Communication You Can Count On

Throughout the school year, our families can expect consistent and timely updates through weekly Sunday evening calls with a look ahead to the week, monthly building and district newsletters, and regular communication from teachers and staff through Rooms. Our goal is to ensure families stay informed, connected, and engaged in the learning and activities happening across our district. Be sure you follow us on Facebook and download the Bronson Community Schools App (free in the Apple or Google App store) for the most up to date information!

Welcome, New Staff!

Bronson Community Schools welcomes these new staff members to our team!

Chelsey Hampton
Jr/Sr High School
Guidance Counselor

Amanda PeGan
Ryan Elementary
Principal

Sidney Woolf
2nd Grade Teacher

We have some internal staff changes as well. Looking forward to these familiar faces in their new roles!
Lindsey Aleman, Elementary Art Teacher (former Jr/Sr High School paraprofessional)
Christy Berry, Jr/Sr High School Art Teacher (former Elementary art teacher)
Jessica Bucklin, K-12 Student Achievement & Behavior Systems Implementation Coach (former Ryan Principal)

Bronson Community Schools' Mission Statement:

Our mission is to educate and support every student to be a curious and creative lifelong learner.

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Reflections

The 2025-2026 school year at Bronson Community Schools was a landmark year, complete with academic and artistic achievements, opportunities for significant infrastructure improvements, and enhanced community engagement.

Academic and Individual Achievements
- We continued to celebrate students who were included on the President's List at Glen Oaks Community College.
- In February of 2026, the district honored five new Hall of Fame inductees: Leroy Dow, Greg Gruner, Annie McGuire, TJ Hathaway, and Devid Severn.
- Ryan Elementary and Bronson Jr/Sr High School celebrated individual student achievements at their end of year awards ceremonies and senior recognition night.

Celebrating the Arts
- The Bronson Thespians presented the production, Tuck Everlasting at the Bronson Theater in March 2026.
- Winter and Spring band and choir concerts along with elementary music programs were presented.

Communication Upgrades
At the beginning of the year, the district modernized how it connects with families and the community:
- A brand-new district website and mobile app were launched, featuring real-time notifications and easier access to school resources.
- The district also introduced Rooms, a secure communication tool built into the app that allows teachers and families to message one another with automatic translation to ensure effective communication with all families.

Infrastructure
In November of 2025, we celebrated the successful passage of the $29.91 million bond proposal. More information about the bond project and FAQs can be found inside this edition of the Viking Voice.

While we said farewell to the graduating Class of 2026 and wrapped up our school year in May, we're excited for the start of the 2026-2027 school year at Bronson Community Schools - where EVERY DAY is a GREAT DAY to be a Bronson Viking!

Kate Wall, Superintendent
#GDTBABV (Great Day To Be A Bronson Viking)

Open Houses
Thursday, August 20

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Anderson Elementary
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Ryan Elementary
5:30 p.m.	6th-grade meeting in Bronson Jr/Sr High School cafeteria
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Bronson Jr/Sr High School

First Day of School
Monday, August 24

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Numbers to know

Anderson Elementary
517.369.3234

Ryan Elementary
517.369.3254

Bronson Jr/Sr High
517.369.3230

Administration
517.369.3260

Follow Along!

You can find all of our buildings on Facebook, and Bronson Community Schools on both Facebook and Instagram

Bond and Sinking Fund FAQs

How much do the 2026 projects cost?
The total cost is $2,422,145, and we are carrying a 10% contingency ($242,215), for a total project budget of $2,664,360. The funding breakdown is as follows:
•Bond Proceeds - $1,226,500 •Sinking Fund - $1,437,860

Approximately 66% of the cost will go toward the Track & Field improvements and 34% will go toward the student and staff parking lots. Bids for the projects were awarded for the following bid categories

- Sitework: $623,316
- Asphalt: $503,189
- General Trades: $770,600
- Electrical: $409,250
- Track Surfacing: $115,790

When will I see the bond tax levy on my property taxes?
The first levy (4.98 mills) of the bond/debt millage will be applied to Winter 2026 property taxes.

How much does the sinking fund generate?
Our sinking fund millage rate is 1.9656 mills. Last fiscal year, that generated $586,965. When the sinking fund renewed in 2023, the ballot language stated that the levy generated approximately $460,000 - which was accurate at the time. The levied amount fluctuates based on property taxable value. If the total taxable value of existing property grows faster than the rate of inflation, the Headlee Rollback will be applied to lower the levy, and has been applied a number of times to this millage rate.

When will the Anderson project begin?
Construction of an addition of approximately 41,600 square feet that will house a new main office, library/media center, gymnasium and classroom spaces to house all K-5 students is scheduled to break ground in the Spring of 2027. The project also includes replacement of mechanical equipment, controls systems, and outdated single pane window systems to improve energy efficiency. The expansion of the kitchen and cafeteria will accommodate the larger K-5 student population.

When will work on the tennis courts start?
While they were part of the failed May 2025 proposal, the tennis courts were not part of the November 2025 bond proposal the voters approved. We heard from voters after the May proposal that a proposal below $30 million would be more acceptable. In order to achieve this, we needed to cut the tennis courts and stadium lighting projects. Stadium lighting is being replaced this summer with sinking fund dollars.
The district is looking at alternate ways to fund the renovation of the tennis courts.

If you have additional questions about the bond projects, sinking fund, or other financial/budget-related questions, please contact Superintendent, Kate Wall at 517-369-3260 or wallk@bronsonschools.org.

Summer 2026 Projects

Athletic Improvements

- Expansion of the 6-lane yardage to an 8-lane metric track, relocation of field events, the shifting of the football field, and stadium lighting will be funded with a combination of bond and sinking fund dollars.
- On April 24, 2026, the district held a ceremonial groundbreaking for track and parking lot projects. While the stadium is upgraded to an 8-lane metric track, Coldwater, Sturgis, and Union City agreed to host Bronson's home varsity football games for the Fall 2026 season.
- These projects are on-track for completion this fall!

This summer, in addition to the track project, the sinking fund paid for the restructuring and repaving of the student and staff parking lots at the Jr/Sr High School.

Enroll Your Viking Online!

We are excited to announce that Bronson Community Schools is now enrolling both returning and new students online through Skyward! We'll keep returning student enrollment open into the school year to make sure we have the most up-to-date contact information and required forms for your student. If you don't have web access or need support with this process, please contact Adrienne Castle at castlea@bronsonschools.org.

We are hopeful that moving this process online will provide more timely updates to student information while improving efficiency by eliminating the need for multiple paper forms and documents. For more information on this process, please visit www.bronsonschools.org/page/enrollment.

Who to Contact

Have a question or concern, but you're not sure who to call? Starting with the person most directly involved helps ensure your concern is addressed efficiently and accurately. If an issue isn't resolved at the first level, you'll see who to contact next in the sequence on this interactive resource:
https://aptg.co/gsknpn.