FACT SHEET
CLINTON-GLEN GARDNER SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECEMBER 13, 2016 REFERENDUM

There will be a special school election on December 13, 2016 to ask for Clinton and Glen Gardner voter approval to issue bonds for facility work at CPS.

THE BONDS WOULD BE USED TO PAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- ¬ Redesign and equip the media center to be a collaborative learning commons and maker space.
- ¬ Upgrade lighting to LED and replace ceilings to improve the quality and brightness of our learning environment throughout the school and for savings in energy and maintenance costs.
- ¬ Replace a boiler nearing its lifespan
- ¬ Upgrade interior and exterior doors in select locations for safety
- ¬ Minor HVAC upgrades and replacements in select locations to improve air flow and quality.

WHY NOW?

- ¬ The Media Center/Learning Commons redesign will result in a collaborative learning commons and maker space. A maker space is part library, part laboratory, and part "Do It Yourself" creative space where students and teachers gather, invent, and learn using everything from Legos, to crafting and construction materials, to computer software so our kids can bring their learning and ideas to life.
- ¬ LED lighting technologies result in brighter classrooms for learning and energy savings over our current lighting. The LED lights will utilize 50% less electricity than our current lights and are projected to last for many years with minimal maintenance.
- ¬ The Garage Door and Interior Doors are at the end of their lifespan and need replacement.
- ¬ Minor HVAC upgrades are needed to complete the five year long range facility plan for heating, ventilation and air conditioning of the school.
- ¬ For a limited time, the State is offering facility aid funding which will cover 40% of project costs. The District is only eligible to receive this funding by the community voting to support the Referendum. Without a Referendum, the district's capital reserve account would have to fund 100% of capital projects. With the passing of a Referendum, we only pay 60% of the project costs.
- ¬ Because the 2014 Referendum projects came in under budget, the return of those funds coupled with capital reserves and State funding will provide the district with **$985,000** in bond funding with a **0% tax impact.**
- ¬ Current Borrowing rates are low, and the school's bond rating has been excellent making us eligible for the most advantageous terms.