

» WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING



The Bridgewater - Raritan Regional School District will request funding for DISTRICT - WIDE FACILITIES RENOVATION PROJECTS to include potential INFRASTRUCTURE and CLASSROOM RENOVATION PROJECTS and ADDITIONS via a Referendum Vote on March 14, 2023.

REFERENDUM IS BEING PROPOSED IN TWO QUESTIONS:

» QUESTION #1 - ZERO TAX IMPACT

Comprised of all Capital / Educational & Facilities Infrastructure Projects & a Cafeteria Addition at Bradley Gardens.

» QUESTION #2 - TAX IMPACT

Comprised of a Middle School Addition and Renovations which would allow for a 6th Grade re-alignment resulting in a traditional 6, 7, 8 Middle School and also free up space at the primary schools to allow for the implementation of a Full Day Kindergarten Program. Renovations at the Primary schools is also included, creating appropriate Kindergarten Classrooms.

↳ FUTURE QUESTION NOV. 2023 - OPERATING COSTS

Costs to support additional staffing and operational costs associated with full-day kindergarten and grade re-alignment.

» OUR FACILITIES IN NEED...

THE OLDEST SECTIONS IN OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE 61 YEARS OLD

Dealing with aging schools, some 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.



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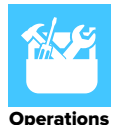
Learning



Wellness



Safety



Operations

ENHANCED LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS



STUDENT & STAFF SAFETY



KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH OPERATIONS



INVESTED IN CONTINUED EXCELLENCE
FACILITIES ENHANCE LEARNING



For further information and to keep updated on the District-Wide Facilities Renovation Projects Referendum, please scan the QR Code to the left or visit the district website:

www.brrsd.org/referendum

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BRIDGEWATER - RARITAN
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REFERENDUM

DISTRICT-WIDE FACILITIES
RENOVATION PROJECTS

*Invested in continued
Excellence!*

» 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:

SECURITY MEASURES

- » Provide new secure vestibules at building entrances including Administrative Office upgrades.
- » Provide secure lock down capabilities (doors & hardware).
- » Provide clock/speaker and critical communications systems.

RENOVATIONS TO AUDITORIUM, SCIENCE/STEM LABS, LOCKER ROOMS, CAFETERIUMS

- » Instructional space upgrades to support a growing and challenging curriculum and provide an exciting, efficient educational environment for students and staff alike.

REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS SYSTEMS

- » Replace operationally failing/unrepairable window systems.
- » Install safety glazing on lower level windows being replaced and safety film on other windows.

ROOFING REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS

- » Provide much needed replacement of leaking and deteriorated roofing systems and flashings.

MECHANICAL & PLUMBING SYSTEM UPGRADES

- » Replace older rooftop and unit ventilator units to provide proper ventilation, heating, air conditioning and controls.
- » Boiler Replacement and address sanitary piping.

TOILET ROOM RENOVATIONS/UPGRADES

- » Renovate and upgrade existing toilet rooms including finishes, fixtures, and partitions.

ELECTRICAL & LIGHTING UPGRADES

- » Upgrade limited lighting with new LED systems.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ABATEMENT

- » Remove asbestos flooring at select locations.

SITE PROJECTS

- » Replace damaged asphalt & concrete walkways & curbs.
- » Improve and provide ADA Accessibility to each facility.
- » Add railings and ramps to assist with accessibility.
- » Widen certain driveways/bus loop to provide safer access.

CAFETERIA ADDITION (BRADLEY GARDENS)

- » Provide needed core space at Bradley Gardens.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION

