

KAS BOND PROPOSAL 2025

**VOTE ON OR BEFORE
MAY 6, 2025**

VOTE SAFETY.
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OPPORTUNITY.



PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS



Brand new middle school on the campus of the current high school



Secure vestibules and entrance systems at every building.



Kingsley Arts Center, new choir room, and dedicated band and drama storage



State-of-the-art fitness center available for student and community use



New middle school classrooms, multi-use spaces, furniture, and commons area

You can register to vote online up to 15 days before Election Day or in-person any time up to 8PM on May 6, 2025.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOND HERE

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BOND PROPOSAL AIMS TO UPGRADE SAFETY; BUILD ARTS AND COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTERS



By Joshua T. Rothwell
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Kingsley Superintendent

Over the years, many things have changed in our community, but one thing has always remained true: Kingsley is the best place for our kids to go to school and for folks to raise their families.

This May, we're asking you to decide on a district bond proposal. **We're doing this now because we have several areas that are in critical need of facility upgrades**, and this proposal would allow us to build new spaces for academics, the arts, and athletics.

Additionally, it would allow us to fortify our buildings with safety upgrades. Currently, each building has a buzz-in system and our proposal would add security vestibules to each school building.

Our current buzz-in system allows anyone admitted to travel anywhere in our buildings,

leaving our staff and students vulnerable to safety threats. The proposed vestibules add an additional layer of security and give the front office staff and our school resource officer direct sightlines to the front doors.

Further, this bond would allow us to address several ongoing issues:

- Elementary teachers and students are doing classroom interventions and one-on-one work inside custodial rooms and closets.
- Preschool classes are housed inside a portable building that has surpassed its lifespan.
- Arts and Athletics are competing for limited gym time, while our musicians and artists lack a dedicated performance area.

I encourage you to learn more inside this newsletter or reach out with any questions.

I am hosting several upcoming informational sessions (see details inside) and you can also find renderings, plans, and details on our district website.

SINCERELY, JOSHUA T. ROTHWELL

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May 6, 2025 Bond Proposal Information

Safety. Community. Opportunity.

Our community will have the opportunity to vote on a Kingsley Area Schools bond proposal on the May 6, 2025 election ballot. If approved, it would provide \$39,200,000 for **building & site improvements to address identified and ongoing facility needs based on completed assessments and community input.** If approved by voters, the 2025 bond millage is expected to result in a net increase of 4.90 mills from the current rate.

Why a Bond Proposal Now?

If approved by voters, the 2025 bond proposal would address the currently identified issues such as **critical infrastructure issues, and build new spaces for academics, athletics, and the arts.** Upgraded facilities would provide for student and **community access** to new, state-of-the-art facilities like gymnasiums and fitness centers. This bond proposal would also **improve security** infrastructure, including **modern security measures**, such as secure vestibules and updated access systems.

How much will this bond cost?

Kingsley Area Schools currently levies 0 mills. If the 2025 bond proposal is approved by voters, the net debt tax rate is expected to increase by 4.90 mills from current levels with an average millage rate of 4.07 throughout the life of the bond. The debt payoff for this bond is expected to be less than 30 years.

HOME MARKET VALUE	HOME (SEV) TAXABLE VALUE	YEARLY COST	MONTHLY COST	DAILY COST
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$490	\$40.83	\$1.34
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$735	\$61.25	\$2.01
\$400,000	\$200,000	\$980	\$81.67	\$2.68

NOTE: Households that pay homestead property taxes greater than 3.2% of their annual income may be eligible for Michigan's Homestead Property Tax Credit, therefore, the "net" tax rate could be less than shown above. Contact your accountant or tax preparer for more information.

