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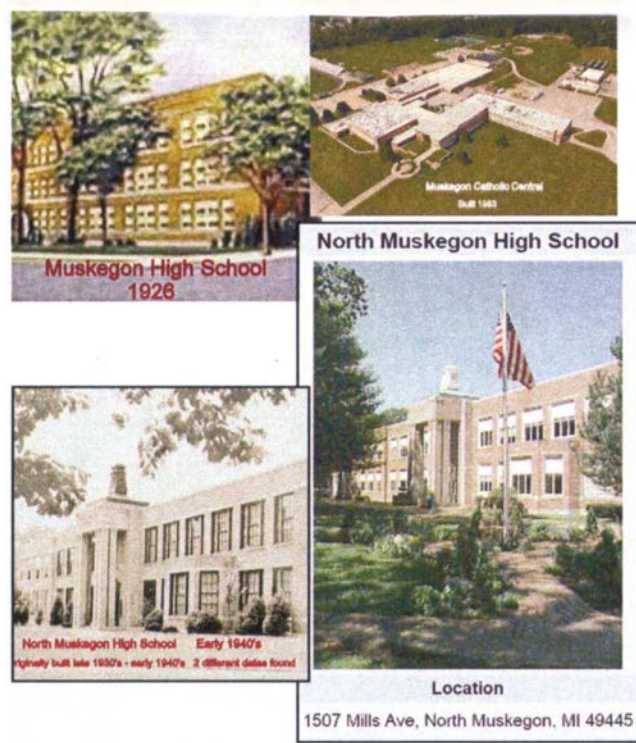
They say that Shettler Elementary School was built in 1961. But there were new additions to Shettler in 1968 and 1998 as well as renovations in 1998 and 2004.

They keep saying that Fruitport high school was built in the 1950s. But new additions were built in 1963, 1968, 1998, 1999, and 2005, as well as upgrades in 2003 and 2004.



**VOTERS BEWARE!**

The Fruitport school administration and their supporters are continuing to try to deceive Fruitport school district voters. They are still telling voters that Fruitport High School was built in the **1950s**, when just about everyone knows that this is not the truth. One **small** section of Fruitport High School **was** built in the 1950s, but a majority of Fruitport High School was built in the decades following the 1950s, with large portions being built as recently as the late 1990s and 2005, and renovations as recently as 2010 [information from Fruitport school superintendent Grand Haven Tribune - October 27, 2015]. Why are they continually misleading the voters? In a recent mailing to voters, they claim that Fruitport high school " **is the third oldest high school in West Michigan**". This is totally **false**. Fruitport High School is **not even** the third oldest high school in **Muskegon County, let alone all of West Michigan**. Muskegon High School [1926], North Muskegon High School [late 1930s-early 1940s], Muskegon Catholic Central High School [1953], are all older than Fruitport High School [see images below].



All of the above high schools have had renovations since they were originally built, just as Fruitport High School has. This is just one more misleading statement from the school administration and their supporters.

**More misleading information**

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**FRUITPORT**

**School district seeks new bond proposal**

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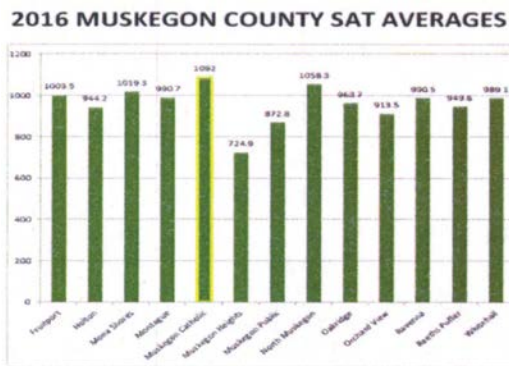
(Excerpt from Muskegon Chronicle article):

**A new, two-story structure to replace the 1950s portion of the high school** with new science rooms and labs; robotics, STEM and wood shop area; art room, bathrooms and corridors; media center, kitchen and cafeteria; classrooms, athletic locker rooms, auditorium and parking lots and improved traffic flow.

