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Video 2006

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Video 2014




A plan that provides our rapidly growing student body with schools that are safe, in good repair and organized for best educational success AND gets grant funding from the State

THE CLOCK IS TICKING!!!!


The need for improvements to our school facilities to address SPACE, EDUCATION, OPERATION & SAFETY must be addressed ...investing in our future NOW saves us from more costly work later when our space runs out and systems break down!



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DID YOU KNOW.... that by 2017-2018 there will be 700+ MORE students in our District due to new housing development?!?



DID YOU KNOW.... that many of our school buildings are OVER 50 years old, with systems & equipment past their useful life?!?

DID YOU KNOW....that State of NJ mandates that trailers CANNOT be used indefinitely, and that over 400 of our students may be displaced - along with the 700+ new students = a potential total of 1000+ students returning to overcrowded buildings?!?



DID YOU KNOW.... that many of our class sizes are ALREADY at or reaching their limits?!?

DID YOU KNOW.... that classes such as science, art & music have already lost their rooms and are ON CARTS?!?



DID YOU KNOW.... That our existing trailers will cost, approximately \$4Million which is being funded through the operating budget - drawing funds away from the classroom?!?

THE BIG ISSUES

EDUCATION

- Address FOCUS SCHOOL NEEDS at Grades 5-6 & 7-8
- Reduce SCHOOL “TRANSITIONS” (from 4 to 3 schools) to STRENGTHEN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

OVERCROWDING

- Expand CAPACITY
- Address ENROLLMENT GROWTH OF 700+ STUDENTS ENTERING DISTRICT OVER NEXT 5 YEARS DUE TO DEVELOPMENT IMPACT & APPROVED BUILDING PERMITS

FACILITIES

- Address AGING INFRASTRUCTURE
- Upgrade SAFETY & SECURITY
- Remove classes in TEMPORARY TRAILERS (NOT A DOE PERMANENT SOLUTION)

HOW DO WE KNOW THIS?

THE LONG RANGE FACILITIES
MASTER PLAN PROCESS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT in LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN

LONG RANGE FACILITIES ADVISORY

“TASK FORCE”

- **Volunteers committed to providing input and developing long range planning criteria**
- **Comprised of District leadership staff, civic officials, business owners, realtors, senior citizens, students, parents, and teachers**
- **School Tours and Planning Sessions were held during Spring and Summer of 2011**
- **Organized into three Focus Groups:**
 - Educational Organization & Adequacy Review**
 - **Addressed issues regarding Demographics, program delivery, school size, grade level transitions, Focus School needs, etc.**
 - Site Development Impact & Community Outreach**
 - **Addressed issues regarding public use, growth, recreation, athletics, parking access, PE, etc.**
 - Building Systems & Infrastructure Needs**
 - **Addressed issues regarding physical plant and MEP systems, controls, technology, security, etc.**