Voting Information

Election Day: May 6, 2025
Absentee ballots to be available
March 27, 2025

Are you registered to vote?
You may register online, by mail,
or in-person. Learn more at
michigan.gov/vote

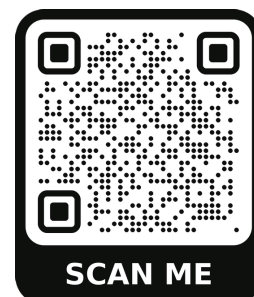
Upcoming Events

Info Session: March 4 | 6:00PM
Kingsley High School Library

Info Session: March 19 | 6:00PM
Kingsley High School Library

Coffee Chat: March 20
8:30AM at Kingsley Library

Learn More

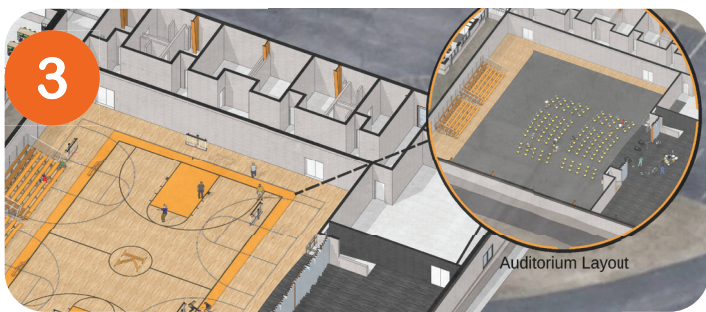


Visit our website to learn more about the bond proposal at kingsleyschools.org/2025bond or scan this code.

What projects are included in this bond proposal?

If the bond proposal is approved by voters, the existing Elementary School will become the new Lower Elementary for grades Pre-K-2. In addition, the existing Middle School will become the new Upper Elementary for grades 3-5.

A new Middle School addition will be added to the High School, creating one unified campus.



1. Rendering of new middle school addition on high school campus
2. Stage area for music, drama use, to go inside new middle school addition
3. Events space in the middle school addition will have courts, bleachers, stage, and high-tech acoustic technology to adapt space for athletic and artistic uses
4. Aerial view of Kingsley High School and proposed middle school addition
5. Brand new middle school commons space.

How were the bond projects identified?

The school district completed an **internal review** of all school facilities as part of the school district's facility planning process.

After the internal review, school officials worked with architectural and construction management specialists to **finalize the list** of bond proposal projects to be addressed.

Several community meetings were held as well as a community survey to address concerns.

Due to the age of school facilities, the cost of the initial project list totaled over \$51 million.

The project list was narrowed down to first address priority needs such as facility upgrades, safety, and security. The board is dedicated to HVAC and roof infrastructure issues without bond proposal dollars.

I've heard space is an issue. Why can't you kick out the out-of-district kids to make room?

Kingsley has a net population of 319 out-of-district students who collectively bring in a little more than \$3 million to the district. That money is critical to mechanical and infrastructure maintenance, including paying to repair the HVAC systems and put new roofs on our buildings.

If out of district kids were eliminated, the district would have to restructure classes and make staffing cuts which could risk eliminating electives.

LEARN THE FACTS OF THIS BOND PROPOSAL AT
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LET'S GO TO
Ireland and England
 Link in bio for more information

Middle Schoolers & incoming sixth graders, you're invited to the 2025 KMS Travel Club trip to Ireland and England! Contact Andrew Sias at asias@kingsleyschools.org for more information.
 This trip is led by EF Tours which is not affiliated with Kingsley Area Schools

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COSTA RICA JUNE 2026



LET'S GO ON AN ADVENTURE!

Join the KHS Travel Club on their trip to Costa Rica in June 2026! Contact Robin Lewis for more information at rlewis@kingsleyschools.org

This trip is led by EF Tours which is not affiliated with Kingsley Area Schools

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE

The Kingsley High School National Honor Society will be hosting a Blood Drive on March 11 at KHS.

SIGN UP NOW



Middle School Spring Concert
 May 8 at 7:00PM
 Kingsley Middle School

High School Spring Concert
 May 13 at 7:00PM
 Kingsley High School

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NEW FOR 2025:
 Please make ALL school-related checks out to "Kingsley Area Schools" ONLY. This applies lunch accounts, athletics, fines, preschool, field trips, extended day program, and more.