**NOTE: Voters should also be aware that if they approve this bond proposal, they are approving only the sale of \$51,000,000 in bonds, not the 3.9 debt millage rate. If this bond issue is approved, the school district has the power to tax without limitation as to the rate or amount to insure the repayment of the bonds. In other words, if the tax base of the Fruitport School District should decline in the future due to poor economic conditions, the school district could, by law, increase the 3.9 millage rate to a level necessary to repay the bonds without our vote!**

Remember, nothing we are being told about **future** growth projection is certain. Anything can happen as it did in 2008 with the economic collapse.

**Please remember that new buildings do not translate into better educated students, as can be documented by other school districts in our area. Some schools, such as Muskegon Catholic Central and North Muskegon, have the oldest buildings and have the highest test scores, and some schools have the newest buildings and have some of the lowest test scores.** [see image below]



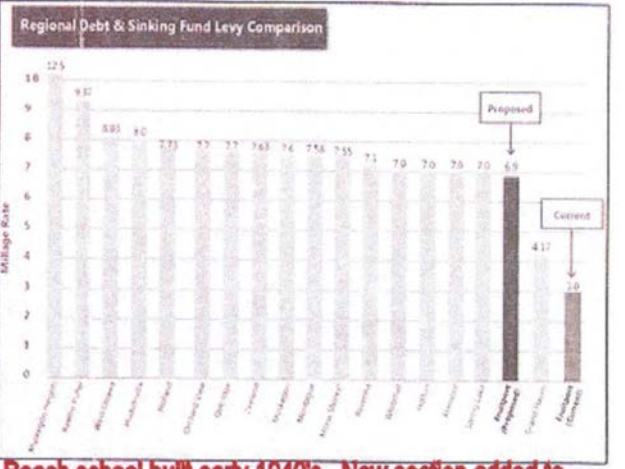
**If you have voted by Absentee Ballot and would like to change your vote, you can do it by going to the Fruitport Township Hall.**

**Just another example of misleading information.**

**VOTE YES For Fruitport's Future!**  
November 8, 2016

**Fruitport Community Schools Facts:**

1. Lowest millage rate in the area
2. All schools were originally built between 1935 and 1969. **Not true!** Beach school built early 1940's. New section added to high school as recently as 2005.
3. Average bus is over 12-years old with 140,000+ miles



**4. What the Facilities Committee Heard From the Community**

- Keep the high school on the main campus in the village of Fruitport. **Our alternative proposal would do that**
- Be fiscally responsible. **Our alternative proposal would do that**
- The district needs a larger auditorium. **Our alternative proposal would do that**
- Maintain safety and security. **Our alternative proposal would do that**
- Improve traffic flows to buildings. **Our alternative proposal would do that**

**For a lot less than \$49,000,000**

**Fruitport Community Schools**

**Ages of Facilities**

- Beach Elementary – 80 years old **Not true - see image**
- Edgewood Elementary – 64 years old **Not true - see image**
- Fruitport High School – 61 years old **Not true - see image**
- Shettler Elementary – 54 years old **Not true - see data**
- Fruitport Middle School – 47 years old **1 out of 5 right**

**See images for these schools in this flyer**

Bond Proposal November 8, 2016

The school administration is also telling us that we should build a new high school because we have the lowest school millage rate in the surrounding area. But please remember **WHY** we have the lowest school millage rate. It is because in the past, Fruitport school district voters were intelligent enough to reject other ill-conceived school millage proposals. If we had approved the school bond proposals that previous school administrations and school boards had advocated, we would probably be having the same financial problems that other school districts are having now.

Please consider all of the above before you mark your ballot.

Thank you,  
The Fruitport Citizens Committee for Better School Management

**Who are The Fruitport Citizens Committee for Better School Management?**

- We are longtime residents of the Fruitport school district, with many of us having been born and raised in the Fruitport area, and, also, residents who have been here just a few years.
- Our committee has been around for over 25 years informing our voters about school millage elections.
- We have children and grandchildren who have attended or are currently attending Fruitport Community Schools
- We appreciate the value of a quality school system in our community
- We have supported past school bond issues when they were reasonable and sensible options for our children, our grandchildren, and our community
- We try to be factual in all the information we print

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