ACTIONS

**REVIEW OF EXISTING CONDITIONS,
PROJECTED GROWTH, DEFICIENCIES &
DISTRICT-WIDE FACILITY CHALLENGES**



**REVIEW OF FACILITY NEEDS LIST,
EDUCATIONAL INADEQUACIES & DEMANDS
WARRANTING ATTENTION IN NEXT 10 YEARS**

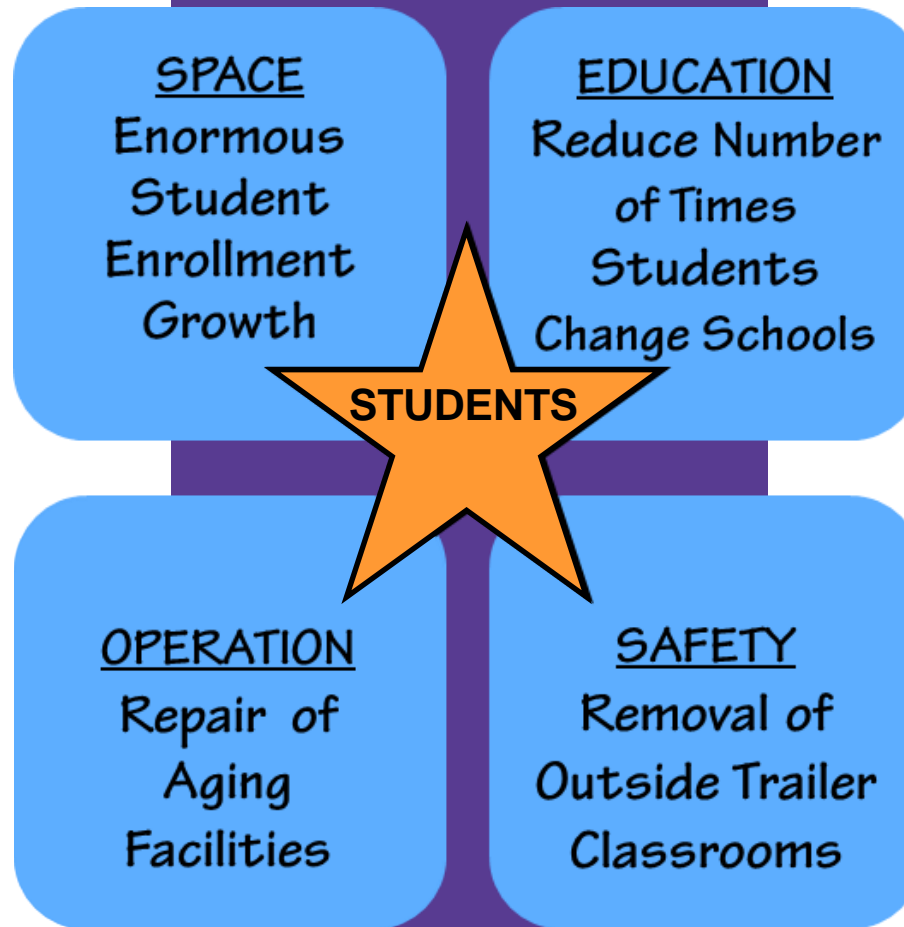


**REVIEW OF CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING
FACILITY OPTIONS, ADDRESSING STATE
REQUIREMENTS, DEVELOPING SITE
SOLUTIONS, & RANKING PRIORITIES**



**INPUT ON HOW TO BEST USE LIMITED
RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS;
RECOMMENDATIONS GIVEN TO BOE**

WE HAVE A PLAN TO ADDRESS OUR STUDENT NEEDS



Our Challenges & Needs

SPACE

**Enormous Student
Enrollment Growth**

**Over the Next 5 Years
700+ additional students
from residential
development**

*Based on demographic growth projections and
building permits being issued by Franklin Township

