten Million Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$110,560,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of: erecting, furnishing and equipping new school buildings and facilities; erecting additions to and remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; purchasing school buses; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school buildings; and equipping, developing, and improving athletic fields and facilities, parking areas, driveways, and sites? The following is for informational purposes only: The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2026, under current law, is 3.80 mills (\$3.80 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-six (26) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 7.95 mills (\$7.95 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The school district expects to borrow from the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of that borrowing is \$32,220,929 and the estimated total interest to be paid thereon is \$33,515,029. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is 26 years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 10.34 mills. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$9,465,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. (Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

SAUGATUCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL - This proposal renews building and site sinking fund millage that expired with the 2025 tax levy and restores millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Saugatuck Public Schools, Allegan County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed .5 mill (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 3 years, 2026, 2027 and 2028, for sinking fund purposes to be used for the purchase of real estate for sites, for the construction or repair of school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology, and for all other purposes authorized by law (.4812 mill of the above is a renewal of millage for building and site sinking fund purposes that expired with the 2025 tax levy and .0188 mill is to restore millage for the same purpose lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963); the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2026 is approximately \$527,000? **ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL** - This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.3090 mills (\$18.3090 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Zeeland Public Schools, Ottawa and Allegan Counties, Michigan, be renewed for the year 2027 to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately \$12,504,064 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy)?

For a full list of all candidates and proposals, please visit our website at www.allegancounty.org or www.michigan.gov/sos

Bob Genetski, Allegan County Clerk/Register