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## OAKLAND COUNTY

# School bond results split after election

## Clawson voters commit to city charter

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One school district is making plans for new projects and another is going back to the drawing board after Tuesday night's election.

In Clawson, voters affirmed a commitment to a new city charter approved in 2023 that increased the number of city councilmem-

bers.

In Ferndale, a \$114 million, 30-year school bond passed 3,665 (70%) yes to 1,563 (29.8%) no. A separate millage restoration passed, but by a narrower margin 2,455 (58%) yes to 1,775 (42%) no.

Voters rejected a Lamphere schools 30-year, \$85 million bond proposal 1,066 (42%) yes to 1,449 (57.6%) no.

The Ferndale bond will focus

on improvements to the middle and high schools, which are in the same building on Pinecrest Street. The three-story building houses 1,200 students and will see significant improvements. The rate will remain at or below 7-mills. The estimated millage to pay the bonds in the first year is 1.35 mills (\$1.35 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the average annual millage to retire each series of the bonds is 3.58 mills an-

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Voters head to the polls at Ferndale Lower Elementary Tuesday.

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## Papal conclave » Day 1



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Vatican Master of Ceremonies, Archbishop Diego Giovanni Ravelli closes the doors of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican to start the conclave to elect the successor of late Pope Francis, Wednesday.

## Sistine Chapel doors shut following Latin cry for 'all out'; black smoke pours out of chimney after first ballot to elect new pope

By Nicole Winfield The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY » Black smoke poured out of the Sistine Chapel chimney, indicating no pope was elected on the first ballot of the conclave to choose a new leader of the Catholic Church.

The smoke billowed out at 9 p.m. Wednesday, some four hours after 133 cardinals solemnly entered the Sistine Chapel, took their oaths of secrecy and formally opened the centuries-old ritual to elect a successor to Pope Francis to lead the 1.4 billion-member church.

With no one securing the necessary two-thirds majority, or 89 votes, the cardinals will retire for the night to the Vatican residences where they are being sequestered. They return to the Sistine Chapel on Thursday morning.

The great doors of the Sistine Chapel shut Wednesday after the cry of "extra omnes" — Latin for "all out" — as the cardinals began the secretive, centuries-old ritual of electing a new pope to lead the Catholic Church, opening the most geographically diverse conclave in the faith's 2,000-year history.

The red-robed cardinals entered the Sistine Chapel in pairs, chanting the meditative "Litany of the Saints" as Swiss Guards stood at attention. The hymn implores the saints to help the cardinals find a successor to Pope Francis to lead the 1.4 billion-strong Catholic Church.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the secretary of state under Francis and himself a leading contender to succeed him as pope, assumed the leadership of the proceedings as the senior cardinal under age 80.



Cardinals attend the first day of the conclave to elect the successor of late Pope Francis inside the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican, Wednesday.

Speaking in Latin, Parolin stood before Michelangelo's vision of heaven and hell, "The Last Judgment," and led the cardinals in a lengthy oath. Each one followed, placing his hand on the Gospel and promising in Latin to maintain utmost secrecy.

The dramatic ritual was more colorful than even Hollywood could create, a wash of colors, chants, incense and solemnity that underscored the seriousness of the moment. Outside in St. Peter's Square, the scene was almost festive, as hundreds of people watched the proceedings on giant

video screens, applauding when the Sistine Chapel's doors shut and the Vatican feed cut off.

But after nearly three hours of waiting and as dinnertime neared, many in the crowd left, frustrated at how long the process was taking and wondering if a vote had even taken place.

"My hope is that cardinals will choose a man who can be a peacemaker and could reunify the church," said Gabriel Capry, a 27-year-old from London.

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## CLAWSON

### Lawsuit: Fourth grader sexually harassed, assaulted at Catholic school

Filing alleges officials with the Archdiocese of Detroit, administrators failed to properly investigate

By Max Reinhart The Detroit News

An Oakland County family has filed suit against a Catholic elementary school in Clawson, alleging their son was sexually harassed by other students several times while enrolled at the school, and assaulted last year while the child was in the school bathroom.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in Wayne County Circuit Court, also alleges that administrators at Guardian Angels Catholic School and officials with the Archdiocese of Detroit failed to properly investigate the bathroom incident after the victim reported it.

The family said the bullying caused their son so much distress "that he began expressing suicidal ideation and required immediate therapeutic interventions ..." according to the complaint.

#### A series of allegations

The lawsuit alleges that the harassment began in March 2022,

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## OAKLAND COUNTY

### Portion of I-696 to close for 10 days

Closure is part of freeway's final phase reconstruction

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Westbound I-696 will be closed from I-75 to M-10 (Lodge Freeway) in Oakland County for 10 days, beginning at 9 p.m. Friday.

This section of freeway will reopen at 5 a.m. Monday, May 19, according to a release from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The closure will allow crews to demolish the Church Street plaza bridge in Oak Park.

"The extended closure time is required to allow crews to safely demolish 170 concrete beams and clean up debris," MDOT said in a release.

Westbound traffic will be detoured via southbound I-75, westbound M-8 (Davison Highway) and northbound M-10 to get back

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