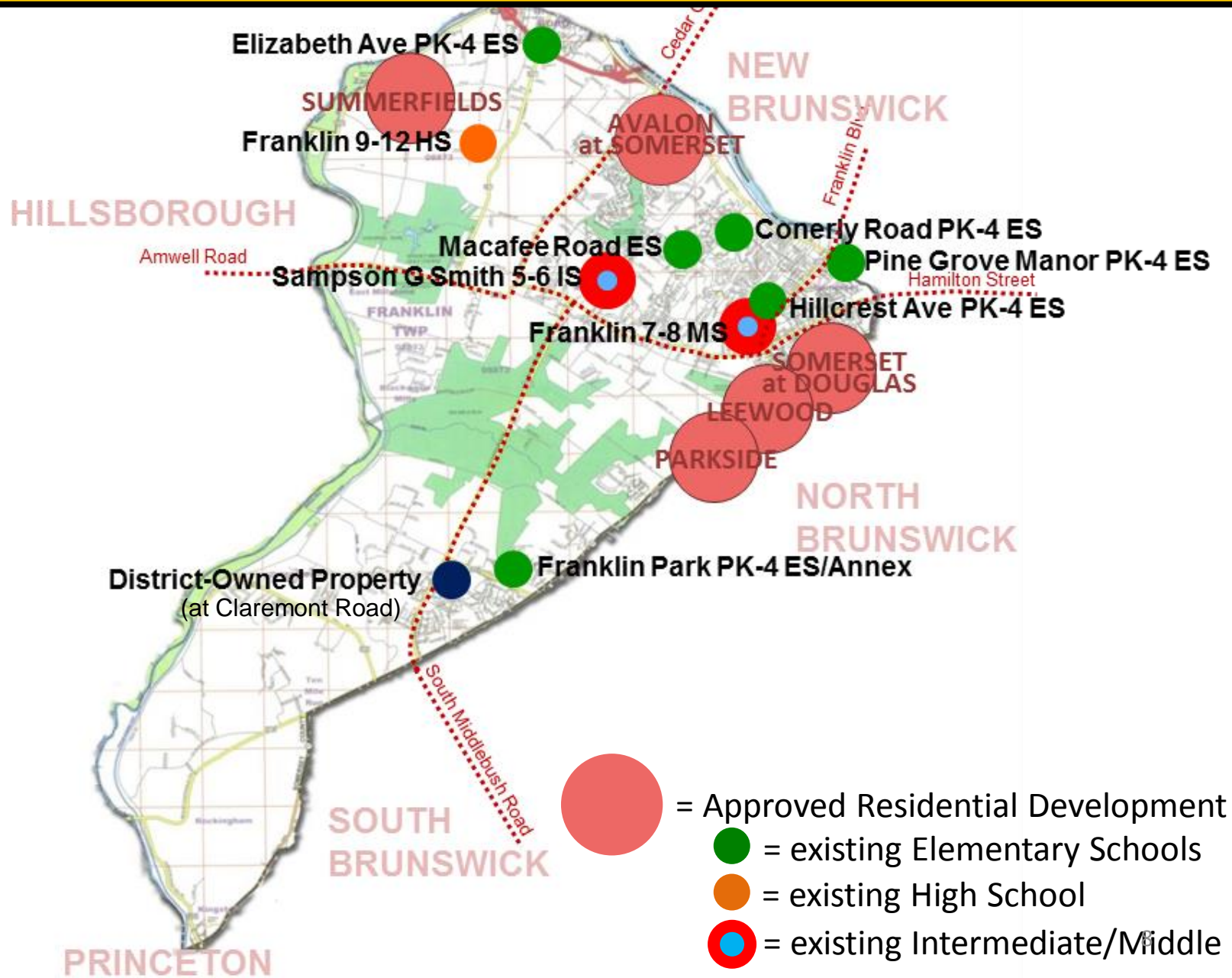
STUDENTS



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FRANKLIN TWP RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT GROWTH



IMPACT OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON DISTRICT

DEVELOPMENT	TYPE OF UNIT	NUMBER OF UNITS	BEDRMS	TOTAL K-12 STUDENTS	REMARKS
Parkside Family	multi-family	5+ units - rent	4	1	COAH - affordable
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	10	2	COAH - affordable
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	56	3	COAH - affordable
Summerfields	single family	detached	66	3	
	single family	detached	134	4	
	multi-family	2-4 units	60	3	
	multi-family	5+ units - own	40	3	
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	84	1	
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	336	2	
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	14	3	
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	26	1	COAH - affordable
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	78	2	COAH - affordable
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	12	3	COAH - affordable
Somerset Grand (aka Laduree)	multi-family	5+ units - rent	154	1	
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	145	2	
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	27	3	
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	11	1	COAH - affordable
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	35	2	COAH - affordable
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	12	3	COAH - affordable
Leewood - 1st Phase	multi-family	2-4 units	4	2	
	multi-family	5+ units - own	2	2	
	multi-family	5+ units - own	14	3	
	multi-family	5+ units - own	16	2	COAH - affordable
	multi-family	5+ units - own	4	3	COAH - affordable
Somerset Douglas	multi-family	2-4 units	72	2	Construction Halted - site unoccupied
	multi-family	5+ units - own	34	2	
	multi-family	5+ units - own	8	2	COAH - affordable
Lakeside at Franklin	single family	detached	20	3-4	Approved
Florez Townhouses	single family	attached	4	2	
	multi-family	5+ units - own	19	2	Approved in 2007 - not built
	multi-family	5+ units - own	5	2	COAH - affordable
Leewood - Phases 2 & 3	multi-family	5+ units - own	21	2	
	multi-family	5+ units - own	25	3	Prelim plan approved
	multi-family	5+ units - own	20	2	COAH - affordable
	multi-family	5+ units - own	25	3	COAH - affordable
Franklin II Associates	multi-family	5+ units - own	70		Use variance granted 2006 - uncertain future
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	164		COAH - affordable
	multi-family	5+ units - rent	42		COAH - affordable
Kings Row Homes	multi-family	5+ units - own	25		Uncertain Future
Penrose	multi-family	5+ units - rent	50		Potential Development - COAH
Leewood - Future Phases	multi-family	5+ units - own	34		
	multi-family	5+ units - own	38		COAH - affordable
Spring Hill Senior					Age Restricted
Future build-out of Renaissance Development Area	multi-family	5+ units - rent	200+		Extended build-out

