

Woodbridge Township School District

P. O. Box 428, School Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

REFERENDUM NEWS (VOLUME 1)

JFK High School

Information on the planned referendum:

What is the Plan?

All schools will see critical and significant improvements such as window replacements, mechanical system improvements, plumbing, electrical system repairs, roofing replacements and addressing of other critical needs. Some additions will also be constructed to address growing capacity needs. These additions were carefully considered in order to restore and strengthen the District's neighborhood school organization.

What is planned for my school?

See the shaded box on the right and on the back for specific information on how your school and your receiving schools will be improved.

How did the Board arrive at this plan?

The District's facilities and capacity needs were evaluated and multiple plan approaches considered to address these needs. After evaluating possible solutions and carefully considering

feedback over several months, this Plan was unanimously approved by the Board as a cost effective approach to addressing the highest priority issues within the schools.

Why is a referendum necessary to address these needs?

The District's facilities are plagued by significant problems which will continue to worsen over time. The cost to respond to these issues significantly exceeds the funds available to the District. The referendum seeks additional funding necessary to move beyond a 'band-aid' approach that cannot keep up with continuing problems such as the lack of temperature control in rooms, aged roofing, non-functioning windows, and inadequate electrical capacity. Additionally, enrollments continue to grow and the District already exceeds its NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) calculated functional capacity by 2,500 students. Increased class sizes will result unless additional space can be created to house students.

What is planned for JFK High School?

Renovations & Alterations:

- Replacement windows.
- Replacement of interior casework associated with unit ventilators.
- Replacement/add interior ceilings in some areas.
- Replace plumbing fixtures and drinking fountains.
- Renovate restrooms.
- Electrical: upgrade service, add branch panels/circuit breakers.
- Selective upgrade of fire alarm and clock systems.
- Mechanical: provide functioning temperature controls, clean ductwork, replace unit ventilators, upgrade select heating-ventilating systems, replace dust collection, add AC to auditorium.

New Construction:

- Addition: add 4 new classrooms, new entry/office area for security, renovate old offices to classrooms, renovate art and lab spaces.

When is the Referendum?

Tuesday, September 28, 2004.



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What is happening at the other schools in our District?

Information on the planned referendum (cont.)

Are there any new schools or are any schools closing under this Plan?

No. This Plan carefully considered where additions should go in order to strengthen the District's neighborhood schools concept.

Are State funds available to help support this Plan?

Yes, but only if voters approve the referendum. The final State share figure will not be known until the projects are approved by NJDOE but State funds are anticipated to be available to offset upwards of 30% of the costs of the Plan.

What will the Plan cost?

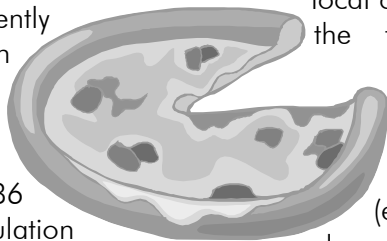
The taxpayers of Woodbridge will only be responsible for the local costs of the Plan. Local costs consist of (a) the overall project costs reduced by (b) the State share. The local cost of the Plan is currently estimated at \$59.5 million dollars. This includes consideration of a currently estimated \$26.5 million dollars anticipated in the form of a Grant from the State. The overall estimated Plan cost is \$86 million dollars. State regulation requires all three of these cost figures to appear on the referendum ballot in September.

Why is money available from the State now?

The Educational Facility Construction and Financing Act, passed in July 2000, made available an unprecedented level of funding to support eligible school facility costs. These State funds are granted on a first-come, first-served basis and it is not known how long they will remain available. Passage of the referendum now offers the District the opportunity to capitalize on the availability of these State funds to reduce the local cost of this Plan by an estimated 30%. This State share has not been available to the District in previous referendums.

What is the anticipated tax impact of the Plan?

Until projects are approved by NJDOE, State share and anticipated tax impact can only be estimated. Based on the estimated local costs of the Plan, the tax impact is anticipated to be less than the cost of a pizza per month (estimated to be less than eight dollars impact per month for a household of average value in the District)!



Questions and Additional Information:

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Elementary Schools:

- Replacement of selected casework, ceilings, renovation of restrooms.
- Upgrade electrical capacity and/or add branch panels, mechanical system improvements incl. select ventilation upgrades, upgrade of controls and replacement of unit ventilators in most schools.
- Additions: Classroom additions at schools #9, #23, and #25.

Middle Schools:

- Replacement of selected casework, ceilings, renovation of restrooms, some locker rooms.
- Replacement/repair of gymnasium floors.
- Upgrade electrical capacity and/or add branch panels, mechanical system improvements incl. select ventilation upgrades, upgrade of controls and replacement of unit ventilators in most schools.
- Additions: Classroom additions at Fords Middle School.

