What is on the ballot?
A $50 million bond proposal to fund improvements at all school facilities in the school district.

What is the purpose of the bond proposal?
The primary purpose of the bond election is to remodel, renovate, update, and upgrade Garden City schools and school facilities. If approved, the bond proposal will address the following areas:

1. **facility updates**, including roofing replacements, upgrading mechanical and HVAC systems, improving energy efficiency, renovating the pool and pool locker rooms, renovating O’Leary Auditorium, and updating interior finishes

2. **student safety enhancements**, including installing security hardware on classroom doors, remodeling GCMS to create a secure entrance, replacing fire alarm systems, updating PA systems, improving parking lots, and replacing sidewalks

3. **improving the learning environment** by remodeling media centers and updating furnishings, updating science labs and greenhouses, creating a student commons area to support collaborative learning, and creating STEM /Maker-spaces, enhancing/replacing the music instrument collection

4. **improving athletic facilities**, including replacing the GCMS gym scoreboard and indoor track, installing a new stadium scoreboard and sound system, installing synthetic turf on the football field, reconstructing the parking lot and driveway approach, replacing fencing, and improving stadium/athletic field drainage

More facts about the bond proposal
Three bond proposal options were developed. The bond options were reviewed with students, parents, staff members, long-time Garden City residents, and community leaders during a series of focus panels that were conducted in October 2019. A summary of focus panel recommendations were shared with the Board of Education to help develop the bond proposal.

If voters approve the $50 million bond proposal, the current tax rate is projected to increase by 1.65 mills. The bond proposal is projected to cost the average Garden City homeowner $66.00 annually or $5.50 per month.

All revenue from the bond proposal will benefit the Garden City Public Schools. None of the revenue will go to Lansing or to any other school district or political entity.

Registered voters can vote at their regular polling location between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on May 5th.

Any registered voter can vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballot applications are available from your Clerk’s Office or online at www.michigan.gov/vote. Absentee ballots will be available after March 21st.

Have questions or need more information?
- Go to www.gardencityschools.com and click on 2020 School Election
- Call any Garden City Public Schools Principal
- Contact Superintendent Derek Fisher at 734/762-8300 or email him at fisherd@gardencityschools.com