



A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! It has been wonderful to welcome our students, families, and dedicated staff back to our schools and to see the energy and excitement that a new school year brings. I also want to take this opportunity to inform our entire school community about an important proposal that will appear on the Tuesday, November 3, ballot.

The Chippewa Valley Schools Safety and Improvement Bond Proposition would support critical safety and security enhancements to help keep our students, families, staff, and community safe as the nature of school threats continues to evolve. We carefully crafted this proposal with input from our families and community members with a focus on keeping our students and schools safe. This process involved a 60-member Design Advisory Team, 14 focus groups, building walkthroughs and more than 1,200 responses to our community survey.

This proposal builds on our 2018 Bond by addressing continuously evolving school threats **without increasing the current millage rate**. This includes safety enhancements like updated security camera systems, integrated electronic access controls, and enhanced emergency mobile communication in our buildings.

This proposal would also help us address some of our most pressing infrastructure needs to help keep our students safe, warm, and dry. This includes replacing aging infrastructure in our oldest school buildings, including things like roofs, heating and cooling systems and parking lot upgrades.

The proposal also helps us continue our track record of success at CVS, including improvements to career-technical learning spaces that help prepare students for high-demand jobs, including those in the skilled trades.

At Chippewa Valley Schools, we are proud of our proven track record of fiscal transparency, accountability, and responsibility. This proposal also builds on that tradition of good fiscal stewardship, which includes “A” ratings every year by independent experts. If this proposal passes, every dollar spent will be tracked and available online to ensure all taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

We plan to continue providing regular updates on this important proposal in the weeks ahead and encourage you to get the facts. As always, we welcome any feedback, thoughts, or input from our school community throughout this process.

To learn more about the Safety and Improvement Bond Proposition, including the proposed projects and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit our website at chippewavalleyschools.org.

Thank you for your continued support of Chippewa Valley Schools, and, most importantly, our students.

The Safety and Improvement Bond will not increase the millage rate.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam Blanchard
Superintendent
Chippewa Valley Schools



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Superintendent

Learn more about the Safety and Improvement Bond Proposition

Join us at one of the following Community Meetings

October 8 – Dakota High School, Auditorium – 7pm

October 13 – Iroquois Middle School, Aux Gym – 7pm

October 15 – Wyandot Middle School, Media Center – 7pm

October 20 – Chippewa Valley High School, Auditorium – 7pm

Chippewa Valley Schools Safety and Improvement Bond

BOND

The Chippewa Valley Schools Safety and Improvement Bond Proposition would support safety and security enhancements, upgrade school infrastructure to keep students safe, warm, and dry and help continue our track record of fiscal responsibility and accountability.

The Chippewa Valley Schools Safety and Improvement Bond Proposition will appear on the Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026, ballot.

This no-millage-rate increase proposal supports critical school safety and security enhancements to address ever-changing threats and keep our students, families, staff, and community safe.

Keeping our students safe, warm and dry



If passed, the Safety and Improvement Bond Proposition would:

- Support **safety enhancements districtwide**, including upgraded security camera systems and an emergency notification system
- Equip district buildings with **emergency mobile communication, backup generators and fire alarms**
- Improve or **replace aging infrastructure**, such as roofs, heating and cooling systems and paving improvements

Continuing our track record of success

Our strong schools mean a stronger Chippewa Valley community. The Safety and Improvement Bond Proposition supports our continued track record of success.

If passed, it would:

- Help us build upon our **95% graduation rate — far above the 84% statewide and 87% national rates**.
- Support career-technical programs that **help students compete for in-demand, good-paying jobs**, including in the skilled trades
- Support **higher property values** and help attract new businesses to our community

Commitment to fiscal responsibility, accountability

The Safety and Improvement Bond Proposition is a fiscally responsible and accountable proposal.

- This **no-millage-rate increase proposal** builds on our proven track record of fiscal transparency, accountability and responsibility.
- That commitment to sound fiscal management includes **consistently receiving “A” bond ratings** every year by independent experts.
- If passed, **every dollar spent will be tracked and available on a public website** to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.



CVS Safety and Improvement Bond FAQs



Q: What is the Chippewa Valley Schools Safety and Improvement Bond Proposition?

A: The Chippewa Valley Schools Safety and Improvement Bond Proposition would support safety and security enhancements, upgrade school infrastructure to keep students safe, warm and dry and help continue our track record of fiscal responsibility and accountability. This proposal was carefully crafted with input from our community, including our 60-member Design Advisory Team, 14 focus groups, building walkthroughs and more than 1,200 responses to our community survey.

Q: When will this proposal appear on the ballot?

A: The Chippewa Valley Schools Safety and Improvement Bond Proposition will appear on the Tuesday, **November 3rd** ballot.

Q: Will this proposal raise my taxes?

