Referendum Next Steps: Safety, Security, & Structure

Indoor Air Quality

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2019 FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REFERENDUM
PROPOSAL #1 RESULTS:

- **Proposal #1:** Yes: 4,006  No: 3,207

  - Flemington Borough:  Yes: 504  59.43%  No: 344  40.57%  Total Votes: 848
  - Raritan Township:  Yes: 3,502  54.68%  No: 2,903  45.32%  Total Votes: 6,405

**PROPOSAL #1**

The Board of Education of the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey is authorized to (a) upgrade Barley Sheaf Elementary, Copper Hill Elementary, Francis A. Desmares Elementary, J.P. Case Middle, Reading Fleming Intermediate and Robert Hunter Elementary Schools including: security upgrades and improvements including cameras, equipment, communication system and door/alarm upgrades and site improvements including parking lot upgrades, sidewalk, curb, fencing and drainage improvements; (b) undertake roof replacement at Barley Sheaf Elementary, Copper Hill Elementary, Francis A. Desmares Elementary, Reading Fleming Intermediate and Robert Hunter Elementary Schools and (c) undertake window replacement and exterior building repairs at Reading Fleming Intermediate School. The Board is authorized to expend and issue bonds in an amount not to exceed $21,755,617 for such projects. The State has agreed to provide debt service aid in the amount of 40% of the “final eligible costs” of the school facilities project. All of the costs of the project are “final eligible costs.” The Local Shares may be transferred amongst the projects.
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PROPOSAL #2 RESULTS:

▪ Proposal #2: Yes: 3,772  No: 3,477
  ▪ Flemington Borough  Yes: 493  58.21%  No: 354  41.79%  Total Votes: 847
  ▪ Raritan Township: Yes: 3,279  51.22%  No: 3,123  48.78%  Total Votes: 6,402

IF AND ONLY IF PROPOSAL #1 IS APPROVED, The Board of Education of the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey is further authorized to undertake air quality upgrades including air-conditioning and humidity control measures at Barley Sheaf Elementary, Copper Hill Elementary, Francis A. Desmares Elementary, Reading Fleming Intermediate and Robert Hunter Elementary Schools. The Board is authorized to expend and issue bonds in an amount not to exceed $20,308,019 for such projects. The State has agreed to provide debt service aid in the amount of 40% of the “final eligible costs” of the school facilities project. All of the costs of the project are “final eligible costs.” The Local Shares may be transferred amongst the projects.
PROPOSED BONDS

- $42,063,000 School Bonds, Series 2019
- Maturities: September 1, 2020 to 2039
- Total project is estimated to cost $42,063,636 with State funding anticipated at $14,301,420 (excluding the interest cost for borrowing which will also be subsidized by the State.)
NEXT STEPS:

1. Organization
   - Projects by school, category, and priority
     - Categories include:
       - 1) Safety,
       - 2) Security (i.e., 21st Century Communication System which includes public address system/threat alert systems, and a phone system, plus additional cameras),
       - 3) Structure, and
       - 4) Indoor Air Quality
NEXT STEPS:

2. Prioritizing Projects

Projects may be prioritized based on impact to district operations; and
Consideration on priority of projects:
    For example, leaking roofs will take priority over window replacement.
NEXT STEPS:

3. Communication & Scheduling

Every project planning requires good communication;
Open, honest communication at all times; and
Communication though the Superintendent’s Safety and Structure Advisory Committee, Monthly newsletters, Letters to the Community, and Board of Education Presentations and Superintendent Updates.
NEXT STEPS:

4. Strategies for Success

Engage a great project team;
Be flexible and realistic in expectations; and
People and processes are not perfect, and things happen.
QUESTIONS & REFERENCES:

- Smart Capital Project Planning Strategies for School Districts by Robert Colavita and George R. Duthie published by the New Jersey School Boards Association