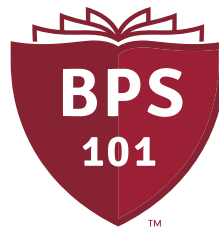




**Building
Our Future
Together**



**Taking Care of Our Students,
Our Schools, Our Community**

Without Changing the Bond and Interest Levy

November 8

Batavia Public School District 101 Referendum

Projects Include Identified Facility Needs:

- > Replace H.C. Storm and Louise White elementary schools that are not cost-effective to renovate
- > Secured entrance vestibules and visibility
- > Roofs, HVAC, piping, windows, doors and other operational maintenance needs
- > Improving spaces for special education



**Benefit Today's
and Tomorrow's
Students**

Since 1911, our schools have made a positive difference for Batavia students and our community. Protecting their quality is a good investment for everyone! Making improvements now will benefit today's and tomorrow's students and residents.



**Improve
Quality and
Maintain Pride**

Our district has placed a bond proposal on the Nov. 8 ballot to keep our schools in good working condition and to make sure our students and teachers have classrooms designed for today's best practices in education. Generation after generation of Batavia students have attended our schools and benefitted from their quality. With these improvements, we can continue that vitally important tradition in our community.



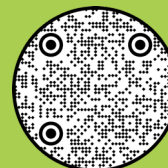
**Invest in and
Protect Our
Financial Future**

The \$140 million proposal is a step towards addressing more than \$250 million in identified needs. If the voters approve this referendum, it will allow the Board to issue school building bonds that coincide with the retirement of its existing debt, generating funding for capital improvements without increasing the bond and interest property tax levy.

***Thank You
for Voting
Nov. 8***

Early Voting begins Sept. 29 at County Clerk's office; Oct. 24-Nov. 7 at permanent polling sites.

Voting Information is available at:
[kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Documents/
Election-Calendar.pdf](http://kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Documents/Election-Calendar.pdf)



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Batavia Public School District 101 Referendum

November 8, 2022 Election

Answers to Commonly Asked Questions

Q: What is the BPS 101 referendum, and what will it provide for the schools?

A: The BPS 101 referendum is a referendum that will not change the bond and interest tax levy. It is a \$140 million bond proposal developed through the efforts of area residents and unanimously approved by the Board of Education. The revenue generated by this proposal will lead to District-wide improvements at every one of the District's schools.

Projects included in the proposal are identified needs for the district, however the list could possibly be modified due to changing financial conditions. With today's economy, if the proposal is approved by the voters, the District will be diligent to protect the taxpayer's investment while making updates to our schools.

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Q: Why are two schools being replaced instead of renovated?

A: Replacing schools that can't be cost-effectively renovated is financially prudent. The mounting structural and functional needs at these schools are more costly to tackle than to replace them. New schools are good for students' education, but in the long run, they are much more efficient to operate thus saving our District money. It is good financial and educational planning.

Q: Does the BPS 101 referendum increase the bond and interest property tax levy?

A: No. The BPS 101 referendum will not change the District's bond and interest property tax levy — it will remain the same and not increase. The community has the opportunity to take care of Batavia schools without changing the tax rate.

Q: How can this work be completed without raising the tax rate?

A: A tax levy is the tax rate used to calculate the amount of property tax revenue the school district will receive. Since the BPS 101 bond debt will expire in 2025, the timing is ideal to take care of our schools without increasing the property tax levy. If voters approve the referendum in November, it will allow the Board of Education to issue school building bonds that coincide with the retirement of existing debt, generating funding for capital improvements without increasing the bond and interest property tax levy. New school building bonds would replace expiring bonds and maintain the current bond and interest tax levy.

Q: What happens if economic conditions change and prices for projects increase?

A: Projects included in the proposal are identified needs for the district, however the list could possibly be modified due to changing financial conditions. With today's economy, if the proposal is approved by the voters, the District will be diligent to protect the taxpayer's investment while making updates to our schools.

Q: When was the last time the District passed a tax levy or bond proposal?

A: Voters last approved a tax levy in 2007, which was the last time the District has asked taxpayers for a tax levy or bond issue.

Q: Why should we do this work now and not wait until later?

A: Just as homeowners must sometimes spend money to maintain their homes, the District must spend money to protect the investment that the community has made in its schools and neighborhoods. If approved, the referendum will allow us to help protect the financial future of our District, continue to provide outstanding schools for our students, and allow BPS 101 to remain a source of pride in our community.

Investing in updated and improved buildings will benefit many future generations of students and homeowners. The facilities will be more efficient to operate thus saving our District money. It is good financial and educational planning.

Q: Beyond improving our schools, how will these proposals help the Batavia Community?

A: Since 1911, schools have made a positive difference for Batavia students and families. For this to continue, we need to protect the quality of our schools by keeping them in good working condition. This proposal can help make sure the Batavia community continues to prosper well into the 21st Century. Maintaining the high quality of Batavia schools is the best thing we can do to protect the value and the investment we've made in our homes.



Thank You for Voting Nov. 8

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