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FPS 2025 Sinking Fund RENEWAL

- On May 6, 2025, the district will be asking voters to decide on the renewal of our Sinking Fund.
- If renewed, there will be a zero mill tax increase.
- The sinking fund allows the district to make technology, mechanical, and safety upgrades.
- Remember to VOTE on or before May 6, 2025.

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FPS Sinking Fund Renewal Voter Information





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Dear Fremont Public Schools community,

On May 6, 2025, the district will be asking voters to decide on the renewal of our Sinking Fund. For 10 years, this fund has been an essential tool in helping us maintain our infrastructure and keep students safe, warm, wired, and dry.

If renewed, this Sinking Fund could help us provide the best possible education to our students by making technology, mechanical, and safety upgrades. For example, updating security at the football field, refreshing technology at every school on a rotating basis, and making practical renovations to student learning spaces.

While these upgrades aren't super flashy, they are necessary to carry us through to the next phase.

As we approach this ballot initiative, we are committed to transparency and providing ongoing communication about this plan and process.

I have open-door policy and welcome any questions you may have. I will also be making appearances at school functions to answer questions and provide more information.

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The Sinking Fund is incredibly valuable in maintaining operations, including fixing heating and cooling, upgrading technology, and keeping students safe in school.

Our Sinking Fund has been used to upgrade...

- The high school track and stadium area
- Air conditioning, heating at the middle school
- Technology in every building, including purchasing new Chromebooks, projectors, and Promethean boards
- Parking lots and asphalt
- Building security by adding secure vestibules to every entrance
- Mechanical replacements as necessary







Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a Sinking Fund?

A: A sinking fund is a pay-asyou-go method for school districts to fund repairs, renovations, and improvements to buildings and technology. A fund collected sinking is through a small property tax and used as cash, meaning there's no debt or interest involved. This makes it a costeffective way to maintain and improve school facilities over time.

Q: Why renew the Sinking Fund?

A: The sinking fund's renewal would allow the district to make critical improvements and upgrades to our campus facilities, such as renovations to aging buildings, technology upgrades, and, potentially, new construction projects.

Q: Will this raise my taxes?

A: If renewed, this sinking fund initiative would NOT raise millage rates. Instead, it would maintain the existing rate, to allow the district to continue growing in a steady, sustainable way.

Q: Where can I learn more information?

A: Visit our website, fremont.net, to learn more, or feel free to reach out to Superintendent Brad Reyburn directly at breyburn@fremont.net.



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VOTING INFORMATION

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: All voters are eligible to vote by mail! Absentee Ballots will be available starting March 27, 2025. Contact Fremont city clerk Vicci Terveer at City Hall for more information at 231.924.2101 or by email at cityclerk@fremontmi.gov

IN-PERSON VOTING: Polls are open 7:00AM-8:00PM on May 6, 2025.

TO LEARN MORE OR REGISTER TO VOTE, VISIT VISIT MICHIGAN.GOV/VOTE



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