



Stafford Township School District

Building a Better World, One Student at a Time

2016 Referendum & Facility Needs

QUALITY EDUCATION IS A COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Tuesday, December 13, 2016
2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



FAST FACTS

WHAT

Improvements have been identified for many critical facility needs due to the age of some of the school facilities. The Stafford Twp. School District Facilities Committee has been identifying and refining its overall infrastructure needs. The Facilities Committee was tasked to determine what improvements need to be addressed to ensure the safety and security of its students and professional staff. Through detailed reviews, improvements to the aging infrastructure at all schools include the following:

- Enhanced safety and security
- Building envelope protection
- Energy and environment
- Critical systems upgrades
- Accessibility and code compliance

HOW MUCH

The District and Administration planned in advance to take advantage of State Aid Programs available, such as Debt Service Aid. The total cost of all projects is \$10.1 million. The District will receive \$4.06 million or 40% State Aid reimbursement with the Debt Service Aid Program.

The District authorized a referendum to be held on December 13, 2016 for utilizing Debt Service Aid for 40% reimbursement. This question is for the **critical needs** of the District facilities.

***** State Share *****
\$0.40 for Every Dollar

CRITICAL NEEDS

ALL SCHOOLS

- **District-wide implementation** of consistent security, access and improvements for camera systems for all schools.
- **Focus on life safety** by providing new fire alarm and public address systems, as well as new emergency generators for power outages.
- Addressing of critical improvements, such as **heating, air conditioning and ventilation (HVAC)** and replacing original **electrical infrastructure** that no longer has replacement parts.
- Replacement of doors for **functionality and security.**
- **Taking advantage of energy efficiency** improvements.
- Providing **accessible** toilet rooms and upgrading restroom facilities for **overall functionality, water quality and conservation**, and the overall well-being of the students and staff.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR INVESTMENT

The Stafford Township School District understands this is currently a difficult economy and is aware of its impact on the education for its students. The School District's Facilities Committee has been communicating with State and Financial Advisors, as well as various consulting professionals. The goal is to complete school improvements with **40% State Aid** and improvement bonds timed with expiring debt for the **minimization of any tax impact.**

Understand that investing in school improvement projects and educational facilities programs is also an investment to your community. Investing in your schools and community will directly impact the quality of life of the students and the community.

IMPACT ON YOUR TAXES

The District's Financial Advisors have made an estimate of tax impact based on New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and voter approval of this referendum. The current estimate for local tax increase for this project will be negated with expiring debt. There will be an equivalent or greater reduction in local taxes at the same time, thus making the net impact on your local taxes **ZERO.**

NO TAX INCREASE!!!!

MORE INFORMATION



For more information and a list of planned community meetings, please visit:

<http://www.staffordschools.org>

Please call (609) 978-5700 ext. 1000 and ask a presentation be made to your civic, social or fraternal organization. Email any questions or comments to:

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