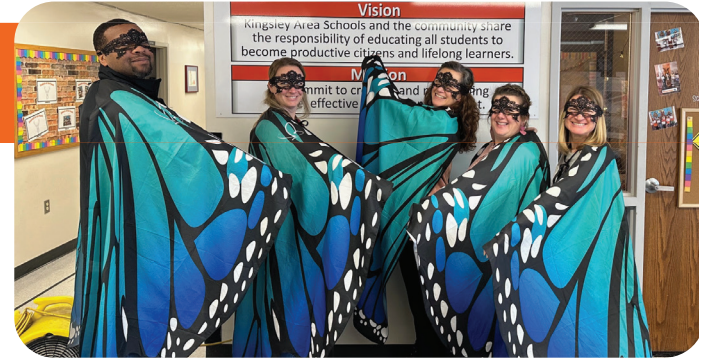


100th Day of School

Kingsley Elementary celebrated 100 days in school last month. Students celebrated with counting centers, crafts, and imagining what life would be like at 100 years old!

“Butterfly” Trauma-Informed Training

Kingsley Elementary administrators and counselors recently graduated from Butterfly Action Team training with the St Clair Butterfly Foundation. They are now even more equipped to help students impacted by trauma feel safe, valued, and empowered at school. They learned neuroscience-based strategies to help students regulate emotions, rewire stress responses, and build resilience through creativity.



Students Journey to America on Ellis Island Day

Fourth graders traveled back in time for the annual Ellis Island Day! In this extensive simulation, students, dressed as travelers from the 1900s, carried babies and luggage as they passed through checkpoints, health screenings, customs, and various obstacles in hopes of coming to America. They were even greeted by Lady Liberty (Assistant Principal Collins!) This activity marked the end of their Human Geography unit, where students learned that 40% of Americans can trace their lineage back to the famous "immigration station."

Second Graders Learn about China

This year, second graders have been learning about China and ancient China's contributions to society. They also learned about Chinese New Year traditions as well as the Yangtze and Yellow rivers. These connections were brought to life when a special guest, Mr. Justin, made a presentation at the library. Mr. Justin lives and works as a teacher in China. The kids loved learning more about China, asking questions, and learning some words in Mandarin.



Snow Much Fun!

Fourth graders loved hitting the sledding hill by the football field as a special reward!



ARTS & ATHLETICS

KAS Artists to Exhibit at Crooked Tree



You are invited! Come see artwork from Kingsley students at the Crooked Tree Center for the Arts in Traverse City. The show is running from Tuesday March 11 until Friday April 4. The main floor gallery space is open Tuesday-Friday from 11:00AM to 5:00PM and Saturday from 10:00AM-4:00PM. There will be a reception on March 16 from 1:00-3:00PM to honor and congratulate all of those who have been chosen.

Thank you for the continued support of art education!

KHS Artists Head to Grayling for Northern Shores Conference Art Day



Left: Cora Dunham at the pottery wheel. Above, left to right: Mrs. Graham, Isabella Bickle, Norah Galton, Maddison Robinson, Cora Dunham, Austin Wyskochil, Talia Peuler, Katelyn Bennett, and Morgan DeVries.

Sue Graham and eight KHS artists recently went to the Artisan Village in Grayling for a day of breakout sessions and a tour of the Kirtland College Art Department. They explored several topics including Acrylic Paints, Silk Screen printing, Weaving, Polymer Clay, Fish Printing, Ceramic Hand Building, and Wheel Throwing. At Kirtland, they were treated to lunch and also learned about careers in the arts.

Kingsley High School Drama Club Presents *"The Internet is Distract-- OH LOOK A KITTEN!"*

Join the Drama Club for a "high-octane comedy that explores the rabbit hole of distraction we all go down every time we go online."



Friday, March 7 | 7:00PM
Saturday, March 8 | 2:00 & 7:00PM
Kingsley Middle School



Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults
Tickets are available at the door.



