SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECURE OUR SCHOOLS INTO THE FUTURE

BOND REFERENDUM
SPECIAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

HOW IT WORKS

Our community has successfully paid off a significant debt, which means the money previously dedicated to servicing this debt is now available. This is a testament to responsible financial management and ensures stability in our tax rates. In addition, our referendum proposal has received approval from the New Jersey Department of Education to offset the total cost of our project by \$3.5 million in state aid which we would not otherwise receive this year.

REFERENDUM GOALS

- Provide Enhanced Learning and Teaching Environments
- Preserve Investments in our Schools and Student's Future
- Maintain Excellence Stewardship of Finances and Southampton Schools

What is the total cost of the referendum?

The total cost of the referendum is \$14,124,526. After state review, more than half of our proposal, or \$8,875,106, was deemed eligible for up to 40% state aid reimbursement. That determination will result in a state aid return to the district of \$3.5 million if the referendum is successful at the polls.

What is the total impact of the referendum on Southampton Township Taxpayers?

The 2025 average residential assessment for Southampton Township is \$189,284. The owner of the average home would pay \$29 more next year in school taxes to support the referendum. That equates to less than \$3 per month per average household for all of the improvements you find listed on the following pages. If the referendum is passed, we will be able to begin school improvement projects in the summer of 2025.

Dear Resident.

Right now, Southampton Township School
District is in a strong financial position. Since
we hold zero debt, now is the time to invest in the

future of our school with **minimal increase** to the taxpayers. Our school district has identified critical needs to enhance educational opportunities, maintain facilities, and invest in the future of our students. Meeting these needs through annual budgets alone would take 20 years, delaying necessary improvements and impacting current and future generations. This referendum will allow the district to improve safety, security, and provide health and educational enhancements for students, staff and community. Please participate in this important opportunity by **casting your ballot at the polls on March 11.** As always, we value your support.

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Superintendent, Southampton Township School District





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We welcome your questions via email: referendum@stsdwarriors.org

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HOW WILL EACH SCHOOL BE IMPACTED BY THE REFERENDUM?

The referendum proposal allows us to address these priorities immediately, providing students and staff with the resources and facilities they need today, rather than waiting two decades to accumulate funding.

School #1

Built in 1921 | Renovations 2004

- New Media Center/Library
- Removal of Carpet and Replacement of Flooring
- New Boiler Existing Boiler 30 Years Old
- Interior Painting of Building
- · Extended Playground
- Furniture Staff and Students
- Interactive Boards to Support Education
- Additional Upgraded Electrical Outlets in 103-Year-Old Building (Universal Understanding of Fire Danger)
- Replace Concrete Steps
- Master Keying One Key for all Doors
- Security Cameras



Current School #1 All-Purpose Room

Humanities Annex School #1

Built in 1938

- Renovation into Educational Space for School #1
- All-Purpose Room for School #1
- Art and Music Facility for School #1
- Community Usage

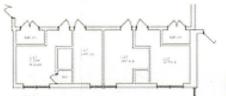


Current Bus Garage

School #2

Built In 1962 | Renovations 2004

- Removal of Carpet and Replacement of Flooring
- New Boiler Existing Boiler 30 Years Old
- New Playground
- Preschool Bathrooms (7)
- Interactive Boards to Support Education
- Master Keying One Key for all Doors
- Security Cameras



Proposed School #2 Preschool Bathrooms



Proposed Playground

School #3 and Athletic Fields

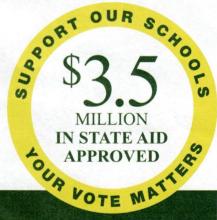
Built in 1996 | Renovations 2004

- Smoke Detector Receptors
- Interactive Boards to Support Education
- Master Keying One Key for all Doors
- Security Cameras
- Remove Solar Field (Cost Saving to District with Removal)
- Multi-Use Turf Field
- Track
- · Pickleball Court
- Volleyball Court
- Site Lighting
- Replace Sinks and Urinals



Proposed Updated Athletic Fields





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We recognize that this proposal represents a significant investment in our schools. We have moved this forward to a public vote on March 11 after extensive study, confident of its value as a *strategic* investment. Our financial timing is optimal right now. Combining projects will help minimize construction costs and avoid increased costs of inflation and deferred maintenance over time.

The availability of an approved \$3.5 million contribution in state aid is guaranteed currently, but may not be in the future.

This referendum is our proposal for securing what our schools need today, while avoiding tax rate hikes on an annual basis for improvements that may become critical needs if not addressed now. We believe that building immediate equity in our school facilities will create a stronger educational foundation for every student into the future.



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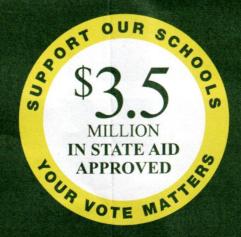
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FEBRUARY 12TH
AT 6:30 PM
SCHOOL #3
MEDIA CENTER
TO LEARN MORE!





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Our Referendum Goal: To secure a better future for our students and community—improved facilities, updated technology, and enhanced educational opportunities that would otherwise take a generation to achieve.