

# WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear West Essex School Community,

As you know, we have been planning and preparing for a bond referendum in the fall of 2026. We remain committed to keeping the community informed of key milestones along the way.

I am pleased to share that the West Essex Board of Education took another step toward a referendum at its February 19 meeting. The Board approved the submission of project applications for state review, which is a required step in the bond referendum process. By the end of the spring, the district expects to hear back from the state with a determination on state aid, which will be a motivating factor in the decision to hold a bond referendum.

We appreciate the community members and district leaders who have helped shape priorities for school improvements that will keep our district exceptional. Areas of focus include:

### **Expanding and upgrading space for students**

Proposed improvements include renovating the outdated high school media center, updating the middle school's original auditorium, and constructing a two-story addition at the high school to provide additional classrooms.

### **Addressing aging systems and infrastructure**

Proposed middle school improvements include installing air conditioning in the cafeteria and both gymnasiums, as well as removing the deteriorating concrete trellis in the courtyard. Proposed high school improvements include updating HVAC units and replacing aging lower walls and windows.

### **Upgrading field space**

Outdoor facility improvements are included in the proposed referendum to better support our physical education classes, marching band, and athletic programs. The plan includes adding multisport turf and lighting to the grass fields and replacing the bleachers and press box at our stadium to elevate the experience for those attending school events.

### **Enhancing safety and security**


Proposed improvements include replacing exterior and interior doors and hardware and adding security vestibules at the main entrances of both schools.

We will share more information and provide opportunities for community engagement as we move forward. Please visit [westex.org/referendum](http://westex.org/referendum) for updates.

Sincerely,



Damion Macioci, Superintendent of Schools



Maryadele Wojtowicz, Board of Education President