



2007 REFERENDUM FACT SHEET

Fact Sheet #9: A note of appreciation to our community

4/13/07

To the District 41 community,

This is the last of the Referendum Fact Sheets, as the referendum is Tuesday. There are many topics that could have been addressed in this space, but I thought it more important to recognize your commitment to education and to say thank you. For the last 10 weeks, District 41 has been immersed in communicating a complex referendum proposal, a proposal the Board of Education and the administration believe offers the best solution to overcrowding while providing educational enhancements.

Throughout the process, residents have asked probing questions, sought deep information, and asked about alternative options in their efforts to become informed. We have worked hard to give all points of view our respect and attention and we have welcomed the tough questions that arise from a genuine interest in doing the best for our children.

Whether to expand, renovate and restructure our schools is the community's decision. I want to thank our parents and the broader community for giving this issue their best thinking and taking steps to become informed, which is all we can ask of you.

As the last few days before the election unfold, I encourage you to review the information that is available at www.d41.org/referendum (also available in binders at each school and at the Glen Ellyn Public Library reference desk). We are always available by phone, by email and in person to answer your questions.

As always, I look forward to working productively together to make the district stronger and better with the resources the community sees fit to give us.

Sincerely,

Ann Riebock, superintendent



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Referendum Information
at Glen Ellyn School District 41

Letter from Superintendent Dr. Ann Riebock
I am writing with important news that affects our children's education, the quality of our community, and our pocketbooks. My purpose here is to introduce the facts, invite you to learn more and direct you to resources to help you do so.

On Monday, Feb.5, the Board of Education voted to go to referendum on April 17. District 41 will ask the community to approve a \$40 million bond referendum to fund expansions and renovations to our schools. In compliance with state regulations, the only way that a school district can fund a project of this magnitude is through a bond referendum. This referendum is for the sale of bonds for the purpose of constructing, renovating and equipping facilities; these funds cannot be used for salaries or other operational costs. Similar to a mortgage, the bonds will be repaid over time on a schedule that ends in 2025.

Our buildings were enlarged in 1998, and we are using all of that space and more. A school's worth of children (nearly 600) is housed in 26 mobile classrooms; projections show slow and steady growth through 2013. Mobile classrooms have allowed us to keep class sizes within acceptable ranges, although class sizes are expected to grow. But mobiles have encroached on play areas, posed logistical challenges and eroded instructional time as students go in and out for services. There is stress on our programs and infrastructure as well. We are running out of space to schedule specialized classes such as gym and music, some of our libraries house cubicles and some services are delivered in halls and other spaces that were never intended for instructional or program use. **more...**

Important documents

- » Ballot
- » Forum Pamphlet
- » Tax Impact
- » Operational cost impact
- » Construction costs
- » Hadley Concept Plan
- » UNICOM Survey and data
- » Demographic Projections
- » Boundary Advisory Committee recommendation
- » Boundary Committee PowerPoint
- » Middle Level Education articles

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D41 Links

- » District website
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Referendum@d41.org

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At left is a photo of the D41 referendum website: www.d41.org/referendum. This site has what may be an overwhelming amount of information, but for those who wish to become more informed, the information is there. In addition to the nine REFERENDUM FACT SHEETS that have been sent home on Fridays, visitors will find the actual ballot question, the forum pamphlet, documents explaining the tax and operational impacts, a construction cost overview, the Hadley concept plan, articles about middle-level education, the history of the decision process, and more.

The Ballot Question: Below is the actual question as you will see it on the ballot. Our Bond Counsel developed the wording to comply with the law, including the requirement that it be stated in one sentence.

<p>Shall the Board of Education of Glen Ellyn School District Number 41, DuPage County, Illinois, improve the site of, demolish a portion of, build and equip additions to and alter, repair and equip the current Hadley Junior High School Building in order to convert said School Building into a middle level school campus housing two attendance centers for grades 5 & 6 and grades 7 & 8, improve the sites of, demolish portions of, build and equip additions to and alter, repair and equip other school buildings of said School District, and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$40,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?</p>	YES	
	NO	