

Press Release: Shamong Township School District
Bond Referendum Vote: September 26, 2017

“Invest in Your Schools, Invest in Your Community”

As with many school districts in New Jersey, Shamong Township is facing the issue of aging buildings and how to pay for repair and modernization. On August 3, 2017, the Board of Education approved the State of New Jersey Preliminary Cost documentation and bond proposal to move forward with the proposed projects to be included in the upcoming bond referendum.

On September 26, 2017, voters will be faced with a decision to approve a \$4.9 million referendum that will include the following projects:

- Parking Lot Reconstruction
- HVAC Upgrades and Climate Control with Automatic Temperature Control Upgrades
- Generator Replacement
- Classroom Door Access Controls

If approved the State of New Jersey will pay up to 40% of eligible projects in state aid. If the vote is defeated projects paid for as part of the regular budget are ineligible for state debt service aid. Debt service aid is financial assistance from the state for specific school facilities projects.

Favorable interest rates and the retirement of existing debt in 2018 makes this an opportune time for a referendum. Taking a proactive approach to needed repairs and updates enables us to avoid expensive renovations in the future.

Bond referendum community information sessions will be held at the Indian Mills Memorial School on August 23rd at 9:00 am and on August 24 at 6:00 pm. Additional information sessions will be held during district back to school nights. Community members are also invited to attend the August and September Board of Education meetings.

Please visit the district website specifics regarding the proposed projects www.shamongschools.org (look for the referendum link).

***Dr. Christine Vespe, Superintendent
Shamong Township School District***