

The Concerned Citizens of the HPT School District are a collective group of Gremlins and taxpayers. We have pride in our schools and want to protect them.



Grow smarter. Not bigger.

VOTE NO ON THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BOND

RESIDENTS WILL PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$46 MILLION FOR NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

The bond proposal aims to address overcrowding, from non-district students at the elementary school, by adding \$46 million of new debt to the existing \$22 million current debt.

GET THE FACTS BEFORE YOUR VOTE.

The ballot language will say the bond cost is \$23 Million. With principal and interest, the real debt to taxpayers is twice that amount at \$46 Million.

Almost half, (692 students) in the school are from outside the district and contribute nothing toward the debts in HPTS District.

HPTS proposed bond communications and presentations are misleading. The taxpayers are not getting accurate information.

The difference between the existing debt and the new proposed debt results in a 60% tax increase.

Residents of Portage Township and Houghton already pay some of the highest school bond taxes in Houghton County.

Questions for HPS school administrators & board members:

- ? Why should tax-paying residents pay for non-taxpayer students?
- ? Why did the school board allow the overcrowding at the elementary school in the first place?
- ? Why not just cap the existing number of elementary schools' kids and save the residents and business \$46 million in taxes?
- ? What is the school board's strategic plan and budget for growing smart vs. burdening the taxpayers with continued bond request for school facilities. What other sustainable and fiscally responsible alternatives has the board explored?
- ? What happens if one of our neighboring schools can no longer afford to operate? Will HPTS have to take in the students and use their building for some of our grades or just keep on building additional space?
- ? What is the school's plan if the School of Choice kids move to another school? How would you make up for the loss? Teacher layoffs?
- ? What is the cost breakdown of the proposed project?

More Facts