



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

On April 4, 2017, Glen Ellyn School District 41 residents will vote on a \$24.2 million bond referendum that would eliminate portables by building a new classroom addition at Hadley Junior High as well as address major infrastructure and safety issues at all of our District 41 schools.

If approved, what specific projects will the bonds fund?

- Eliminate portable classrooms with a new addition at Hadley Junior High School
- Address some infrastructure and health life safety issues at all schools
- Add additional ADA accessible restrooms at all of the schools
- Enhance safety with a secure entrance at Churchill School
- Reduce congestion in the neighborhood around Hadley by adding a bus lane on district property

Why does the district want to eliminate portable classrooms?

Portable classrooms began arriving in District 41 in 2001. Over time, the district added 32 portables being used at all five schools. In 2014, the Board of Education voted to invest \$14 million to remove portable classrooms at the elementary schools due to safety concerns and loss of academic time when students leave the portables to go to another classroom or to the restroom. Today, 10 portable classrooms remain at Hadley Junior High School. The portable classrooms are meant to be a temporary solution. The district is required to provide an annual report to the State of Illinois on the condition of the portables and a plan for removal in the future.

Why are we addressing infrastructure in this proposal?

Infrastructure projects are included in the referendum because the projects are large and go beyond maintenance. The district annually allocates up to \$2-3 million for infrastructure projects to cover all six of the buildings in the district. The district will continue to maintain all of our buildings moving forward with these budgeted district funds.

What is the tax impact if voters approve a \$24.2 million bond measure?

In 2018, the District will pay off bonds that funded past building projects. This reduction of debt payments gives the community an opportunity to invest the \$24.2 million to address some facilities needs at our schools and have a tax decrease over the taxes paid in 2016.

For example:

If a community member pays \$8,000 in 2016, the District 41 debt portion of their tax bill would decrease by approximately \$85.

What facility needs is this proposal not addressing?

The referendum does not include:

- Adding space for full-day kindergarten at the elementary schools
- Building new space for a cafeteria and/or music to Hadley Junior High School (*Note: The district is looking at how to be creative with the possible new addition and how we can address some improvements for music*)

The Board of Education and the district will continue conversations with our parents and the community about how to address the remaining facilities needs not included in the referendum.

For more information, go to www.d41.org/facilityplan

