REFERENDUM
NOVEMBER 5, 2019
FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAFETY, SECURITY, and STRUCTURE & INDOOR AIR QUALITY (HVAC)
WHY NOW?
Our students and staff need and deserve a healthy, safe atmosphere for learning. The Board of Education annually budgets for ongoing maintenance, however the scope of these projects are too extensive to fund within a single year.

Over the last several years the District has expended significant operating funds to provide short term repairs to its aging facilities. By financing the projects, the District will avoid costly “band aid” fixes in the future budgets.

Many of the systems that are proposed to be replaced are past or at the end of their life cycle (roof systems, windows, life-safety systems, HVAC systems.) These systems are essential to the safe and healthy operation of the school.

The State is currently offering facility aid funding which will capture approximately 40% of all project costs. The School District applied for and received approval for State funding. Current borrowing rates are very low and continue to drop.
YEAR-TO-DATE ACTION ITEMS & BOARD APPROVED MOTIONS

November 28, 2016- $9,200 for Engineering Company DLB to assess costs to HVAC upgrades 
(Unanimous Vote Full Support by the Board of Education 6:0   3 absent)

January 28, 2019- $15,600 for Engineering Company DLB to assess costs for HVAC, Dehumidification, 
and Facility Upgrades Including Schematic Drawings, Project Applications, Project Cost Estimates, and 
Schedule  
(Unanimous Vote & Full Support by the Board of Education 8:9   1 absent)

January 28, 2019- $32,500 DI Group Architecture authorized architect for Schematic Drawings, Project 
Applications, Project Cost Estimates, and Schedule  
(Unanimous Vote and Full Support by the Board of Education 8:9   1 Absent)

February 4th, 2019- Authorization to Proceed

February 8th, 2019- Application for State Project for each school in the District

March 18th, 2019- School Referendum Project  
(Unanimous Vote and Full Support by the Board of Education 8:9   1 Absent)

April 7th, 2019- Raritan Township Committee Budget Presentation and Referendum Notification

Total Cost Thus Far: $57,300
YEAR-TO-DATE ACTION ITEMS & BOARD APPROVED MOTIONS

April 8th, 2019- Board Resolution for NJDOE Submission

April 8th, 2019- Board Resolution for Referendum

April 22nd, 2019- Flemington Borough Budget Presentation and Referendum Notification

May 10th, 2019- Submission of Completed Project Application to NJDOE

August 9th, 2019- District Review Preliminary Eligible Cost from NJDOE

August 19th, 2019- Bond Counsel Information for Proposed School Projects

August 26th, 2019- BOE Adopts Referendum Authorizing Resolution

September 10th, 2019- Notice to County Board of Elections

September through November- Oral and Written Voter Education Process

November 5th, 2019- Vote on Referendum
YEAR-TO-DATE ACTION ITEMS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

May 17th, 2019- State of New Jersey Department of Education Approval of School Facilities Project, Preliminary Eligible Costs, Construction, and Final Eligible Costs

May 24th, 2019- Approval from State of New Jersey Schools Development Authority for Francis A. Desmares

June 19th, 2018- School Facilities Project Approval by the State of New Jersey for Final Eligible Costs J.P. Case Middle School

June 19th, 2018- School Facilities Project Approval by the State of New Jersey for Final Eligible Costs Robert Hunter Elementary School
YEAR-TO-DATE ACTION ITEMS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

July 8th, 2019- Approval from State of New Jersey Schools Development Authority for Reading-Fleming Intermediate School

July 8th, 2019- Approval from the State of New Jersey Schools Development Authority for Copper Hill Elementary School

July 8th, 2019- Approval from the State of New Jersey Schools Development Authority for Barley Sheaf Elementary School
YEAR-TO-DATE ACTION ITEMS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

June 19th, 2019- School Facilities Project Approval by the State of New Jersey for Final Eligible Costs Barley Sheaf Elementary School

June 19th, 2019- School Facilities Project Approval by the State of New Jersey for Final Eligible Costs Copper Hill Elementary School

June 19th, 2019- School Facilities Project Approval by the State of New Jersey for Final Eligible Costs Reading Fleming Intermediate School

June 19th, 2019 School Facilities Project Approval by the State of New Jersey for Final Eligible Costs Francis A. Desmares Elementary School
May 17th, 2019- School Facilities Project Approval by the State of New Jersey for Preliminary Eligible Costs Reading-Fleming Intermediate School $13,829,023.00 (Facility upgrades including health and safety, security, Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning, dehumidification, and site and exterior building upgrades.)

May 17th, 2019- School Facilities Project Approval by the State of New Jersey for Preliminary Eligible Costs Francis A. Desmares Elementary School $6,399,358 (Facility upgrades including health and safety, security, Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning, dehumidification, and site and exterior building upgrades.)

May 17th, 2019- School Facilities Project Approval by the State of New Jersey for Preliminary Eligible Costs Barley Sheaf Elementary School $6,548,422.00 (Facility upgrades including health and safety, security, Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning, dehumidification, and site and exterior building upgrades.)
May 17th, 2019 - School Facilities Project Approval by the State of New Jersey for Preliminary Eligible Costs

**Copper Hill Elementary School** $6,059,120 (Facility upgrades including health and safety, security, and site and building envelope, and dehumidification system.)

