

# Board of Education Meeting

## Questions and Answers

### 2015-2016

Date of Meeting	Subject	Question/Information Provided
October 15, 2015	Referendum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School on Claremont Road Anticipated Opening Date</li> </ul>	<p>When will the new school on Claremont Road open?</p> <p>In December of 2012, the architects presented a Plan for the district which, after some adjustments, became the One Less Move Referendum.</p> <p>During the two years from that initial presentation until the referendum vote in December of 2014, the date of the vote was changed several times. This occurred to allow more time to inform the public about the plan and to take advantage of a grant opportunity from the state.</p> <p>At all times the planned construction of the new school building was said to take three years from when the funds were secured.</p> <p>In addition to the new school building, the referendum plan also includes re-configuration of grade levels and attendance areas. Therefore, in order to provide the smoothest transition, the plan will become fully implemented with <i>the opening of the new school on Claremont Road for students in September of 2018.</i></p>
	Referendum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scope of the work at FPS</li> </ul>	<p>Will there be pavement work at FPS?</p> <p>The flyers distributed during the Referendum campaign show pavement areas behind the main building on the walkway to the Early Childhood Development Center.</p> <p>Documents submitted to the state included pavement work at Franklin Park School. While there is some flexibility with regard to the implementation of capital projects included in a referendum, as long as this work remains a Board priority and can be sustained within the referendum budget; the pavement work at Franklin Park School will be completed as anticipated.</p>
	Referendum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scope of the work at PGM</li> </ul>	<p>Will PGM receive an addition?</p> <p>Pine Grove Manor school will not receive any additional classrooms under the referendum plan. However, an elevator will be installed in the building.</p>

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	<p>Referendum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placement of students in the school on Claremont Road and in SGS and FMS</li> </ul>	<p>When will we know who will go to the new school and which students will be assigned to SGS or FMS?</p> <p>While the application which the District submitted to the state lists how we will determine which students are placed in the new building (factors considered include transportation efficiency, social and ethnic diversity, and programs available in the school), more specific details on which students will attend still have to be worked out.</p> <p>We will begin gathering data for the re-configuration of our attendance areas in 2016 and the majority of the work in this area will take place in 2017.</p> <p>Meanwhile, our referendum transition committee, led by Mr. William Grippo, Referendum Transition Coordinator, will work with the community so that there is communication about this process and to ensure that decisions about student placement are not made in a vacuum.</p>
	<p>Referendum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trees on the property</li> </ul>	<p>Trees are planned for the new school on Claremont Road property to provide a cover from the parking lot as well as to absorb excess rain water.</p>