

CAPITAL VOTE INFORMATION SESSION

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is the date for the district-wide ballot vote?

Answer: September 29h, 2026

Question: Why is the borrowing term set at 15 years? Why not a longer term to lower the annual payment?

Answer: Borrowing terms are limited to the longest useful life of a project. In this case, the longest project useful life is 15 years. Therefore, 15 years is the maximum term length for this phase of capital borrowing.

Question: Why is the Grand Total amount on the Projected Debt Service pages higher than the requested Capital amount to borrow?

Answer: Borrowing authorization is set to the projected principal amount and does not include interest.

Question: This vote passes based on an overall combined majority vote between Dudley and Charlton. Are both municipalities obligated to these projects if the vote fails in one town and passes in the other?

Answer: Yes, both municipalities are obligated based on a combined majority vote.

Question: The costs of each project do not necessarily align between the Facilities Condition Assessment and the Capital Request. Why is that?

Answer: Project costs were updated to reflect the most accurate costs as of April 2026. The Facilities Condition Assessment used general cost projects in 2024.

Question: Why are some projects from the Facilities Condition Assessment listed in the capital request, but others are not?

Answer: All projects identified within the Facilities Condition Assessment are separated into two categories: *MSBA Eligible* or *Non-MSBA Eligible*. DCRSD is pursuing opportunities within MSBA (Mass School Building Authority) for projects that are considered MSBA Eligible, and therefore is not requesting funds that fall into the MSBA Eligible category. The projects identified in this capital request are *Non-MSBA Eligible* projects.

Question: Is there a specific project category for which DCRSD is targeting as a priority?

Answer: The Facilities Condition Assessment sets a priority rating for each school building and project. DCRSD will use these recommendations, as well as proper facility order of operations, to set the project schedule. DCRSD recognizes that over time, project priority may change based on multiple unpredictable factors. DCRSD wants to stress that we're committed to ensuring and preserving student and faculty safety over and above all.



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of our children and our community."*