**Audubon Public School District – 350 Edgewood Avenue, Audubon, NJ 08106 - Tel: 856-547-7695**

**What**

A special referendum to authorize the district to raise funds through the sale of bonds to finance the facilities improvements program is planned for **December 14, 2021**. The scope of the work includes:

- **Site Work** – Relocation of playground and new Main Entrance concrete apron at Haviland; asphalt play area improvements at both elementary schools; waterproofing / drainage, Basketball equipment, site fencing at the ES’s; waterproofing / drainage window wells and new retaining wall, stadium grandstands, Basketball and Tennis Courts renovations at the JR/SR HS.
- **Exterior Renovations** At all 3 schools, masonry restoration, and roof replacement / restoration, steps, handrail replacements.
- **Interior Renovations** - Flooring replacement and LED lighting and ceiling and door replacements and bathroom renovations at various locations at all 3 schools; Gym / MPR, Library, Art Rm renovations at Haviland; and MPR and Library Renovations at Mansion; Cafeteria, Locker Rms, Wood Shop, Wrestling Rm, Gym and Aux Gym, Library and Art Rm renovations at the JR/SR High.
- **HVAC Construction** – Replacement of Unit Ventilators, Rooftop exhaust fans, cabinet heaters, and water fountain(s) and new DDC controls (Lease Purchase) at all 3 schools and more extensive improvements at the JR/SR High.
- **Electrical Construction** - PA, bell, telecom, IT, CCTV, door access upgrades, infrastructure, technology upgrades at all 3 schools; new emergency generators at the JR/SR High
- **New** 1-story storage building at Haviland.

Complete descriptions of the facilities improvements are found on the District’s Referendum webpage.

**How Much?…Aid?**

We will be taking full advantage of the Debt Service Aid programs from the NJ Department of Education. The total cost of all projects is about $27.8 million minus the ESSER II & ARP Federal Relief in the amount of ($1,000,000) we are using.

Under the New Jersey DOE Debt Service Aid program, the district will get 40% aid reimbursement on eligible projects totaling $10,928,735.

The Audubon Board of Education has authorized a Referendum using Debt Service Aid at 40%, for a total local share of $16,881,816.

**Impact on Your Taxes**

The District’s Financial Advisors have made a preliminary analysis of the costs of the bonds, minus the Debt Service Aid, and ESSER II & ARP money; over 25 years with State Aid conservatively calculated at 33.40%. The tax impact on the local average assessed home of $202,294 is $280.91 per year.

There is a Tax Impact Calculator on the District website with which you can input your specific property’s Assessed Value and obtain the specific estimated annual tax impact … there is no need to calculate from averages.

**Now is the time**

The Board of Education is aware of the difficult economy with which everyone is learning to live, and we are aware that it has an impact on education. The positive in this economic climate is that interest rates are near historic lows, and we can take advantage of that by supporting this facilities improvements program.

December 14th voting will be in person or by Mail-In Ballot. Look in the mail for updates.

**More Information**

For detailed information visit us at audubonschools.org and click on the REFERENDUM link.
Special Election on Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Audubon JR SR High School