## <u>Armada Area Schools Places ZERO-Tax-Rate Increase Technology & Safety</u> Bond Proposal on August 5 Ballot

ARMADA, MI – On Tuesday, August 5, Armada Area Schools will ask voters to consider a \$12.155 million, zero-tax-rate increase bond proposal to enhance technology, safety, and security throughout the school district.

If approved, the bond proposal will fund a wide range of projects focused on updating instructional technology and ensuring the safety of all students and staff without increasing the current rate.

"This proposal is about keeping our schools safe and ensuring our students and staff have access to reliable technology that supports teaching and learning," said Michael Musary, Superintendent of Armada Area Schools. "We are committed to being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars while addressing our school district's technology and safety needs."

The bond proposal will support upgrades in two key areas:

- Technology Enhancements with projects such as installing a new firewall for cybersecurity, replacing wireless network infrastructure, replacing the school district's phone system, replacing outdated instructional technology such as document cameras, projectors, and student devices, replacing teacher and administrator laptops, and upgrading classroom audio systems.
- Safety & Security Upgrades with projects such as installing security film on classroom door windows, installing a district-wide security lockdown system, replacing and upgrading security cameras, enhancing the visitor management system, and installing door access controls on all classrooms and offices, a passive AI threat detection system, sensors, and alarm systems on exterior doors.

Residents with questions are invited to contact Superintendent Mike Musary by phone at 586-784-2112 or by email at <a href="mmusary@armadaschools.org">mmusary@armadaschools.org</a>. For a full list of proposed improvements and how the bond would positively impact Armada Area Schools, please visit <a href="https://www.armadaschools.org">www.armadaschools.org</a> and click on *Tech & Safety Bond 2025*.