A: No. This is a no-millage-rate increase proposal that supports school safety and security enhancements to help keep our students, families, staff and community safe, upgrades school infrastructure and helps prepare our students for in-demand careers, including in the skilled trades.

Q: What will the funding be used for?

A: If passed, funding will support safety enhancements districtwide, including upgraded security camera systems, an emergency notification system and emergency mobile communication. It would also improve or replace aging infrastructure like roofs, heating and cooling systems. It would also support career-technical programs that help students compete for in-demand, good-paying jobs, including in the skilled trades.

Q: Why do we need this proposal now?

A: The Safety and Improvement Bond Proposition supports school safety and security during a time when threats to schools are prevalent and ever-changing. It will help keep our students and school community safe, replace aging infrastructure and enhance spaces to help students prepare for the in-demand, good-paying jobs of today and tomorrow. This proposal builds on our 2018 Bond through continued investment in the latest safety enhancements to help keep our students and schools safe, expanding career-technical opportunities that help prepare students for in-demand careers, and building on our track record of fiscal responsibility and accountability.

Q: How do we know funding from the proposal will be spent wisely?

A: This **no-millage-rate increase** proposal builds on our district's proven track record of fiscal transparency, accountability and responsibility. If passed, every dollar spent will be tracked and available on a public website to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

Q: How does this proposal help our students?

A: This proposal builds upon our track record of success, including improvements to learning spaces for career-technical programs that help prepare students for in-demand, good-paying jobs, including in the skilled trades.

Q: I don't have kids in the district. Why should I support this proposal?

A: Our strong schools mean strong neighborhoods and higher property values while making our community a great place to live, work, raise a family, or start a small business. Supporting our schools means supporting our entire community and helps ensure we stay competitive with surrounding districts rather than falling behind.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOLS' 2026

PRODUCTION OF



CVHS-
2026 RECIPIENT OF
5 SUTTON FOSTER AWARDS
DIRECTION • MUSIC DIRECTION
CHOREOGRAPHY • SET DESIGN
COSTUME DESIGN

Disney

FROZEN

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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Music and Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez

Book by
Jennifer Lee

Originally directed on Broadway by
Michael Grandage

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee
and directed by Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee

Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical Group

WEEKEND 1

Fri Nov 6 - 7 PM
Sat Nov 7 - 1 PM
Sat Nov 7 - 7 PM

WEEKEND 2

Fri Nov 13 - 7 PM
Sun Nov 15 - 2PM

WEEKEND 3

Thu Nov 19 - 7 PM
Fri Nov 20 - 7 PM
Sat Nov 21 - 1 PM
Sat Nov 21 - 7 PM

3-TIME
SUTTON FOSTER
AWARD WINNER FOR
BEST CHOREOGRAPHY

CHIPPEWA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Henrichsen Auditorium
18300 19 Mile Rd.
Clinton Twp MI 48038

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www.cvhsmusicals.org



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Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities are making a difference for our students



The workforce is more competitive than ever, making it critical to provide real-world, hands-on learning opportunities that help Chippewa Valley Schools students compete for good-paying, in-demand jobs.

That's why we proudly offer 14 different Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses that help prepare students for the jobs of today and tomorrow. Students at Chippewa Valley and Dakota high schools can enroll in CTE classes ranging from Mechatronics and Auto Technology to Construction Trades and our Medical Academy to Cybersecurity and Design Technology.

Last year 1,989 Chippewa Valley students enrolled in CTE courses. Along the way, our students are supported by industry professionals who work in coordination with our teachers to provide high-quality programming using state-of-the-art technology.

These programs help prepare students for highly skilled, rewarding careers while helping them save money. Students can earn professional certifications and credentials while still in high school at no cost. Our CTE students also gain valuable real-world experience through internships that connect classroom learning to future careers.

Here's more good news: Our CTE programs are helping create local job opportunities for our students. That helps create a talent pipeline right here in Macomb County.

Chippewa Valley Schools offers a variety of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs for students. To learn more about our CTE programs, visit: [**chippewavalleyschools.org**](http://chippewavalleyschools.org), **Academics, Career and Technical Education.**

CTE PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED IN THESE AREAS

- Automotive Technology
- Accounting & Finance
- Careers In Education
- Design Technology
- Mechatronics and Robotics
- Information Technology
- Construction Trades
- Graphic Design
- Medical Academy
- Business Management
- Cybersecurity
- Culinary Arts
- Marketing
- Woodworking & Cabinetmaking



Construction Trades students gained hands-on experience pouring a new concrete apron at Dakota High School with support from SRM Concrete and Ideal Contracting.

