

## » WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING



The Riverdale Public School District will request funding for a District-wide facilities renovation program to include **FUNCTIONAL, INFRASTRUCTURE & CLASSROOM RENOVATION PROJECTS & ADDITIONS** via a Referendum Vote on **MARCH 14th, 2023**.

### REFERENDUM BEING PROPOSED WILL INCLUDE:

#### » CAPITAL RENOVATIONS & ADDITIONS

Comprised of all Capital / Educational & Facilities Infrastructure Projects including new sitework including parking/loop drive & drop off, along with necessary drainage upgrades which allow for the creation of a new softball, baseball and multipurpose, natural grass field.

## » OUR FACILITIES IN NEED...

**THE OLDEST BUILDING SECTION IN OUR SCHOOL DATES BACK TO 1930**

Dealing with an aging school, some sections with original windows, doors, and other infrastructure items that have reached the end of their useful life expectancy.



## » REFERENDUM PRIORITIES



### ENHANCED LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Educational Programs drive the need to update facilities.

The School Community believes that the students deserve facilities that support the academic, social, emotional, wellness and creative opportunities available to them.



### STUDENT & STAFF SAFETY

The safety of the students and staff has always been a priority. However, now more than ever, it is crucial to ensure that our schools have all the physical systems and technologies available to protect our students & staff.



### KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH OPERATIONS

So much of what keeps school/facilities running smoothly is the condition of the systems and infrastructure "behind the scenes." The roofing, windows, heating systems, tech network, and much more are at the core of keeping a building running. Although they go unnoticed in day to day use, it is crucial to keep these systems in good condition.



Arts



Learning



Wellness



Safety



Operations

ENHANCED LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS



STUDENT & STAFF SAFETY



KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH OPERATIONS



**"INVESTED IN  
CONTINUED EXCELLENCE"**

**FACILITIES SUPPORT PROGRAMS**



For further information and to keep updated on the District-wide Facilities Renovation Program Referendum, please scan the QR Code to the left or visit the district website:  
**<https://www.rpsnj.org/referendum>**

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**RIVERDALE**  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

# REFERENDUM

## DISTRICT-WIDE FACILITIES RENOVATION PROGRAM

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Excellence!*

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**VOTE**  **TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**



## » WHAT WOULD BE DONE

The proposed Referendum would provide much needed facilities upgrades and renovations that would allow our facilities to support an exciting and progressive curriculum. Projects include:

- » Sitework-Parking Expansion/Sidewalk (safe routes)
- » Sitework-Drop-off / Pick-up Driveway
- » Toilet Room Upgrades
- » Brick Re-pointing / Window & Lintel Replacements
- » Drainage upgrades to accommodate Multipurpose Field Upgrades
- » Gymnasium Improvements
- » Mechanical / Electrical Upgrades
- » Roofing Replacements
- » Flooring Replacements
- » Door & Hardware Replacements
- » Asbestos Flooring Removal
- » New Walkway Canopy

### MEDIA CENTER RENOVATIONS

- » Alterations & Upgrades to the Existing Media Center
- » New Maker Space
- » Furniture & Equipment

### CAFETERIA RENOVATIONS

- » Expansion and Renovations to the Existing Cafeteria
- » New Kitchen / Serving Line
- » New Furniture & Equipment

### GYMNASIUM UPGRADES AND GRAPHICS

- » New Gymnasium Flooring
- » New Wall Repairs / Graphics
- » New Stage Floor
- » New Operable Partition
- » New Bleachers
- » New Sound / Lighting Systems

### CLASSROOM RENOVATIONS

- » Classroom Reorganization
- » Special Services Offices Relocation
- » Small Group Classroom Renovations
- » Creation of New ESL Classroom

### CLASSROOM ADDITION

- » Addition to create 4 New Classrooms
- » New Corridor Lockers
- » New Stair for Egress

### EXTERIOR TOILETS AND STORAGE ADDITION

- » New Exterior Toilets, Storage and Separate Entrance to New Board of Education Offices

### BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE RELOCATION (ALLOWS FOR CAFETERIA EXPANSION)

- » New Offices, Conference room, Reception/Meeting Area and Access to Existing Elevator will allow for Cafeteria Expansion.

