

Springfield Township School

2146 Jacksonville-Jobstown Road, Jobstown, NJ 08041

Did you know that Springfield Township School has a public referendum vote schedule for March 10, 2015?

When is the Referendum?

Tuesday, March 10th, 2015 • Polls open from 2pm to 9pm

Where can I vote?

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

What is the Referendum About?

Critical School Building Improvements

Critical improvements to the school building are needed including roof repairs, replacement of ventilation systems, enhancements for safety, security and accessibility, and replacement of other aging building systems.

What is the Referendum does not pass?

While the district is approved to receive State Share Grant funding, this cannot be claimed without approval of the local share of costs in the referendum.

Without the State Share money, limited repairs can be funded out of the district budget and would have to be fully paid for by District taxpayers.

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.

Cost Management

The plan for undertaking these improvements has been considered carefully in an effort to minimize costs.

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

If the referendum passes, State of New Jersey Grant funding can be claimed

\$2,261,112 in State Funding!

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

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.

What are the estimated costs of the Referendum?

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

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. Yearly Tax Impact (per Avg. Home)*
Question 1: Infrastructure & Site Improvements	\$0.0678	\$188
Question 2: Air Conditioning	\$0.0073	\$20
	\$0.0751	\$208

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

**The average assessed home in Springfield Township is valued at \$276,800.00.*

Is Tax Relief Available for Senior Citizens?

Senior citizens, age 65 and older (or qualifying disabled residents), may be eligible for tax relief and impacted differently by the referendum. To determine if you qualify for NJ Property Tax Relief Programs, contact NJ State Treasury at 1-800-822-6597 or visit their website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation for information.

For additional Information contact:

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Visit the District's website: <http://www.springfieldschool.org>
Or email your questions to: 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.