***TOTAL STUDENTS 837**

from Residential Development
Net Impact is over 700 Growth

Growth



**First Two
Phases
Sold Out!**

Leewood (Somerset Street)



**Residential
Construction
already
approved**



Parkside Family Rentals



Avalon (Easton Ave)

Many Units Sold



Summerfields (School House Rd)



Somerset Gate (Douglas Ave.)

Growth



Morning arrival- main building

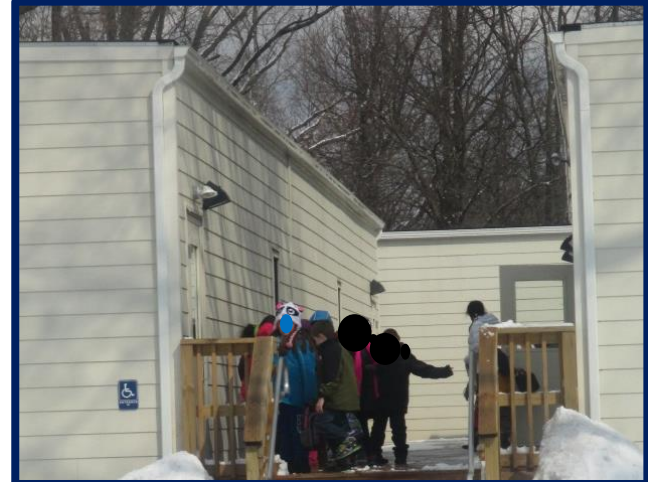


Outside trailers as classrooms

Classrooms
needed for
1100
students

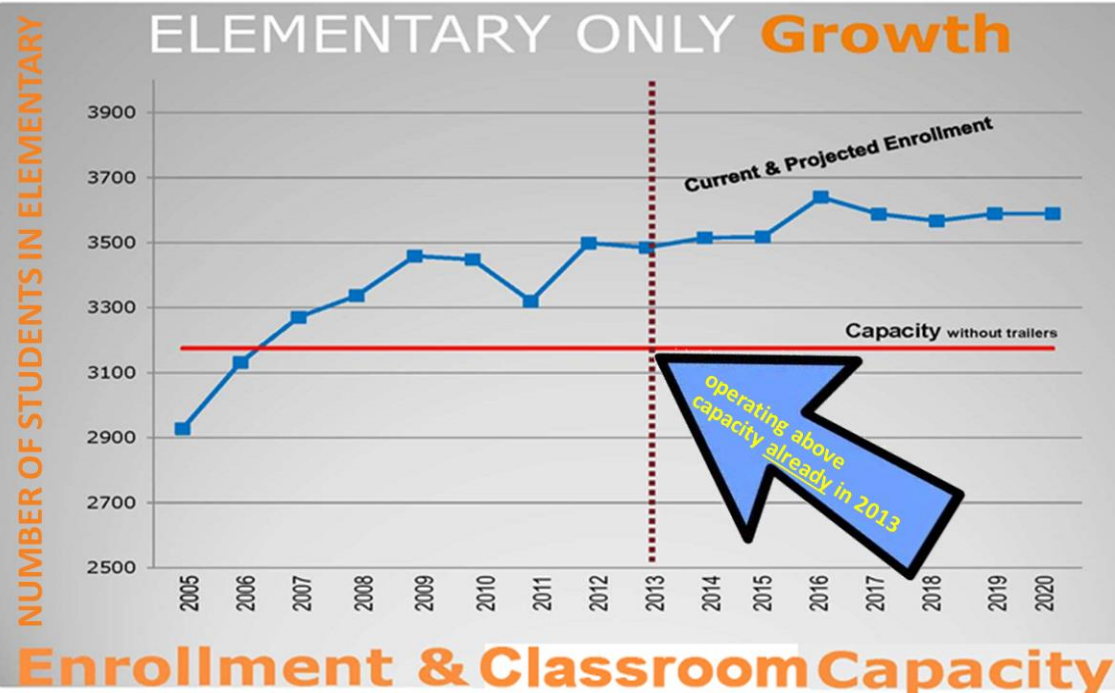
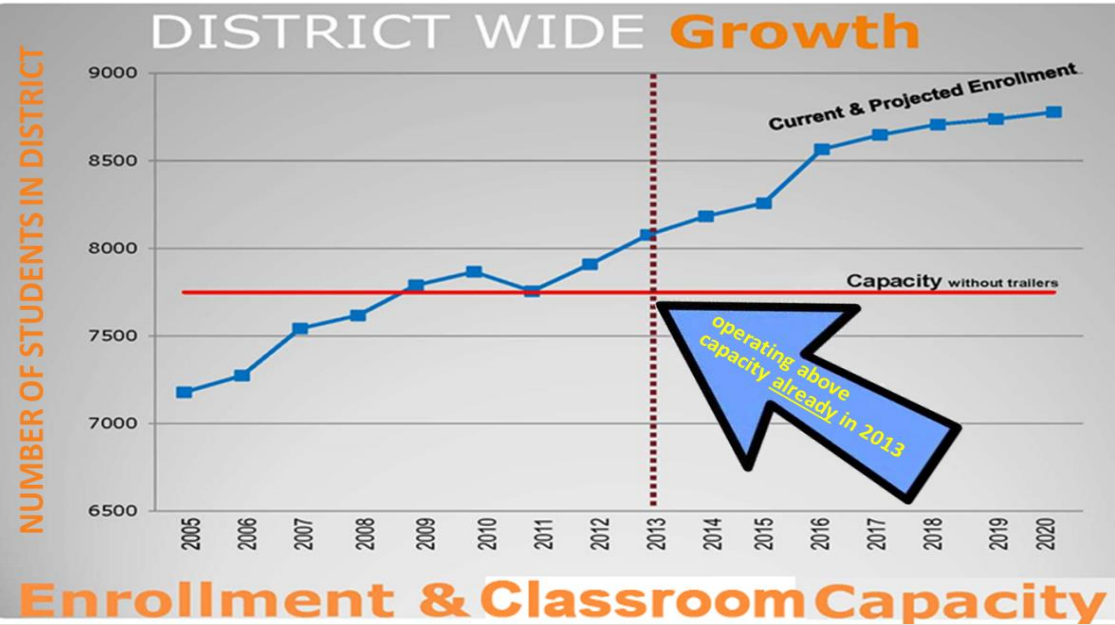
700 +
new
students
expected

PLUS
Over 400
students
using
trailers



Students must walk outside
each day to their main
building for lunch, some
special classes & dismissal





GROWING ENROLLMENT & LACK OF SUFFICIENT CLASSROOM SPACE HAS RESULTED IN USE OF TEMPORARY TRAILER UNITS



- There are 12 Trailers operating at six schools & providing 24 needed classrooms
- Trailer Units are only approved by County Superintendent & NJ DOE for Temporary Use prior to constructing *permanent* facilities
- Elimination of the 12 Trailers will result in the return of 400 students to permanent classrooms



Highlights – Enrollment & Capacity

- ✓ Planned new construction in town will increase student enrollment-
large developments are CURRENTLY being built.
- ✓ Classrooms in some of our schools have ALREADY reached class
size limits and are above what is desired.
- ✓ The probability of many instructional “specials” such as music and
art being conducted from a cart.
- ✓ New Trailers have been installed, but the State will NOT allow them
to be used indefinitely.

