

# Springfield Township Schools

2146 Jacksonville-Jobstown Road, Jobstown, NJ 08041

A Referendum vote is planned for March 10, 2015  
to support critically needed improvements at the school!

Passage of the referendum will capture State of New Jersey Grant funding

## \$2,261,112 in State Funding!

This funding reduces costs to Springfield taxpayers,  
but can only be captured if the referendum passes.



### What Improvements are planned?

#### Critical Facility Repairs

*Improvements will renew the building for future generations by replacing aged building systems, addressing operational issues, enhancing building safety and security, improving accessibility and more (see page 2).*

#### Improve Building Performance

*Improvements to the mechanical systems, boiler, windows, roofing, and the installation of a generator will better support educational delivery, provide more reliable operation with fewer closure days.*

#### Air Conditioning (2nd Question)

*A separate referendum question is proposed to allow the public to decide if air conditioning should be included as part of the mechanical system upgrades.*

### Why now?

#### Urgent Need

*Prudent facility management has stretched building systems beyond their expected life spans but they are deteriorating. These improvements are needed to prevent adverse impacts to building operation.*

#### Careful planning to minimize costs

*The plan for undertaking these improvements has been considered carefully in an effort to minimize costs by taking advantage of currently available State Share grant money.*

*If the referendum passes, \$2,261,112 in State funding will enable these critical improvements to be made at a 36% discount due to the State Money!*

### When is the Referendum?

Tuesday, March 10th, 2015 • 2pm – 9pm • Vote!

## REFERENDUM NEWS (continued...)

## What is getting done?

### What is a referendum?

New Jersey school districts hold referendum votes for approval of funding to maintain and upgrade school facilities. If approved this funding can only be used for its approved purpose—please see a description of the various proposed improvements in the box to the right.

### Why undertake these improvements now?

These improvements are necessary to maintain and improve the operation of the school. Additionally, construction and financing costs are favorable *now* and with the recently approved State Grant funding the district can undertake these improvements at a reduced cost to taxpayers!

### What are the estimated costs of the Referendum?

	Total Cost	State of NJ Grant	Local Share of Cost
<b>Question 1: Infrastructure &amp; Site Improvements</b>	\$ 5,799,531	\$ 2,072,312	\$ 3,727,219
<b>Question 2: Air Conditioning</b>	\$ 565,750	\$ 188,800	\$ 376,950
	<b>\$ 6,365,281</b>	<b>\$ 2,261,112</b>	<b>\$ 4,104,169</b>

### With money from the State, why is a referendum needed?

While the district has approval for a State share Grant that will enable the project to be undertaken at a nearly 36% discount, the district *can only claim this State Share funding if the referendum passes and the local share of the costs are approved by voters.*

### What is the estimated tax impact?

The estimated tax impact of these improvements is currently being established by the Board as they review financing options and will be posted as soon as possible. Please look to the District website for updates!

### Voting Times and Locations:

March 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm — 9:00pm

Springfield Township Municipal Building Courtroom  
Jacksonville Community Center (1791 Jacksonville-Jobstown Rd.)  
Juliustown Firehouse (Lewistown Rd.)

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Or email your questions to: [referendum@springfieldschool.org](mailto:referendum@springfieldschool.org)

### Question 1:

#### Infrastructure & Site Improvements

- Replace windows ('39, '57 wings).
- New exterior doors.
- Replace deteriorated slate roofing and refurbish the roof cupola, maintaining the traditional appearance of the school.
- Replace roofing on the 1957 wing which is leaking.
- Replace downspouts & gutters.
- Accessibility improvements including bathroom upgrades, door hardware and exterior stair & ramp handrails.
- Replace tall cabinets in 1939 wing classrooms and shelving over radiation piping.
- New cafeteria refrigeration unit.
- New fire sprinkler system, water tank and fire pump.
- Upgrade electric service and add electrical outlets in classrooms.
- New backup generator.
- Upgrade clock/intercoms.
- New security access controls and cameras for safety.
- New fire alarm system.
- New heating and ventilation units, radiator piping and new boilers.
- New exhaust fans and ventilators.
- New mechanical system controls.
- Wastewater plant upgrades.
- Auxiliary well pump.
- Site drainage improvements.

### Question 2:

#### Air Conditioning

- The school does not currently have air conditioning. Add air condition system to the building.