



January 19, 2017

Dear District 41 Community,

Over the past year, you have spent time learning about Glen Ellyn School District 41 facilities needs. You have engaged in the process through participating in a community task force, attending listening sessions, filling out surveys, reviewing a number of communications, visiting our website, and sharing your feedback with the district. On behalf of District 41, thank you.

Thanks to the participation in the process by all of our stakeholders, we have developed a plan that we believe will meet the needs of our students and our community while also respecting the investment our taxpayers have made and continue to make to education.

On Monday, January 9, based on all of the data/feedback collected throughout the process, the Glen Ellyn School District 41 Board of Education voted 6-0 to put a \$24.2 million bond measure on the April 4, 2017 ballot.

If approved, these bonds will fund projects to:

- 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

Some infrastructure projects are included because the scope of the projects that would be covered by the referendum are large projects that 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.

In 2018, the District will pay off bonds that funded past building projects. This reduction of debt payments would give 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.

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

Enclosed with this letter are some Frequently Asked Questions about the proposal. In addition, the District invites all residents who want to learn more about the projects to attend one of our informational open houses at Hadley Junior High School. Tours of Hadley will be available.

- Wednesday, February 22, 7 p.m.
- Monday, February 27, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m.

Thank you for your ongoing involvement and support of the five schools in Glen Ellyn School District 41. I look forward to continuing the conversation and providing information to the community about our school buildings. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Communications Officer Erika Krehbiel, ekrehbiel@d41.org, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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