➔ AdeLynn Town



AdeLynn is a junior forward for the varsity basketball team and had an outstanding game versus Charlevoix, leading the way on defense with nine points and seven rebounds. AdeLynn also excels in softball at Kingsley while carrying a 3.89 grade point average.

➔ Colton Goethals



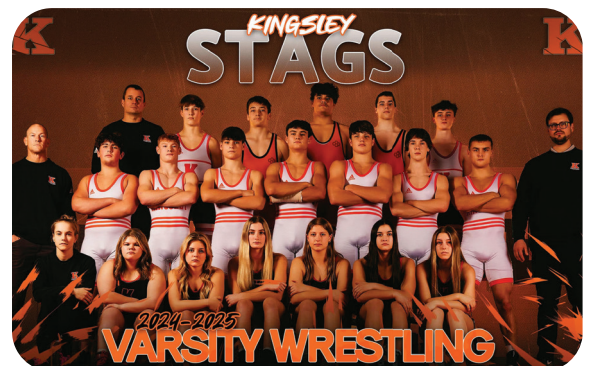
Colton recently won the 190lb weight class at NSC Championship, finishing second in Division-3 Districts at Grayling. He advanced to Individual Regionals at Kalkaska earning 2nd place. He will now go to States at Ford Field! Colton also plays football and rugby while carrying a 4.0 GPA.

➔ Marisa Graham



Marisa is a senior forward for the varsity girls basketball team. Her defense has helped Kingsley win eight games in a row including wins over Grayling, Gaylord, Boyne City, Gaylord and St. Francis. Marisa also excels in volleyball and track with a 3.94 grade point average.

➔ Wrestlers Head to State Finals



Congratulations to Colton Goethals and Isaiah Cosgrove who punched their tickets to the State Finals! Go Stags!

Naval Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps. Hosts First Inspection and Drill



On February 6, the Kingsley NJROTC hosted veterans and community members for their first inspection.

This major milestone is the first step toward the unit being officially certified. Naval Base Great Lakes area manager Master Gunnery Sergeant Jason Rampa came in from Chicago for the drill, ceremony, and to award stellar cadets.

"It's a lot of hard work and effort that's been put into it over the last six months. I only get an hour with them each day, so they've got to work out of class to make it a success," USMC Gunnery Sergeant Mathew Barr said to UpNorthLive News. "They've been working hard all year so they're very proud. As you can see, they take pride in wearing the uniform and what they're doing here." ***Thank you to all of the community members, veterans, first responders, and active duty military men and women who attended today's event.***



Middle School Journalism Club

March Interviews

Wendy Sterk - Librarian

What are your interests and/or hobbies?
Reading, backpacking, gardening.

What do you love about Kingsley?
The students.

What's one fun fact about you?
I am a part of the community band.

What is a dream or goal you have?
For this year, to complete the Hike 100 (hiking 100 miles on the North Michigan trail from January to December).

What is one thing you want the community to know about you?
"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me."
-C.S. Lewis

Student Luke Acre

What are your interests and/or hobbies?
I like to play sports like basketball, baseball and football, go skiing.

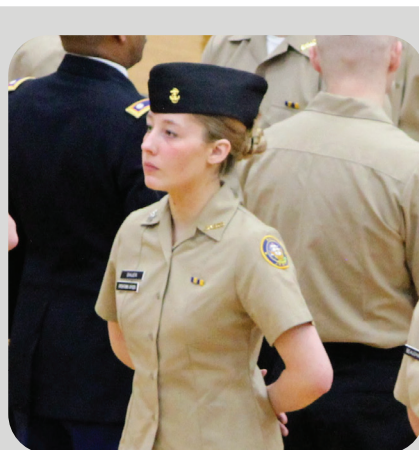
What do you love about Kingsley?
I love the teachers and overall the education.

What's one fun fact about you?
I have a hearing aid.

What is a dream or goal you have?
To make it to college in one sport.

What is one thing you want the community to know about you?
That they are very welcoming and that it's just a very good overall environment.