*The projected student enrollment growth in the District
EXCEEDED the space provided by the existing facilities in 2012/2013*



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Highlights – Enrollment & Classroom Capacity

The PLAN Addresses Increase in Enrollment

- ✓ **Build Elementary School on Claremont Road**
 - Property already owned by Board of Education
- ✓ **Expand Elizabeth Avenue School**
 - New housing development nearby
 - Addition of 20 classrooms, library/media center, cafeteria, and gymnasium
- ✓ **Expand Hillcrest School**
 - Room available for expansion
 - Addition of 4 special education classrooms



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Our Challenges & Needs

EDUCATION

**Reduce the Number
of Times Students
Change Schools**

STUDENTS



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Research Tells Us

- 5th Graders are developmentally similar to elementary
- 6th graders are developmentally similar to 7th/8th graders
- Two programs in same building does not provide the most effective learning environments to meet:
 - *Academic Expectations (PARCC, Common Core)*
 - *Differentiated Learning Styles*
 - *Student Developmental Needs*
 - *Changes impacted by social media & technology*
- 6th graders at SGS not offered Middle School co-curriculars
- Two year programs at SGS and FMS do not provide adequate time or physical environment to:
 - *develop an appropriate culture, instill Middle School core values, support age-appropriate programs during critical time in early adolescent development*



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THE PLAN – Education



1

6-8 MIDDLE SCHOOL

2

CAMPUSES

3

YEARS

**FRANKLIN
MIDDLE SCHOOL**
@ the **FMS** CAMPUS

**FRANKLIN
MIDDLE SCHOOL**
@ the **SGS** CAMPUS

Renovations
& upgrades
to house
additional
students

ONE VISION . . .

TO IMPROVE STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT FOR
GRADES 6 - 8.

ONE FOCUS . . .

SAME CURRICULUM,
INSTRUCTION &
ASSESSMENT.

ONE PROGRAM WITH EQUITY . . .

FOR EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES, ARTS & ATHLETICS.

Additions &
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1**6-8 MIDDLE SCHOOL****2****CAMPUSES****3****YEARS**

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**FRANKLIN
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@ the SGS CAMPUS**

*The
District
will not
split
families*

**Which Campus Will My
Child Attend?**

Factors in Campus Assignment

- **Transportation Efficiency**
- **Racial Balance**
- **Utilization of Facilities**
- **Effective Delivery of Educational Programs & Services**

**Siblings
will attend
the same
campus**

Our Challenges & Needs

STUDENTS

OPERATION
**Repair of Aging
Facilities**



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THE PLAN - Address Building Needs



Repair Exterior Walls/Masonry



Replace Energy Inefficient Windows



Upgrade Electrical Service



Replace Old Interior Doors



Repair/Replace Ceilings



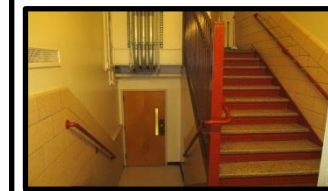
Replace Aging Floors



Upgrade Classrooms & Science Labs



Renovate Bathrooms



Improve Handicap Access



Repair Parking Lots, Sidewalks & Improve Outside Lighting



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Highlights – Address Building Needs

Capital Projects at:

- Conerly Road School
 - Elizabeth Avenue School
 - Franklin Park School
 - Hillcrest School
 - MacAfee Road School
 - Pine Grove Manor School
 - Sampson G. Smith School
 - Franklin Middle School
- (extent of project varies by school)*

Will:

- ✓ Improve Safety and Security
- ✓ Address Wear and Tear on Buildings
- ✓ Install Energy and Cost Saving Equipment



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Our Challenges & Needs

STUDENTS

SAFETY

**Removal of Outside
Trailer Classrooms**



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- Trailers are detached units that require students to move back & forth across school site adding to safety & access concerns, loss of instructional time, & adverse impact during inclement weather
- Trailers require additional maintenance costs, supervision, site upkeep & operational oversight to function



THE PLAN – Safety

**Necessary building repairs and upgrades
WILL improve student safety**

- ✓ **Fire Alarm Systems**
- ✓ **Electrical Upgrades**
- ✓ **Outside Lighting**
- ✓ **Use of Trailers as Classrooms will be eliminated * and 400 students will return to Permanent Classrooms**

* State of New Jersey Mandate



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- ✓ Creates **ONE LESS MOVE** with our children attending school from Pre-K to 5th grade & attending Middle School from 6th to 8th grade
- ✓ Builds a new Elementary School at Claremont Road on BOE owned property
- ✓ Expands both Elizabeth Avenue and Hillcrest Schools
- ✓ Repairs/Replacements of critical needs, such as roofs, bathrooms, boilers, HVAC, doors & windows
- ✓ Increases safety & security with enhanced outside lighting, parking lot repairs, fire safety and electrical upgrades, and removes trailer classrooms
- ✓ Saves energy & money with improvements that lower our electricity and gas costs



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FUNDING THE PLAN

IF THERE
WERE NO
STATE
GRANTS

TAXPAYERS' COST
\$84,900,000

The total cost of the Referendum is \$84,897,326. State Grants totaling \$3,417,069 are available to fund a portion of the projects. Local share of \$81,480,257 will result in an estimated yearly tax increase of \$166.46 per household, based on an average assessed home value of \$306,058.

