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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