



## **Negaunee Public Schools Community Update July 24, 2017**

On Tuesday, August 8, 2017, the Negaunee Public Schools will be asking the voters of the Negaunee School District to decide on a 2.5 mill Sinking Fund millage for a period of 10 years. The request will appear on the ballot as a creation of a Sinking Fund due to the District's hope to expand the use of our current Sinking Fund to purchase instructional technology and security improvements. Negaunee Public Schools has been fortunate to have had a Sinking Fund for decades, so the request we are seeking is very important to the future of the District. Our current Sinking Fund expires in 2018, so in essence, this approval will replace that Fund when it expires.

### What will the proposed Sinking Fund pay for?

The proposed sinking fund will generate approximately \$646,000 per year to be used for major projects.

- Keeping our students and staff safe is our number one priority. If the Sinking Fund was renewed, we would upgrade security and safety by purchasing additional cameras throughout the district and also improve some of our site lighting.
- As the need for technology grows and changes, we will use sinking fund money to purchase instructional technology to enhance student learning, which will prepare them for their careers.
- The District will work closely with the Booster Club in constructing a new entrance into Lakeview School. Included will be a new concession stand and handicapped accessible bathrooms.
- Beyond currently identified needs, the sinking fund would also be available for unexpected facility needs as they occur rather than paying for these out of the General Fund. These could include, but are not limited to boiler replacement, roof replacements, window replacements and replace flooring in each building in order to keep our community safe.

Voting will be held at your township hall or city precinct polling location. If you will be out of town on the day of the election, are physically unable to attend the polls, or are 60 years of age or older, you may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballot applications are now available from your local township or city hall and must be submitted by the time the polls close at 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 8, 2017.