School Bond Referendum

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026



Why a Bond Referendum and Why Now?

- The Deerfield Township School District is committed to maintaining safe, secure, and efficient learning environments for all students and staff. This proposed bond referendum addresses critical infrastructure improvements that preserve district facilities, reduce long-term maintenance costs, improve building safety, and protect the community's investment in its schools. With existing debt expiring in December 2026, this referendum provides the Board with an opportunity to renew debt, **without increasing taxes**, while receiving **47% State Funding** and invest in critical facility improvements while minimizing the impact on taxpayers.
- If these projects are not completed through the referendum, the District will need to either fund them 100% through local funds in future operating budgets or pursue another bond referendum in the future. Either option could reduce resources available for educational programs, student services, and other operational priorities.

Projects Included in Referendum

- Shingled Roofs & Gutters
- EPDM Roofs & Drains
- Metal Panel over EIFS
- Toilet Room Floor Tile Replacement
- Carpet Replacement
- Asbestos Abatement
- Sewer Pump/Control Panel Replacement

Project Cost Estimate

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Cost	Project Cost with A/E Fees & Contingency (12% A/E & 5% contingency)	Total Cost
Metal roofs and gutters (Shingle Roof Replacement)	40,115	$26	$1,042,990	$1,220,298	$1,220,298
EPDM roofs and drains	22,648	$24	$543,552	$635,956	$635,956
Metal panel over EIFS	450	$25	$11,250	$13,163	$13,163
Toilet room floor tile replacement	447	$20	$8,940	$10,460	$10,460
Carpet replacement	4,385	$10	$43,850	$51,305	$51,305
Asbestos abatement		Estimated Rate	$49,500	$57,915	$57,915
Sewer pump/control panel replacement		Estimated Cost	$10,000	$11,700	$11,700
Subtotal			**$1,710,082**	**Total**	**$2,000,795**

Shingled Roofs & Gutters Replacement

Existing Conditions

- Existing shingled roofing systems have reached the end of their useful life.
- Roof components exhibit signs of deterioration and shingles blow off in heavy storms.
- Gutters require replacement to improve drainage and protect the building envelope.

Benefits

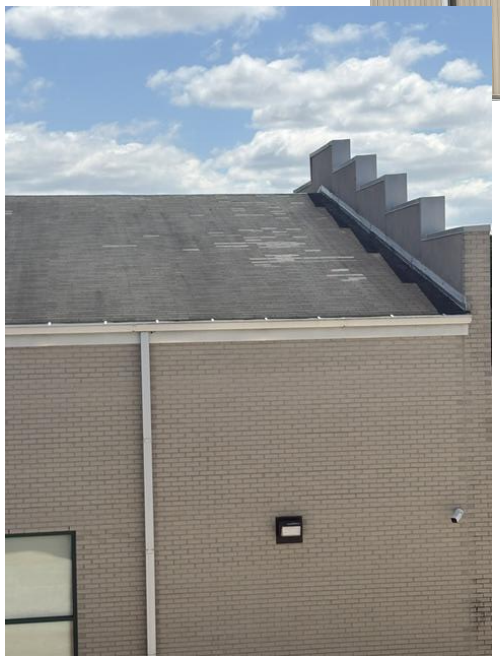
- Protects the building from water infiltration.
- Extends facility life.
- Reduces maintenance costs.
- Improves energy efficiency.
- Enhances building appearance.
- Replacement with metal roof

Shingled Roofs & Gutters Replacement (Cont.)









Shingled Roofs & Gutters Replacement (Cont.)