Read more at
kingsleyschools.org/blog



Stellar Cadets Awarded. Natalie Sterk and Mara Van Wagner, left, were recently recognized by the VFW Cherryland Post 2780. Natalie won Cadet of the Year and Mara won third place in the Voice of Democracy Scholarship contest. **Anna Bauer**, right, was one of ten students chosen from thousands of international applicants to earn the CNAF Flight Academy scholarship. Over eight weeks this summer, she will work and study 10 to 12 hours per day, seven days a week, as she learns about aviation in the accelerated program. Upon successful completion of the program, she will earn five college credits and a private pilot's license.

Pre-Registration for Preschool at Kingsley: 2025-2026

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Child's Birth Date _____

Parent's Names _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Cell Phone # _____ Email Address: _____

*Tuition Paperwork mailed in April. *GSRP: NMCAA.net, Early Childhood Tab, Application, Pre-Application

Please note your preferred preschool method.

____ 3-year-old Tuition Schedule: _____ (days of week)

____ 4-year-old GSRP (State Funded Free Preschool) Circle One: **M-F (limited)** or **Mon- Thurs.**

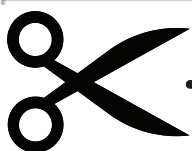
Four Year Olds will Apply for GSRP: Free State Funded Preschool

To apply for a GSRP slot parents will need to email Kristin Goethals at kgoethals@kingsleyschools.org or go to NMCAA.net to set up an appointment and indicate Kingsley Preschool Program as their first choice of schools. The appointments are done in collaboration with NMCAA for Kingsley GSRP and Hannah Headstart slots. The GSRP slots are for students who are four years old by September 1st 2025. GSRP slots will first be offered to qualifying at risk families based on a series of risk factors including low family income and then to other families. Families qualifying for GSRP after their appointment will be asked to designate a first choice and second choice of program locations. Students may also be offered a Hannah Headstart slot if they qualify. The state qualifies students through June and acceptance letters are mailed at that time. Hours of operation are 8:30-3:15 Monday through Thursday. ALL students who will be 4 need to complete this application due to the state language around universal preschool.

Three Year Olds will Apply for Tuition Preschool

The tuition-based program is open to any family whose child is 30 months of age up to school age, and is potty trained, and will first be filled with three-year-olds. There are no income qualifiers to be accepted into the program, and the cost is \$36 per day (for the 2025-26 year, **subject to change**). The \$36 per day includes lunch, a morning snack, and an afternoon snack. Program options include Tuesday/Thursday, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, or Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday. Space is limited. If three-year-olds don't fill all the spaces we will fill in with four-year-olds. Filling out a preregistration form does **NOT** guarantee enrollment. Letters will be mailed in May verifying acceptance. Hours of operation are 7:45 am to 3:45 pm. Return form to:

Kingsley Elementary School Attn: Kristin Goethals
311 Clark St.
Kingsley, MI 49649



2025-2026

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child that will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2025, and you plan to enroll your child in Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year, please complete the form attached and return it to Erin Lefler at Kingsley Elementary School.

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Child's Birth Date _____

Parent's Names _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ Work/Cell Phone # _____

➔ Oh Sew Much Fun



Elementary students are learning to sew in Ms. Hannah Rose's art class. They recently finished their pillow projects that were adorned with pockets and button details.

➔ Duck and Weave



The Staff were once again victorious in the annual middle school dodgeball tournament. Each grade competed as the finale to Great Kindness Week.

➔ Let it Burn



Wilderness students recently made Burn Bowls produced with only embers and fire. The bowls are made out of black locust trees cut down on campus.

➔ Keeping it Cool



Using the principles of thermodynamics, sixth graders in Patty Roussetty's class recently designed and crafted their own thermos flask!

➔ Woah, Michelangelo



Mrs. Jenkin's fifth graders tried their hand at coloring some artwork under the table to understand what it must have been like for Michelangelo to paint the Sistine Chapel!

