

Voter Registration

If you are not a registered voter, **the last day to register to vote in the May 4 election is April 5, 2010.** Register by printing and mailing a form available online at www.rockthevote.com, or register in person at any of the following: Secretary of State Branch Office; County Clerk's Office; City, Township or Village Office.

Voting by Absentee Ballot

An Absentee Ballot Application is available from the City or Township Office where you are registered to vote. The deadline for an application to be received is 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2010. After this, you may vote an absent voter ballot in person at your local clerk's office up until 4:00 p.m. on May 3rd, the day before the election.

Where Do I Vote?

Kent County:

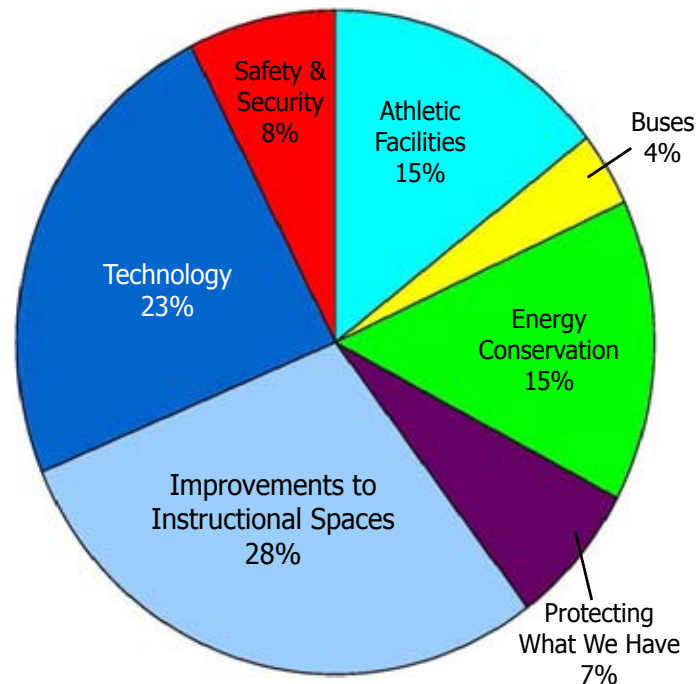
Alpine Pct 1	Alpine Community Building 2015 Seven Mile Road
Alpine Pct 4	Kenowa Hills Middle School 3950 Hendershot Avenue NW
Grand Rapids City Ward 1/Pct 24 & 31	Westview Christian Reformed Church 2929 Leonard Street NW
Plainfield Pct 2	Plainfield Christian Church 7255 Pine Island Drive NE
Walker Ward 1/Pct 1	Orchard Hill Church 1465 3 Mile Road NW
Walker Ward 1/Pct 2	Fire Station #3 1470 3 Mile Road NW
Walker Ward 1/Pct 3	Fire Station #3 1470 3 Mile Road NW
Walker Ward 2/Pct 4	Walker Commission Chambers Community Room 4243 Remembrance Road NW
Walker Ward 2/Pct 5	Walker Ice Arena & Fitness Center 4151 Remembrance Road NW
Walker Ward 2/Pct 6	Walker Meadows 1101 Wilson NW
Walker Ward 3/Pct 7	Fire Station #2 4101 Lake Michigan Drive NW

Ottawa County:

Tallmadge Pcts 1, 2 & 3C	Township Hall O-1451 Leonard Road
Wright Pct 2B	Old Wright Township Hall 1565 Jackson Marne, MI 49435



How Will Your Bond Dollars Be Used?



Vote on May 4!



Bond Information



High Levels of Learning for
Each and Every Student

General Overview

Residents of Kenowa Hills Public Schools will vote **Tuesday, May 4**, on a bond totaling \$14.3 million. This bond election is the culmination of a 3-1/2 year planning process that involved numerous meetings with the School Board, staff and community members to develop a long-range master plan.

In the last year, we have scaled back the list of projects that were identified as needed by the community group. We have reduced the original project list back from \$23 million dollars to just over \$14 million dollars because we understand that in today's economy, we need to be asking for essentials, not desires.

We listened to YOU! We will be using a phased approach that utilizes a "pay-as-you-go" mentality. The proposed option is part of a 10-year plan that will actually continue to **DECREASE** your millage rate! It will provide improved safety and technology to help our students succeed AND the plan will reduce overall building operating costs through energy savings.



Bonds are like a mortgage for a school district. Because schools can't afford to pay cash for major projects, they sell bonds. The bonds allow schools to borrow money for major projects and pay it off over a period of years. Bonds allow area residents to share in the investment in projects

that benefit the entire community - both now and well into the future.



Why Now?

The school district was approved for the use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Qualified School Construction Bonds, which, combined with low interest rates, will allow the district to **LOWER your millage rate** and still pay off the debt at the same time that our current debt expires.

Millage Rate Decrease

	Current	After Bond Passes
Millage Rate	3.36	3.06
Expiration of Millage	2026	2026

How does the KHPS millage rate compare?

Comstock Park	9.1578
Coopersville	8.69
Sparta	6.8552
Northview	6.2056
Grandville	6.05
Kenowa Hills	3.06 (after bond passes)
Grand Rapids Public	2.7

How does Kenowa Hills collect funds by DECREASING the millage rate?

After the bond passes the millage will still decrease and **WILL NOT BE EXTENDED**. The **blue line** indicates the decrease in our current debt levy. The **red line** indicates the decrease after the bond passes. The space between the two lines show how KHPS can acquire funds to make improvements.