**J.P. Case Middle School** $1,740,425 (Facility upgrades including health and safety, security, and site and building envelope.)

**Robert Hunter Elementary School** $7,486,988 (Facility upgrades including health and safety, security, and site and building envelope, Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning, and dehumidification system.)
ONLY PROPOSAL ONE: SAFETY AND SECURITY
$21,755,000 20 YEAR BOND

BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON

New Issue Average Tax Impact:

- Per $100 Assessed Value: $0.022
- Home at $265,296:
  - $59.39 per year
  - $4.95 per month

TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN

New Issue Average Tax Impact:

- Per $100 Assessed Value: $0.035
- Home at $399,978:
  - $139.96 per year
  - $11.66 per month
ONLY PROPOSAL TWO*: INDOOR AIR QUALITY
$ 20,308,000  20 YEAR BOND

BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON
New Issue Average Tax Impact:
• Per $100 Assessed Value: $0.021
• Home at $265,296:
  $55.27 per year
  $4.61 per month

TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
New Issue Average Tax Impact:
• Per $100 Assessed Value: $0.033
• Home at $399,978:
  $130.26 per year
  $10.85 per month

*Note: Proposal Two can proceed only if Proposal One passes.
PROPOSAL ONE: SAFETY, SECURITY, and STRUCTURE &
PROPOSAL TWO: INDOOR AIR QUALITY
$42,063,000  20 YEAR BOND

BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON
New Issue Average Tax Impact:
• Per $100 Assessed Value: $0.043
• Home at $265,296:
  $114.67 per year
  $9.56 per month

TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
New Issue Average Tax Impact:
• Per $100 Assessed Value: $0.068
• Home at $399,978:
  $270.23 per year
  $22.52 per month
The State of New Jersey contributes $14 million of the $42 million Referendum Costs

State of New Jersey Referendum Contribution

14 Million

Flemington Borough and Raritan Township Community Contribution

28 Million

Total Cost of Proposal 1 for Safety, Security, and Structure

AND Proposal 2 for Indoor Air Quality

42 million
The State of New Jersey pays $14 million of the $42 million Referendum Costs
SAFETY, SECURITY, STRUCTURE

PROPOSAL 1 ($21,755,617)

THE STATE HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE DEBT SERVICE FOR 40% OF THE FINAL ELIGIBLE COSTS

• Upgrade all six schools in the district to include:
  – Security upgrades and improvements including cameras, equipment, communication system, & door/alarm upgrades
  – Site improvements including parking lot upgrades, sidewalk, curb, fencing and drainage improvements
  – Roof replacement at all schools except at J.P. Case Middle School.
  – Window replacement and external building repairs at RFIS

PROPOSAL 2 ($20,308,019)

THE STATE HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE DEBT SERVICE FOR 40% OF THE FINAL ELIGIBLE COSTS

• Provide indoor air quality upgrades including air conditioning and humidity control measures at all schools, except at J.P. Case Middle School. (J.P. Middle School already has air conditioning and humidity control measures in place.)
UPCOMING DATES TO PROVIDE REFERENDUM SUPPORT & INFORMATION

Back to School & Open House Evenings

• September 18th Reading-Fleming Intermediate School
• September 19th Elementary Buildings
• September 25th J.P. Case

A handy informational postcard-sized handout with perforated edge will be passed out to all Back-to-School and Open House attendees. The post-card will provide a space for parents to provide feedback to the Superintendent and used as a reminder for the Election Day date and Vote by Mail due date and to remind parents to vote.

Superintendent’s Advisory Committee
Facilities and Security - Open to the Public
(i.e., District Ambassadors)

• September 11th at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School
• October 10th at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School
• October 29th at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School

Additional Information Meetings:
August 29th at BOE with Education Foundation
September 10th with Joint PTO members
UPCOMING DATES TO PROVIDE REFERENDUM SUPPORT & INFORMATION

• Raritan Township Community Day September 28th, 12-5 p.m. (Lenape Park)
• Superintendent Roundtable Event October 1st, at Robert Hunter Elementary School 9:30-11 a.m.
• Realtor and Pre-Schools Open House in October
• Board Meetings Superintendent Reports; September 9th, 2019
  September 23rd, 2019
  October 14th, 2019
  October 28th, 2019
Please remember to VOTE -- Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Q1: Safety, Security, and Structure -- Upgrades for all schools, including security cameras, equipment, communication system & door/alarm upgrades; roof & window replacements; parking lot & sidewalk repairs.

Q2: Indoor Air Quality -- Heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) & humidity control measures for 5 schools (JP Case already has HVAC & humidity control measures)

Visit www.frsd.k12.nj.us for election information, polling hours/locations, & absentee ballot instructions. (http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/countyclerk/absentee.htm)

Every Student, Every Day, at Every Opportunity