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WITH
STATE
GRANTS

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The Cost to YOU



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**to calculate the tax
impact to YOU, based
on the assessed value
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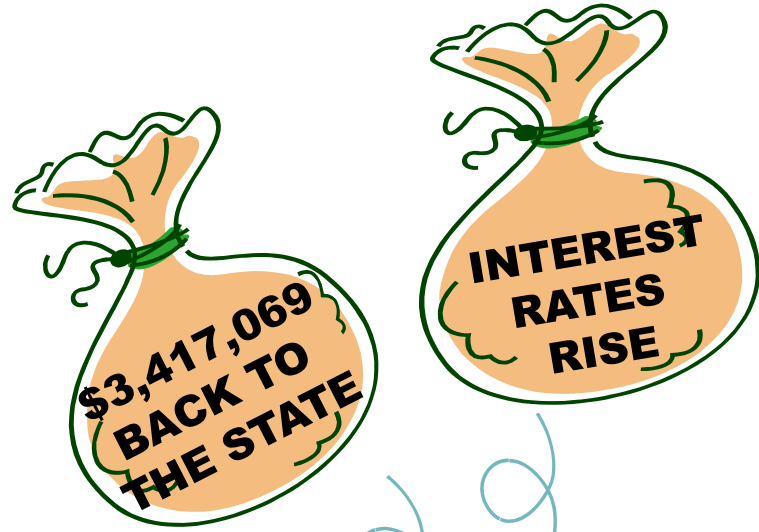
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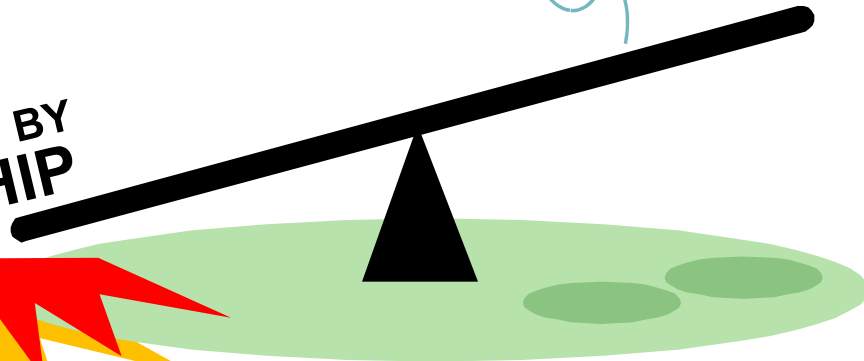
WHAT IF... WE DO NOTHING?

OUR NEEDS WON'T GO AWAY!

Our enrollment will grow, our buildings will become overcrowded, continue to age and need repair. But we won't have State Grants or near-historic low interest rates to help us pay for needed improvements.



FULL COST PAID BY
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP



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THE LONG TERM SOLUTION FOR OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS

THIS REFERENDUM PLAN

- ✓ **Addresses our enormous enrollment growth by building additional classroom space**
- ✓ **Improves education by reducing the number of times our children change schools**
- ✓ **Fixes dire repair needs at our aging facilities**
- ✓ **Improves safety & security for our children and staff**
- ✓ **Eliminates the use of trailers as classrooms and returns 400 students to their main buildings**



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THE DECISION IS YOURS

You will be asked to vote on
how to deal with the certain
enrollment growth we face, the
condition of our schools, the
safety of our children and the
RARE OPPORTUNITY we have to
help pay for improvements with
STATE FUNDING!



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YOU can help...
Our Children
Your Property Values
Your Township



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REFERENDUM VOTE DECEMBER 9, 2014

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