

WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear West Essex School Community,

Following the Special Board Meeting on November 13, we are providing an update on the ongoing planning for the district's referendum. Our October 1 correspondence outlined initial facility needs, and several important developments have occurred since then.

Board of Education members completed an in-depth tour of the middle school, high school, and outdoor facilities, giving valuable insight into current conditions. Facility needs have now been categorized as low, medium, or high priority to guide decision-making as planning continues.

Key areas currently under consideration include:

Middle School

- Replacement of interior and exterior doors and hardware for improved security
- Auditorium upgrades, including HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) improvements
- HVAC installation and upgrades in dining areas and gymnasiums

High School

- Replacement of interior and exterior doors and hardware for improved security
- Window upgrades
- Renovations to the media center, with consideration for additional classroom space
- HVAC upgrades, including classroom univentilator replacements

Outdoor Needs

- Enhancements to outdoor fields and facilities

We are still awaiting the results of a comprehensive demographic study, which will offer important data on enrollment trends, community growth, and local housing developments. These findings will play an essential role in shaping long-term planning and ensuring that any proposed projects align with the future needs of our district.

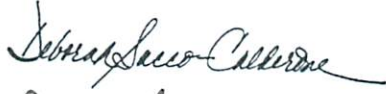
The Board of Education will hold a follow-up meeting in February 2026 to continue this work. As we approach that date, additional information will be shared with the community.

Clear and consistent communication remains a priority throughout this process. Updates and resources will

continue to be posted on the district's [Referendum Information Page](#), and key information will also be shared through the district's social media platforms, including [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide safe, modern, and effective learning environments for all students.

Sincerely,



Deborah Sacco-Calderone, Board of Education President

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