

# 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, and enhancing safety, security and accessibility.*

#### Improve Building Performance

*Improvements to the mechanical systems, boiler, windows, roofing, and the installation of a generator will better support educational delivery.*

#### 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. For costs, see page 2.*

### 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!**

#### Three Polling Locations:

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

## 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 grant funding if the referendum passes and the local share of the costs are approved by voters.*

## What is the estimated tax impact?

For estimated tax impact of the local share costs for each referendum question is as follows:

	Est. Tax Impact (per \$100*)	Est. Tax Impact (per Avg. Home)*
<b>Question 1: Infrastructure &amp; Site Improvements</b>	\$0.0678	\$188
<b>Question 2: Air Conditioning</b>	\$0.0073	\$20
	<b>\$0.0751</b>	<b>\$208</b>

This equates to less than \$18 dollars per month for the various improvements to the school described to the right of this page.

*\*Tax impacts are estimated and shown in relation to assessed, not market, value. The average assessed home in Springfield Township is valued at \$276,800.00. The Board is considering several bond scenarios which could reduce this estimated impact.*

## For additional information contact:

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

## What is getting done?

### 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.