EPDM Roofs & Drains Replacement

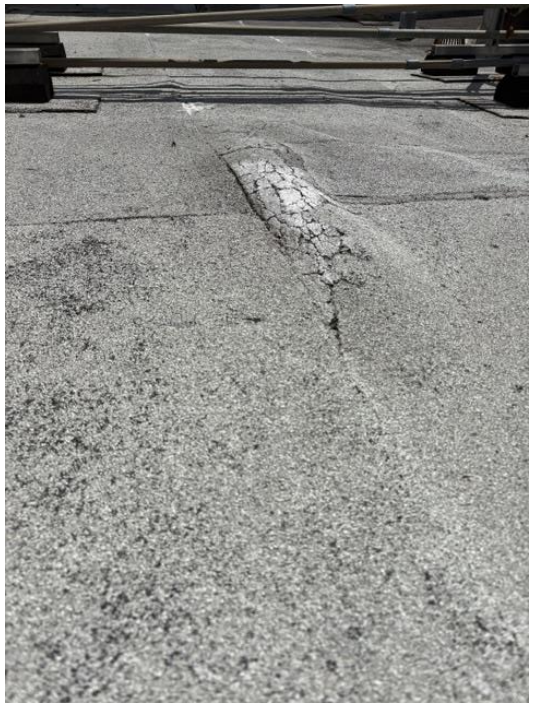
Existing Conditions

- Existing EPDM roofing system is at end of life.
- Roof drains have deteriorated and require replacement.
- Various leaks and water intrusion into building.

Benefits

- Prevents water damage.
- Improves drainage.
- Reduces emergency repair costs.
- Protects instructional spaces.

EPDM Roofs & Drains Replacement (Cont.)









EPDM Roofs & Drains Replacement (Cont.)