Real-world Construction Trades experience

With a generous donation of concrete from SRM Concrete and skilled tradespersons from Ideal Contracting, our Construction Trades students poured a new concrete apron on the Northwest side of the Construction Trades building at Dakota High School. Students prepared the site and set forms for the pour in the days leading up to the project under the guidance of teacher Jim Lewis and Teacher Assistant Lou Boni. The day was a huge success and a great opportunity for students to engage in a real-world setting with so many incredibly skilled professionals in one place. The concrete pour was phase one of a four-year project to replace and expand the concrete pads on the west side of the building. We are so very fortunate to have so many incredible industry partners! Thank you to Ideal Contracting and SRM Concrete for your support!

CTE Students in Action

CTE

A Delicious Victory!

Congratulations to Dakota High School student Evin Gee, a Gold Medal winner at the Best Cook in Macomb competition held at Macomb Community College. Another example from our outstanding CTE programs.



Learning the Future in Medicine

Seniors in the Dakota Medical Careers program were able to engage with DaVinci Surgical Robots last spring. Intuitive, the company that provides these robots to Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, had these units on display, and Medical Careers instructor Julie Zemnickas was able to schedule student interaction with the robots and with company representatives. This hands-on experience offered students a unique glimpse into cutting-edge surgical technology and potential career pathways in the medical field. Opportunities like this help bridge classroom learning with real-world applications, reinforcing both technical skills and professional awareness.



STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations Johnathon!

We are proud to celebrate senior Johnathon Putrus Jr., winner of the statewide 2026 High School Distracted Driving Awareness Billboard Competition!



Congratulations, Johnathon! We are so proud of you!

Johnathon's creative message promoting safe, focused driving was featured on billboards across Michigan and reached millions of motorists.

What an incredible accomplishment and a powerful way to make a difference in our community.

Celebrating Scouting's Highest Honor



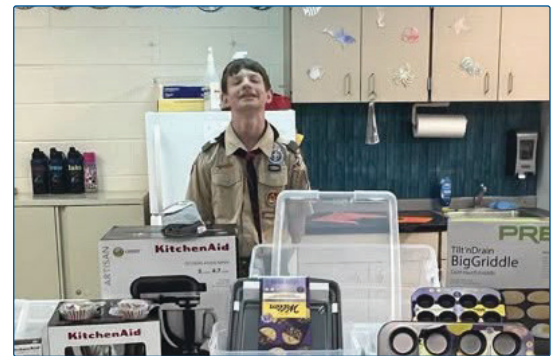
Join us in congratulating Iroquois Middle School student Thomas Majchrzak on earning the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout! This incredible achievement represents years of dedication, leadership, and service – and Thomas has certainly made a lasting impact on our school community.

For his Eagle Scout service project, Thomas designed, built, and installed custom storage cubbies for a classroom at Glen H. Peters School, giving students and staff a dedicated space for cooking and baking supplies. Through his own fundraising efforts, he also provided new kitchen equipment, including a KitchenAid mixer, griddle, baking pans, bowls, and utensils, and even donated additional funds to the school.

Thomas began his Scouting journey as a Cub Scout at Mohawk Elementary School and has since earned 32 merit badges, three Religious Emblems, and membership in the Order of the Arrow.

At Iroquois Middle School, he is active in Student Council, LEGO Robotics, and the school band, where he plays the trumpet.

Thomas's commitment to service, leadership, and helping others reflects the very best of our students. We are proud to celebrate this remarkable accomplishment and the positive difference he has made for Glen H. Peters School.



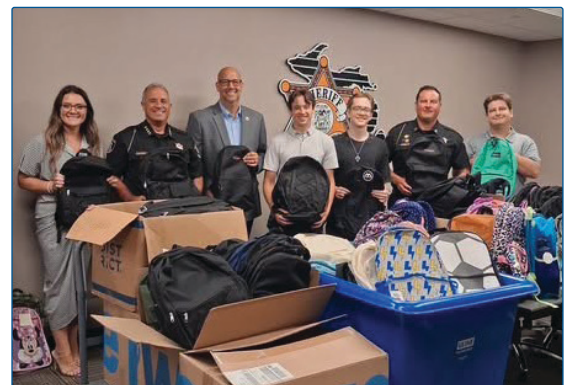
Please join us in congratulating Thomas on earning Scouting's highest honor!

Thank You to Our Community Partners!

A huge thank you to Sheriff Wickersham, Julie Juncaj, and the entire Sheriff's Department team for your incredibly generous donation of 145 backpacks filled with school supplies for Chippewa Valley Schools students!

Your kindness and commitment to our students is truly appreciated. We are grateful for the wonderful partnership we share with our local law enforcement agencies and for the many ways you support our students, families, and community.

Thank you for helping our students start the school year ready to learn and ready to succeed!



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CVS by the Numbers



28

square mile service area



22

school buildings



2.7M

square feet of buildings



530

acres to maintain



7th

largest school district in the state out of
814 public school districts and charters



2nd

largest school district in Macomb
County (out of 21 districts)



786,292

miles driven by school buses



1,219,342

lunches served



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**Best school district in Macomb
County ranked by Niche**