



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Special Education Bond Proposal

May 5 Ballot Proposal

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

GOALS OF THE 2026 SPECIAL EDUCATION BOND



Safe

Address critical and urgent upgrades identified in Beekman and Heartwood facilities



Accessible

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



Engaging

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

Why is the bond proposal necessary?

1. Ingham ISD's special education facilities average 53 years of age (Heartwood School and Beekman Center)
2. The proposed upgrades have significant costs in order to comply with current educational, accessibility, and safety standards
3. Programs require specialized spaces designed to support mobility, medical needs, and individualized instruction



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Student-First Environments

The proposed new and renovated facilities included in the Special Education Bond prioritize safe, accessible, and engaging learning environments that promote comfort, dignity, and independence for students with disabilities—while extending the useful life of the facilities for the future.

Safe

- Secure entryway
- Weather protected pick-up/drop-off
- Appropriate restrooms
- Code compliant spaces
- Technology and security upgrades

Accessible

- Main entryway oversight
- Larger classroom spaces
- Classroom adjacent restrooms
- Access to external spaces
- Thoughtful, ADA compliant spaces

Engaging

- Essential life skills supporting features
- Interactive instructional devices
- Mobility, OT, and PT spaces
- Natural light and high ceilings
- Common spaces and playgrounds



A legacy in our community

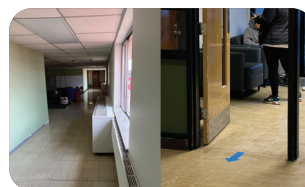
Founded by dedicated community members in 1968, the Beekman Center provided groundbreaking educational opportunities for children with disabilities before legislation established such rights. Despite its impact, the 58 year old building has not been significantly renovated. Growing enrollment led to the opening of center-based Heartwood School in 1978, which now requires improvements to effectively meet current educational, accessibility, and safety standards.

Beekman Center 58 YRS OLD **Heartwood School 48 YRS OLD**

Current Facility Challenges at Beekman and Heartwood



Weather Exposure: Pick-up and drop-off areas lack weather protection



Mobility Obstacles: Narrow hallways and common areas hinder accessibility and observation



Inadequate Restrooms: Restrooms are small, difficult for mobility devices, and not adjacent to classrooms



Aging Mechanical Systems: Mechanical systems are at their end of useful life



Undersized Classrooms: Limited space restricts therapy and impedes learning



Insufficient Storage: Lacking space for mobility device parking and storage



Small Cafeteria: Cannot accommodate student groups and has limited functionality



Non-Functioning Pool: Pool area is non-operational and unsuitable for water therapy



Lack of Activity Space: Limited space available for events and activities

Financial Impact

Est. Tax Impact of 0.55 mill increase on Home Market Values

Home Market Value	100K	153K MEDIAN HOME VALUE	200K	300K	400K
Annual Tax Impact	\$27.50	\$42.16	\$55.00	\$82.50	\$110.00

Impact to Median Household is approximately **\$42 per Year**

Note: 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.

VOTE ON OR BEFORE MAY 5, 2026



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