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UPDATE

Monday, October 9, 2023

Overview

The MOTSD Board of Education has been working with the district's architects, financial advisors and administration to take steps toward a bond referendum. A referendum is a **responsible financial strategy** to continue investing in our schools' infrastructure and improve facilities to continue supporting the **high level of education** that our Mount Olive community values.

The plan has been carefully researched, and along with input from the community, would position the district for the future. The referendum prioritizes the **health, safety and modern instructional needs** of Mount Olive students.

The proposal will be organized into two questions to address the following:

1. Upgrades to enhance health and safety at all our schools, and additional space to help maintain small class sizes and support modern educational standards
2. Improvements to athletic and transportation facilities

Referendum

Ballot Question #1

Focus: Infrastructure Updates and Upgraded Spaces

Proposed Projects:

All Schools ● New roofing (except Tinc Road) ● New rooftop HVAC units **Mount Olive High School** ● Replacing unit ventilators ● Modernizing temperature controls ● Parking lot paving ● Renovating the Manufacturing Lab ● Expanded athletic trainer's area ● Renovated cardio/fitness area ● Dedicated sensory room **Mount Olive Middle School** ● New Wellness Wing (two new classrooms, a Multi-Purpose Room for physical education and other instruction, and storage)	**Chester M. Stephens Elementary School** ● Replacing unit ventilators. **Mountain View Elementary School** ● Replacing unit ventilators. **Sandshore School** ● Installing new HVAC condensing units. ● Adding six new classrooms and four small-group instruction rooms. **Tinc Road School** ● Adding six new classrooms and four small-group instruction rooms.

Total Cost: $52,802,178 in Improvements | State Pays $11,100,476

Tax Impact: If voters approve Question 1, residents would pay about $23 per month, for a home assessed at Mount Olive's average of $322,121.

Ballot Question #2

Focus: Improvements to Athletic and Transportation Facilities

Proposed Projects:

Athletics Upgrades at MOHS	Transportation Improvements
● A new locker-room storage area would house sporting equipment for physical education classes inside the school. ● Modernizing the outdated girls' locker room with new flooring and paint. ● Expanding the boys' team room and coaches' area.	● Replacing the transportation garage with a new one that has an additional service bay. ● Replacing the existing, obsolete trailer with a new office for transportation personnel.

Total Cost: $8,973,111 in Improvements | State Pays $438,433

Tax Impact: If voters approve Question 2, residents would pay about $5 per month, for a home assessed at Mount Olive's average of $322,121.

* Question 2 can only go into effect if voters also approve Question 1.

(*If voters approve both Question 1 and 2, residents would pay just over $27 per month, for a home assessed at at Mount Olive's average of $322,121.)

Have questions? Want more information?

Referendum Website: motsd.org/referendum

Following board approval of the ballot questions, the website will be updated with details on the projects and funding on Tuesday.

Dedicated Email Address: referendum@motsd.org

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Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

Applicable Grade Levels/Courses:

- ELA = Grades 3-9
- Math= Grades 3-8, Algebra,Geometry and Algebra II

ISRs were mailed home to families on Monday, October 2nd. Please contact your building principal if you do not received your child's ISR by the end of this week.

The ISR focuses on the student's skill mastery, labeling the student's performance as Beginning, Approaching, Meeting, or Above. It compares the student's score to that of school and district averages.

Online Access: NJ Parent Portal at http://nj-results.pearsonaccessnext.com
*Parents must use the code provided on the paper report to access the portal.

Informational Video: https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/reporting/VideoISR_Sample_Sp19.mp4

Cyber Safety Cop Presentation Reminder

Topics that will be discussed:

- Current apps kids are using and what you need to know about them
- Risks associated with popular social media sites
- "Sexting" and online predators
- How to set expectations and consequences
- How to monitor online activity and find secret Instagram accounts
- How to talk to your child about pornography
- Parental controls and privacy settings

The seminar is FOR PARENTS ONLY. NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED IN THE PRESENTATION.

Students in grades 5-12 will have a presentation conducted by Cyber Security Cop during the school day. Their presentation will cover similar topics but with an emphasis on the student perspective.