



A PLAN TO ADDRESS OUR STUDENTS' NEEDS

The Franklin Township Board of Education has submitted plans to the NJ Department of Education for improvements that will address our schools and which the community will vote on in a public referendum on December 9, 2014.

THE REFERENDUM PLAN



Results in ONE LESS MOVE

- Reduces the number of times that our children change schools, creating a PreK-5 and 6-8 structure
- Creates ONE Middle School for grades 6-8, at two campuses (Franklin Middle School & Sampson G. Smith School)



Addresses increase of 700+ students in 5 years

- Builds a new elementary school at Claremont Road on BOE owned property
- Expands both Elizabeth Avenue & Hillcrest Schools
- Removes over 400 students from outside trailers returning them to their buildings



Increases safety and security

- Increases outside lighting, parking lot repairs, fire safety and building security
- Provides for necessary repairs needed at each school

THE TOTAL COST: The total cost of the plan is \$84,897,326. State Grants totaling \$3,417,069 are available to fund a portion of the projects. The 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. Eligible Referendum Projects in the amount of \$38,131,493 may receive up to 40% *funding as Debt Service Aid* (potentially providing up to \$15,252,597 in debt relief).



VOTE December 9, 2014

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