

## Livonia school board studies \$190 million construction bond proposal - [Ken Abramczyk](#) - Observer

The Livonia school board is examining whether to ask voters for a \$190 million construction [bond](#), possibly during the May 2012 election.

Superintendent Randy Liepa highlighted [the proposal](#) for trustees Monday night at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Trustees did not act on the proposal but are expected to study it at another committee of the whole meeting and possibly vote on it no later than next January or February to place it before voters.

Liepa outlined the improvements as part of the district's long-term facility planning. Liepa said the district's sinking [fund](#) finances repairs to parking lots, boilers and [roofs](#) at buildings, but the use of that limited fund makes improvements a "long process."

Many of the district's facilities are over 50 years old. "We think it's time to revisit what needs to get done," Liepa said.

Electrical system upgrades are needed for new technology, Liepa said. "You can't bring technology and not have the electrical work to [support](#) it," Liepa said.

As an example, Liepa distributed before and after [photos](#) of what a classroom at Buchanan Elementary may look like. More efficient lights would be installed, exterior doors and windows would be replaced and a new [HVAC](#) system would improve air quality.

"It would put us in a position where the classroom is in a much, much better condition," Liepa said. Smart boards, or interactive [white boards](#), would be valuable in classrooms, Liepa said.

Renovations would include upgrades in auditoriums for fine arts programs. Liepa said every classroom would be renovated, along with the Career Center, and infrastructure would be improved.