



# Securing Our Students' Future

## *BOE Referendum Discussion*

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# The 2005 Referendum

- **February 15, 2005 - Bonds issued for \$8,244,000**
- **Refunding of the February 15, 2005 Debt**
  - Bonds in the amount of \$5,380,000 refunded on March 28, 2013
  - Expiring February 15, 2025 (Never to come back)
- **2024/2025 Budget impact on a home value of \$429,585.**
  - \$644,800 in debt payment equals an estimated payment of \$504 on an average household annually
  - \$42 a month





# Why a New Referendum?

# Facility Assessment on the Building HVAC Systems

- **There are 14 classroom unit ventilators that were installed in the 1970's**
  - There were multiple condensing units not functioning during the field investigation
- **PAHU #4 & 6 - Unable to get the air handler running after a power outages and need electrician to reboot the districts electrical system**
- **Multi-zone PAHU's – End of useful life**
- **Single-zone PAHU's – End of useful life**
- **Approximately \$25,000 in A/C units repairs in the 2023/2024 school year**
  - Not including routine maintenance costs
- **Engineers overall conclusion is to replace all the units**
  - Cost savings to the district with the energy efficient systems





# Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP)

Item#	Site Name	Asset Type	Asset Name	Building Use	Total Existing Area (GSF)	Original Construction Date	System Action Description	Application SF	Estimated Project Start Year	Tier	District Estimated Cost	Priority Level			
1	Franklin Twp Elem	Building	FTS - Instructional	Instructional	71,296	1936	Install new chimney liner	500	2024	I: Health & Safety	\$ 15,000	High		X	
4	Franklin Twp Elem	Building	FTS - Instructional	Instructional	71,296	2010	Office Improvements	750	2024	I: Health & Safety	\$ 58,000	High			X
7	Franklin Twp Elem	Building	FTS - Instructional	Instructional	71,296	1936 1970	Refurbish aging soffits and gutters	460	2024	I: Health & Safety	\$ 23,000	High		X	
16	Undeveloped parcel	Building	New Parking Lot for athletic fields	Instructional	71,296		New construction		2024	IV: Other Local Objectives	\$ 500,000	High			X
22	Franklin Twp Elem	Parking Lot	Parking Area			2010	Parking Lot Improvements	20000	2024	I: Health & Safety	\$ 1,000,000	High			X
24	Franklin Twp Elem	Building	FTS - Instructional	Instructional	71,296	1936 1970 2010	Install new emergency generator to power essential services (not whole building)	71296	2024	I: Health & Safety	\$ 500,000	High		X	
25	Franklin Twp Elem	Building	FTS - Instructional	Instructional	71,296	1936	New Storage (Backstage & Custodial)	1500	2024	II: FES Educational Adequacy	\$ 525,000	High			X
26	Franklin Twp Elem	Building	FTS - Instructional	Instructional	71,296	2010	Nurse's Office Reconfiguration	265	2024	I: Health & Safety	\$ 92,750	High			X
29	Franklin Twp Elem	Building	FTS - Instructional	Instructional	71,296	1936 1970	UV Replacement	71296	2024	I: Health & Safety	\$ 2,000,000	High			X
30	Franklin Twp Elem	Building	FTS - Instructional	Instructional	71,296	1970 2010	AHU Replacements	71296	2024	I: Health & Safety	\$ 6,000,000	High	10,713,750.00		X



# Estimated/ Projected Costs

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- Total cost of construction: \$10,713,750
- Total soft costs: \$1,880,285

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**Total Cost \$12,564,035**

- **Only be able to address the LRFP with the use of a referendum to get state aid.**
  - State aid of 34% for allowable costs, state portion of project costs \$4,271,772
  - Board share \$8,292,263
- **Current debt payment per average household \$504 (Monthly \$42)**
- **New debt payment per average household \$484 (Monthly \$41)**







**Moving Forward**

# Going Forward Based on Current Information

- Board passes resolution in June/July to submit question to County Office for a September 17 special election.
- Between June/July and September, board provides community with communications on the proposed referendum.
- Bond question on a ballot at the September 17, 2024 Election.
- If the referendum passes, the architect will start work and will be paid using funds from the general fund until such time the referendum is funded, at which time the funds will be returned to the general fund.
- Fund 40 records the current payments of principal and interest.
- New bonds are recorded in Long-Term Debt until they expire.