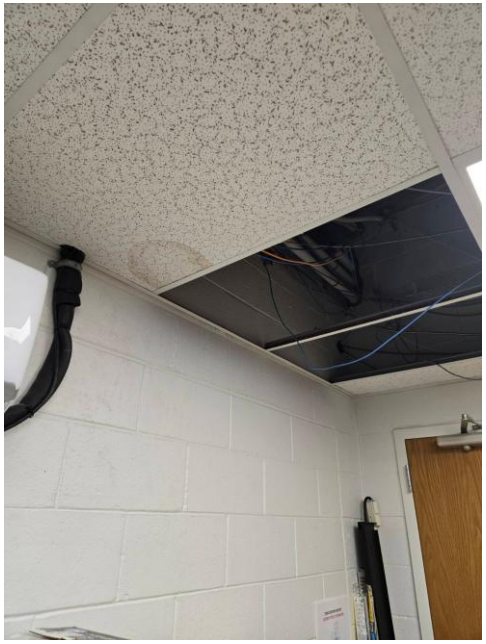


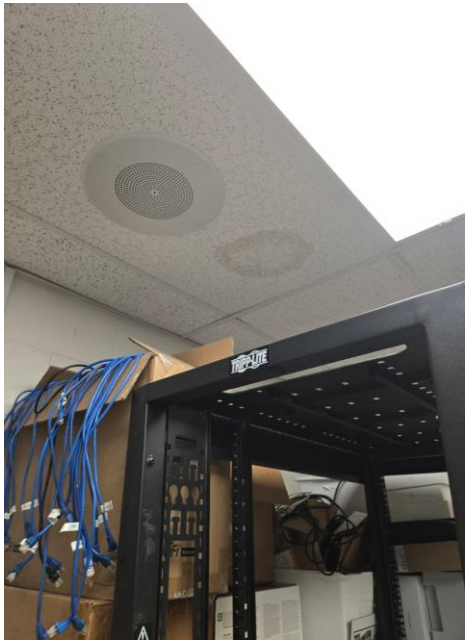


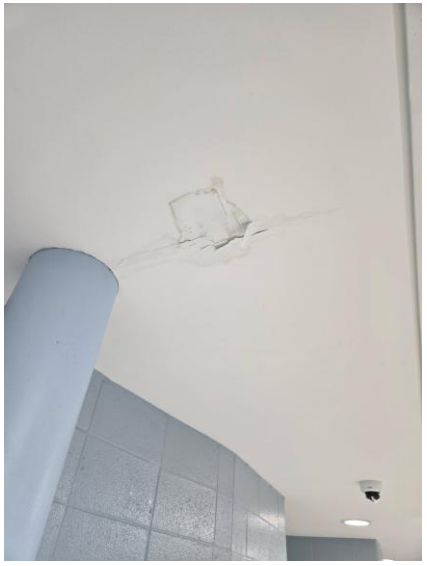


Shingled and EDPM Roof Replacement





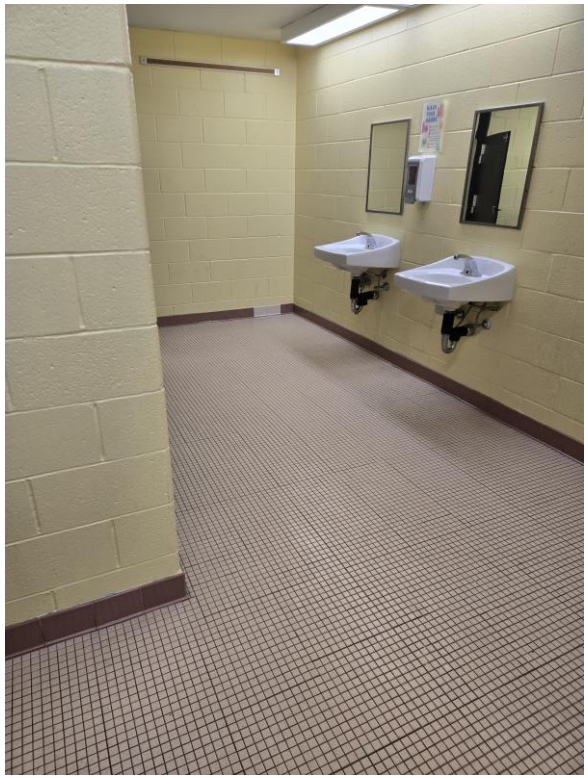








Toilet Room Floor Tile Replacement



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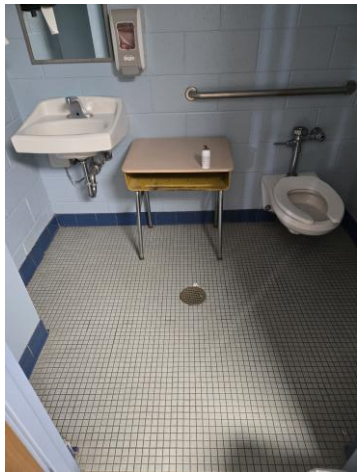
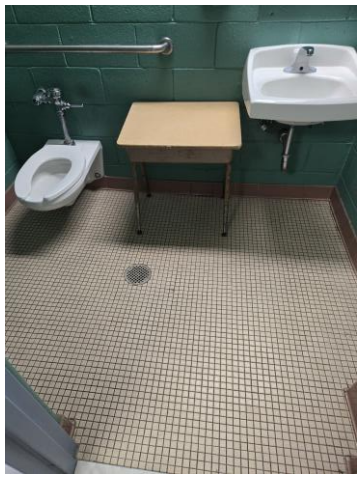
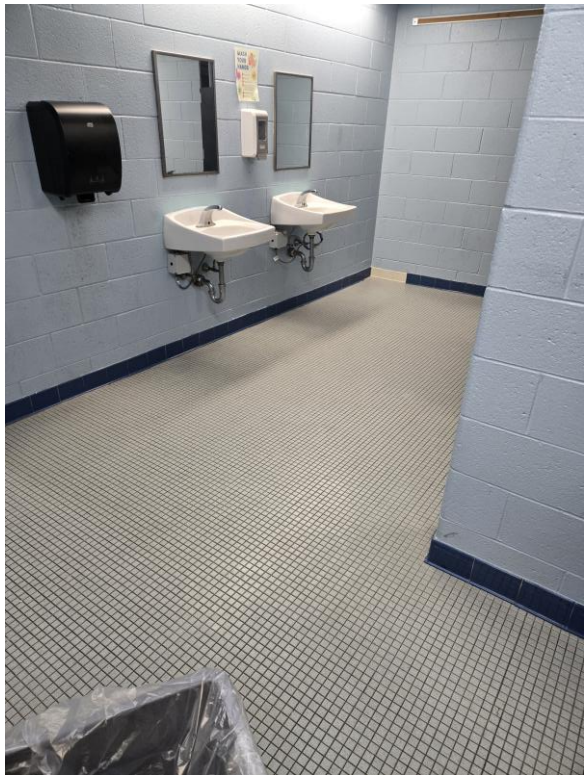


