

Why It Matters

Reasons For and Against the Referendum

If it passes, the referendum would fund most of our 15+ year master facilities plan.

Reasons to vote for the referendum:

- Improved safety and security
- Greater cost-efficiency and effectiveness of taxpayer dollars
- Better learning environments for students and programs
- Supports pride in our schools
- Protects investments in our homes (higher property values)

Reasons to vote against the referendum:

- School property taxes will decrease by approximately 10%
- Economic conditions may change
- Allows time to reconsider the plan and needs, obtain more community input, and rebuild trust

Should the referendum fail, we'll need to re-think our master facilities plan and how our schools will support our evolving education programs:

Impacts if unsuccessful:

- Students will continue to learn in less than ideal conditions
- More strain on teachers — unideal conditions make teaching and learning more difficult
- Requires reactive, band-aid approach and making do over the long-term
- Increased strain on operational budget (less to support students e.g., increased class sizes, limited educational programs)
- More deferred maintenance (more expensive to taxpayers in the long run)
- Potential negative impact on property values