# Embarking on Excellence: Unveiling Our Strategic Vision

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# Foundations for Excellence

# Foundations for Excellence - The Process

- **Community Participation:** Broad invitation for stakeholder input.
- **Data-Driven Insights:** Key themes and goals identified.
- **Public Sessions:** Multiple meetings, focused on action planning.
- **Plan Launch:** Five-year plan, "Foundations for Excellence" highlights key District priorities.
- **Continuous Review:** Regular evaluations to maintain relevance and effectiveness.





# The Four Pillars

# Foundations for Excellence - Four Pillars of Excellence

- **Fostering Student Engagement:** Cultivating a dynamic learning environment to maximize each student's potential.
- **Prioritizing Fiscal Responsibility:** Building a sustainable financial framework that underpins our educational initiatives.
- **Enhancing Facilities & Resources:** Modernizing and maintaining spaces to meet the changing demands of educational excellence.
- **Community Integration Enhancement:** Strengthening school-community connections for a collaborative educational journey.





# **Foundations for Excellence**



# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

## FOUNDATIONS FOR EXCELLENCE



2024-2029  
Strategic Plan



## THEME I

Fostering Student Engagement

### GOAL I

To implement a district-wide strategy for personalized learning experiences that cater to diverse student interests, abilities, and future aspirations.

### OBJECTIVE I

To Enhance Curriculum Customization

Activity	Persons Responsible	Resources Needed	Timeline
Assess Current Curriculum	Curriculum Coordinator, Principal, Subject Area Teachers	Assessment Tools, Reports, QSAC Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 2026</li> </ul>
Collaborate with North Hunterdon Voorhees Articulation Groups	Curriculum Coordinator, Articulation Group Representatives	Meeting schedules, Curriculum documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing from September 2024</li> </ul>
Develop Flexible Learning Modules	Subject Matter Experts, Curriculum Coordinator	Digital Platforms, Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 2025</li> </ul>
Pilot Test Flexible Learning "Paths"	Teachers, Administrators	Pilot Programs, Feedback Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pilot September 2026</li> </ul>
Train Teachers on Personalized Learning	Professional Development Staff	Training Workshops, Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing with key sessions in Fall 2025</li> </ul>
Integrate Student and Parent Feedback	Curriculum Coordinator, Principal	Surveys, Focus Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuous, starting Spring 2026</li> </ul>





# Continuous Improvement

# Foundations for Excellence - Kaizen

- **Leadership Oversight:** Theme leaders and collaborators will closely monitor each strategic pillar.
- **Regular Reviews:** The Strategic Planning Committee will meet regularly to evaluate progress and adapt strategies.
- **Open Communication:** Ongoing updates on our progress will be shared with the community to ensure transparency and involvement.





# Girl Scout Juniors Franklin Township School



**TROOP # 80552**  
**5th Grade**



**Sophia Lowenstein, Sophia Casuscelli, Sophia Vachon,  
Payton Dickson, Rosie Blew, Rose Bonnetti**

# Our Junior Bronze Award



# Why We Should Have a Little Library at FTS!

\*\*\* We should have it because it provides a chance for people who can not go to the library to have a chance for them to read different books then the ones they have at their house.

\*\*\* Students can stop at the “Little Free Library” before/after school

\*\*\* Students or other community members can stop in the parking lot to borrow or share books, too!

# Where Will the Little Free Library Go?

\*\*\*The library will be placed next to the One-Room Schoolhouse.

\*\*\*Cars can pull into the parking lot and borrow books and be parked in a safe place!



\*\*Everyone can see it and enjoy it!!



# Cost of the Little Free Library

\*\*\*It will cost about \$250 for the Little Free Library

## Materials Needed

1. Wood
2. Plexiglass for front
3. Hinges
4. Cement







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