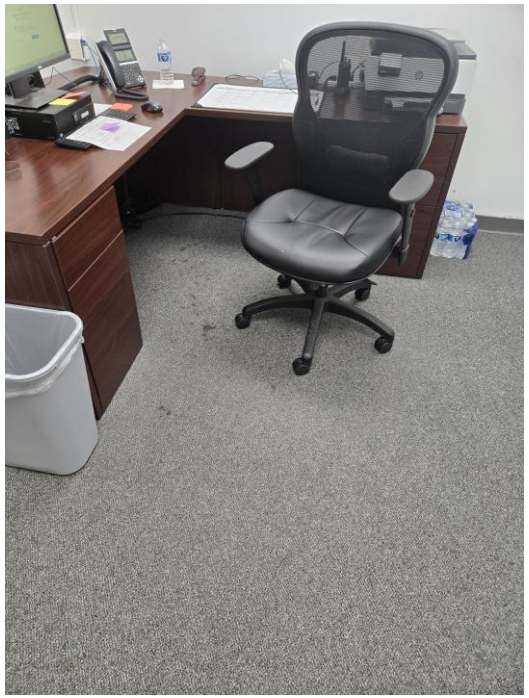


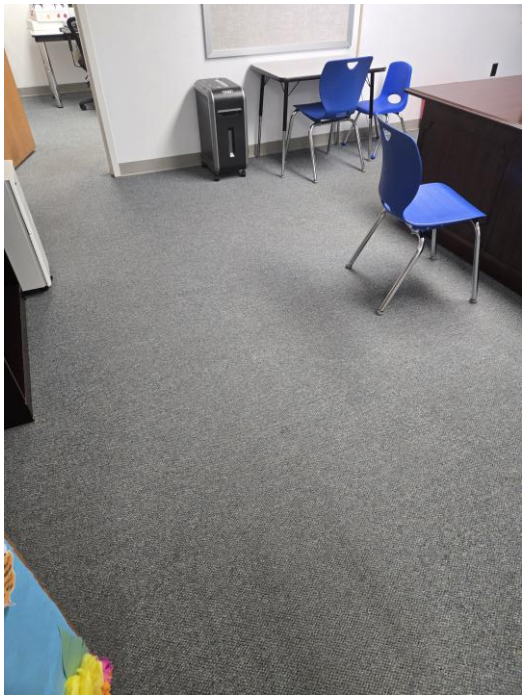


Carpet Replacement









Asbestos Abatement

- Safely remove asbestos-containing materials prior to renovations in accordance with regulations.
- Asbestos is located in the basement transitions and under the carpeting on the first floor.

Sewer Pump & Control Panel

- The Sewer Pump & Control Panel is the system that collects wastewater from a building and pumps it to the municipal sewer or septic system when gravity alone cannot move it.
- Need to replace aging pumps and control panels to improve reliability and reduce failures.
- Last updated 1996

Sewer Pump & Control Panel









Bond Renewal Cost Summary

	Estimated Total Cost	ACTUAL State Share (47.4623%)	Estimated Local Share
Deerfield Township	$2,004,745	$951,498	$1,053,247
Total	$2,004,745	$951,498	$1,053,247

Renovations = Architect's estimate (including Soft Costs) of eligible projects @ 47.4623% State Share

- The proposed Bond with State Aid calculated at conservatively at 40.34% equates to an average $65.45/yr tax impact for an average home assessed at $143,997. The tax impact is based on a conservative rate of 4.25% over 20 years.
- The existing bond expires at the end of Fiscal Year 2026 had an average tax impact of $77.00. The proposed new debt is lower than the existing expiring debt.

Overall Summary

If approved, the state would cover 47 cents of every dollar spent, with the district responsible for the remaining 53 cents. If the referendum does not pass, the district would be responsible for 100% of the cost of these necessary projects.

Taxpayers would see a slight decrease because the existing bond cost the average homeowner approximately $77.00 per year, while the proposed bond is estimated to cost $65.45 per year. This results in an estimated annual tax decrease of $11.55 for an average home assessed at $143,997. More savings would be recognized if the district receives all 47.4623% of the State Aid.

The overall benefit of the bond referendum is to make necessary improvements to our school while reducing the risk of more costly repairs in the future while taking advantage of state funding that helps offset the cost to the local community.

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12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Questions & Answer

