



WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND REFERENDUM | NOV. 3, 2026



PROCESS TIMELINE

Feb. 19:

Board approved project applications for state review

July 15:

Board of Education votes on questions

June 26:

State review complete

Nov. 3:

Referendum date



WHY A BOND REFERENDUM?

- Voter approval unlocks **state aid** to offset costs
- **Upfront funding**, payments spread over time
- Complements district's **fiscally responsible plan**, gives the community a voice
- **Larger projects** don't fit into the annual operating budget



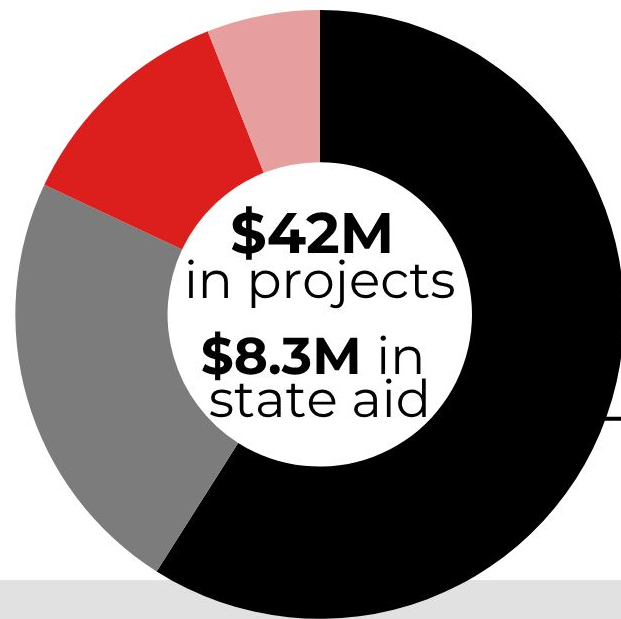
STATE AID



- **Total Project Costs:** \$49,419,634
- **Question 1:** \$41,926,384
- **Question 2:** \$7,493,250
- The district is eligible to receive **\$9,283,957 in state aid if both questions pass.**
- Question 2 can only pass if Question 1 is also approved.



QUESTION 1 PROJECT BREAKDOWN



- Construct a two-floor addition at WEHS
- Renovate WEHS media center
- Renovate WEMS auditorium
- Replace the lower walls and windows at WEHS
- Remove the concrete trellis at WEMS
- Update HVAC units at the HS and MS
- Add turf and lights to the grass fields at WEMS
- Replace selected exterior doors, upgrade hardware at WEHS and WEMS
- Add security vestibules at the WEHS and WEMS main entrances

■ Additions/Renovations **59%**

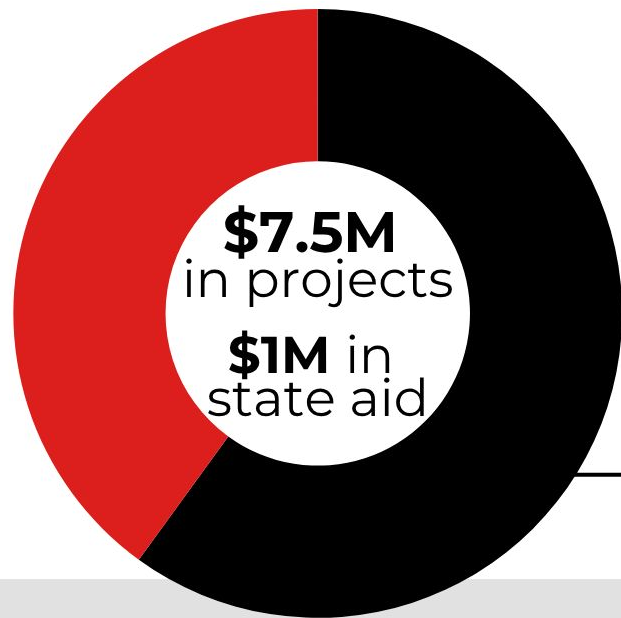
■ Field Renovations **12%**

■ HVAC & Infrastructure Improvements **23%**

■ Security Enhancements **6%**



QUESTION 2 PROJECT BREAKDOWN



- Replace stadium bleachers and press box
- Replace selected interior doors and hardware

■ Bleachers & Press Box 60% ■ Doors & Hardware 40%



ESTIMATED MONTHLY TAX IMPACT

TOWN	AVG HOME ASSESSMENT	QUESTION 1	QUESTION 1 + 2*
ESSEX FELLS	\$947,342	\$21/month	\$25/month
FAIRFIELD	\$530,788	\$15/month	\$18/month
NORTH CALDWELL	\$800,484	\$22/month	\$26/month
ROSELAND	\$639,995	\$15/month	\$18/month

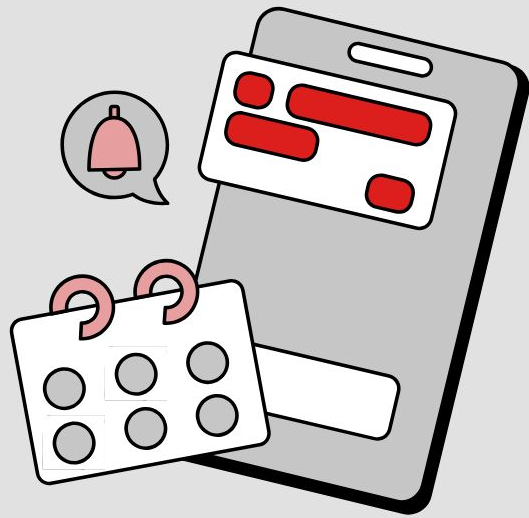
ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT BASED ON:

- 20-year borrowing term
- 4% interest rate
- Average assessment, not market value
- Payments begin in 2027-2028 fiscal year

****Question 2 can only pass if voters approve Question 1.***



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