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Zediker to host town halls to educate residents ahead of vote on \$275 million facilities referendum

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Yorkville School District 115 Superintendent Dr. Matt Zediker says community collaboration has been an important part of bringing a \$275 million facilities referendum to the ballot box in the March 17 primary. The referendum ballot question was approved by the Yorkville 115 Board of Education at their December 15 meeting.

Zediker says the referendum looks to address concerns of overcrowding with new schools as well as smaller infrastructure

"Within this current kind of final option that the voters will have a say in, we'll include a new middle school, a new elementary school. We will also have additions to our high school for a performing arts center, a field house, and then an additional academic wing as well as some interior renovations to provide some better flow of traffic for students, etcetera. In addition, we will also then be able to convert one of our existing K-3 elementary schools into an expanded early childhood center to provide more opportunities for families within Yorkville for early childhood. So those are all the kind of the large components, and there's also some money set aside for infrastructure for HVAC and updates across the district."

Zediker says the district understands that residents are concerned about projected property tax increases of \$48 per month on homes valued at a district median of \$323,700 but says the facilities included in the referendum will help address overcrowding issues and put Yorkville 115 in a better position over the next 10 to 15 years.

He says residents will have additional opportunities to learn more about the referendum and its impact on the district in the long-term at a series of town halls, which will take place between late January and early March and will be hosted by Zediker.



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