



Growing Communities, Growing Schools

2018 Hawthorn District 73 Referendum

What: - \$48.7 million bonds to fund the 2018 Educational Facilities Master Plan
- A limiting tax rate increase of \$.10 which will generate approximately \$1.324 million for levy year 2018 and annually thereafter to support the operational cost of the Educational Facilities Master Plan

Why: - Increasing enrollment led to space constraints
- Current space is already at or above capacity
- Enrollment is projected to continue rising

Plan: Implementation of the Educational Facilities Master Plan, specifically:
- Construction of a kindergarten center (Sullivan Community Center)
- Expansion and modifications of Middle School North, Middle School South, Elementary South, Elementary North, Aspen, Dual Language and Townline schools

When: November 6, 2018

Impact : If the referendums pass, your 2019 tax bill will be a net annual increase of approximately \$93 for a \$350,000 market value home.

What Are the Needs?

- Current available space is at or above capacity
- There is a lack of space for academic and extracurricular activities
- We need to maintain the current programming, including full day kindergarten

Why This Plan?

- Additional classroom space for current and growing population is provided
- The plan addresses needs, not wants
- The plan is community-input driven

What is the Financial Impact for Homeowners?

- If the \$48.7 million bond referendum passes, your 2019 tax bill will be approximately \$18 less for a \$350,000 market value home (due to the restructuring of existing debt).
- If the 0.10% limiting rate referendum passes, your 2019 tax bill will be approximately \$111 more for a \$350,000 market value home.
- If both of the referendums pass, your 2019 tax bill will be a net annual increase of approximately \$93 for a \$350,000 market value home.

What Happens if the Plan Does Not Pass?

- Increased class size
- Potential cuts in academic activities due to lack of space
- Potential cuts in fine arts and extracurricular programs due to lack of space
- Likely increases in the use of trailers and leased learning spaces

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