## » WHY NOW?



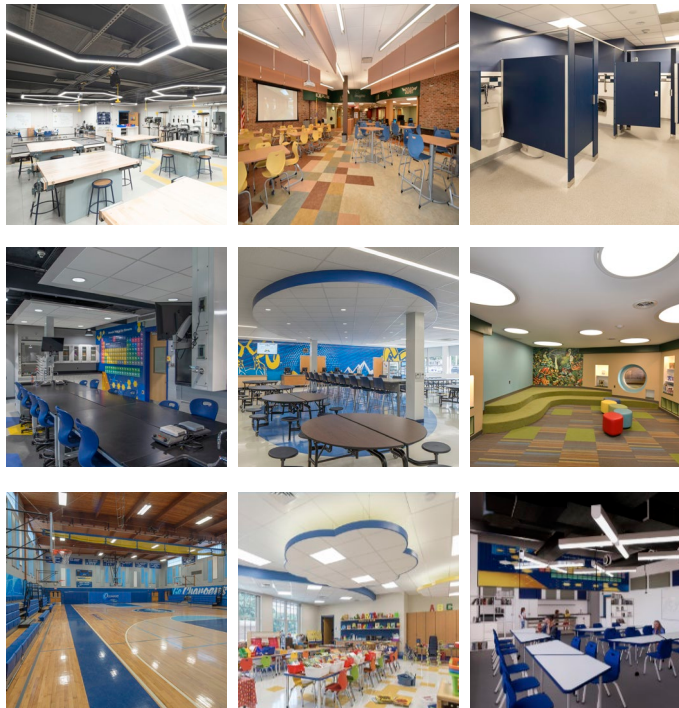
» In spite of the 2% Tax Levy Cap, the board of Education and Administration have successfully addressed many facilities needs within the operating budget; **WE NEED TO DO MORE...**

» We are dealing with an aging school, **(OLDEST SECTION DATING BACK TO 1930)** Some sections with original windows, doors, and other infrastructure items that have reached the end of their life expectancy.

» Current **INTEREST RATES** are on the rise and we'd like to secure the rate while still somewhat reasonable.

» **UP TO 34% DEBT SERVICE AID** is available on eligible projects. If approved by the Department of Education, this could mean **MILLIONS** in savings for Riverdale!

## » IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES



## » PROJECTED COST



What is the estimated tax impact of the **District-wide Facilities Renovation Program** to the average homeowner?

### RENOVATIONS, ADDITIONS, SITEWORK

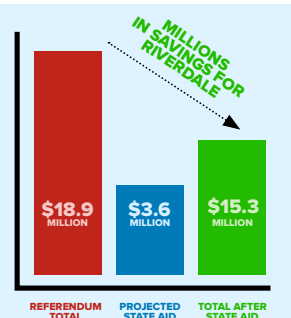
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| <b>ESTIMATED<br/>TAX IMPACT</b><br>ON THE AVERAGE<br>ASSESSED HOME<br>( \$334,442 ) | <b>TOTAL<br/>PROJECT COST:</b><br>\$18,921,796<br><b>STATE AID:</b><br>\$ 3,579,527<br>=<br>\$15,317,365 | <b>\$385<sup>00</sup></b><br>INCREASE<br>PER YEAR | <b>\$32<sup>08</sup></b><br>PER MONTH |
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### STATE FUNDING/DEBT SERVICE AID

Up to 34% of all eligible costs. The District has projected **\$3.6 Million** in State Aid that will offset project costs if the Referendum passes. This debt service aid is only available to the taxpayers through the passage of the Referendum; projects completed out of capital reserve are NOT eligible for funding.

- » Financial assistance from the state
- » 34% SAVINGS on eligible projects
  - Must be funded through a REFERENDUM
  - Must be tied to EDUCATION OR MAINTENANCE
- » The state helps to pay down the bond which helps taxpayers



| BOND PROPOSAL  | IF YOU VOTE     | YOU GET  |
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| <b>TOTAL<br/>PROJECT COST:</b><br>\$18,921,796<br><b>STATE AID:</b><br>\$3,579,527<br>=<br>\$15,317,365<br><br><b>(\$385/ YEAR<br/>TAX IMPACT)</b> | <b>YES</b><br>✓ | Comprised of all Capital / Educational & Facilities Infrastructure Projects + Sitework + Drainage & Field Upgrades as described herein<br><br><div>  Arts                      Learning                      Wellness                      Safety                      Operations                 </div> |
|  | <b>NO</b><br>✓  | Existing facilities remain as they are.<br>No upgrades will be made.   |

**VOTE ✓ TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**