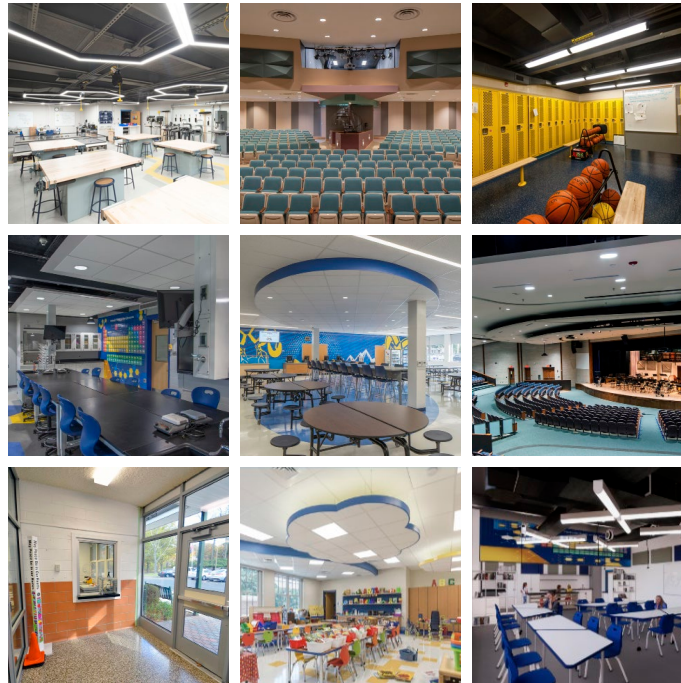
- » Bring 6th grade back for a traditional 6-8 Middle School.
- » Free up classroom space at Primary Schools for a Full Day Kindergarten Program.
- » Renovate Primary Schools to accommodate Kindergarten classrooms.

» WHY NOW?



- » While the Board of Education and Administration have successfully addressed many facility needs over the years, the amount of work necessary cannot be completed within the operating budget; **WE NEED TO DO MORE...**
- » We are dealing with aging schools, (**OLDEST = 61 YEARS OLD**) Some 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.
- » The District has been approved for **33% DEBT SERVICE AID** on eligible projects. This means **MILLIONS** in savings for Bridgewater-Raritan!
- » **CURRENT DEBT SERVICE AID PAYMENTS ARE ENDING** and therefore, the new debt being assumed under the March Referendum, won't be adding to an already existing debt.

» IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES



» PROJECTED COST

What is the estimated tax impact of the District-Wide Facilities Renovation Projects to the average homeowner?

QUESTION #1 • RENOVATIONS

Comprised of all Capital/Educational & Facilities Infrastructure Projects & a Cafeteria Addition at Bradley Gardens

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT ON THE AVERAGE ASSESSED HOME <small>(Bridgewater: \$488,933) (Raritan: \$320,525)</small>	TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$120,580,870	\$0.00 PER YEAR ONE-TIME INCREASE (BRIDGEWATER)	\$0.00 PER YEAR ONE-TIME INCREASE (RARITAN)
	STATE AID: \$36,814,473 = \$83,766,396		

QUESTION #2 • ADDITIONS

Comprised of Middle School Addition and Renovations to create traditional 6,7,8 MS and also free up space at the Primary Schools to allow for a Full-Day Kindergarten Program.

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT ON THE AVERAGE ASSESSED HOME <small>(Bridgewater: \$488,933) (Raritan: \$320,525)</small>	TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$34,783,460	\$90.00 PER YEAR ONE-TIME INCREASE (BRIDGEWATER)	\$66.00 PER YEAR ONE-TIME INCREASE (RARITAN)
	STATE AID: \$5,395,077 = \$29,388,383		

FUTURE QUESTION • NOVEMBER 2023

Costs to support additional staffing and operational costs associated with full-day kindergarten and grade re-alignment.

\$2,460,000⁰⁰
 TOTAL OPERATING COSTS

STATE FUNDING/DEBT SERVICE AID

Up to 34% of all eligible costs. The District has been approved for \$42.2 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.

BOND PROPOSAL	IF YOU VOTE	YOU GET
QUESTION #1 PROJECT COST: \$120,580,870 STATE AID: \$36,814,473 = \$83,766,396 (ZERO TAX IMPACT)	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capital Projects, Site Upgrades and Classroom Renovations at District Schools & a Cafeteria Addition at Bradley Gardens
	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Existing facilities remain as they are. No upgrades will be made.

BOND PROPOSAL	IF YOU VOTE	YOU GET
QUESTION #2 TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$34,783,460 STATE AID: \$5,395,077 = \$29,388,383	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Middle School Addition & Renovations to create a traditional 6,7,8 Middle School and Renovations at the Primary Schools to allow for Full Day Kindergarten
	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Existing facilities remain as they are. No upgrades will be made.

VOTE TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023