



REFERENDUM

Vote For!

June 6, 2024

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Proud To Be SSD...



6,067 STUDENTS ENROLLED



8 SCHOOLS



1,112 INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS



1:13 STUDENT TO TEACHER
RATIO



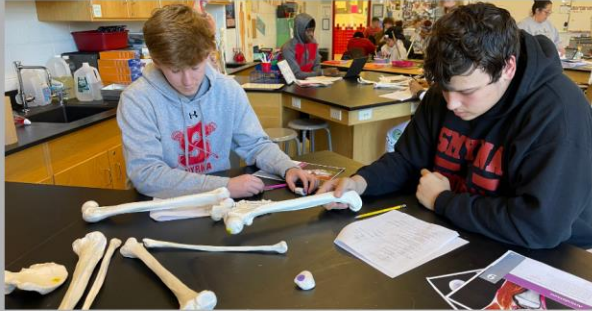
138 YEARS AS A DISTRICT



675 EDUCATIONAL STAFF



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EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL
\$15,275



18 AP SCHOLARS
5 HONORS SCHOLARS
6 DISTINCTION SCHOLARS



STUDENTS TRANSPORTED
TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY:
4,440



94% OF SENIORS
GRADUATED IN 2022



77% OF STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN HIGHER
EDUCATION



4% OF SENIORS
ENLISTED IN THE
MILITARY IN 2022



Growth Plan

In 2021, the community supported and approved the following projects:

- Land Purchase +/- 15 acres across from Sunnyside Elementary
- Construction of a New Intermediate School
- Clayton Intermediate Addition and Renovations
- North Smyrna Elementary Addition and Renovations





Future Grade Alignment

Grade	School
Pre-K – 3	North Smyrna Elementary
K – 3	Clayton Elementary
K – 3	Sunnyside Elementary
K – 3	Smyrna Elementary
4 – 5	New Intermediate School
4 – 5	JBM Intermediate
6 – 8	Clayton Middle School
6 – 8	Smyrna Middle School
9 – 12	Smyrna High School



Construction Update

- The two projects, Clayton Intermediate and North Smyrna Elementary, went out to bid prior to the March 20, 2024, Board of Education Meeting
- Bid costs aligned with March 2021 Referendum approval
- Bids approved at March 20, 2024 Board of Education Meeting





Status of Board Approved Projects

May 13, 2024

Clayton Middle School

Groundbreaking Ceremony

May 13, 2024

North Smyrna Elementary School

Groundbreaking Ceremony



New Intermediate School Plan

- Summer 2024
 - Land Purchase +/- 15 acres across from Sunnyside Elementary
- Early Fall 2024
 - Bidding and subsequent bid approval
- Fall 2024
 - Groundbreaking Ceremony



Capital Request

- New Intermediate School needs market pressure funding
- Local share of funding is our responsibility
- Funding secured through a required referendum



Original Estimate of Approved Projects

from 2021 Referendum

	State Share (77%)	Local Share (23%)	Total
Land Purchase	\$693,000	\$207,000	\$900,000
New Intermediate School	\$22,155,500	\$6,617,800	\$28,773,300
CIS Addition	\$19,730,900	\$5,893,600	\$25,624,500
NSE Addition	\$27,420,100	\$8,190,400	\$35,610,500
Total	\$69,999,500	\$20,908,800	\$90,908,300



Inflation Impact

as of May 2024

	State Share (77%)	Local Share (23%)	Total
Land Purchase	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Intermediate School	\$13,934,354	\$4,162,286	\$18,096,640
CIS Addition	\$0	\$0	\$0
NSE Addition	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$13,934,354	\$4,162,286	\$18,096,640



Sample Ballot

AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS

Authorization to issue bonds in the amount of \$4,162,286 for Major Capital Improvements. The bonds are to be financed through an increase in property taxes and represent 23% of the total cost of \$18,096,640 for the matching state funds afforded to school districts due to increased construction caused by market pressure to support the planning, construction and equipment of the new 600 student elementary school and the legal fees, architectural fees, contingencies and costs of supervision and auditing incidental to and accruing from said program.

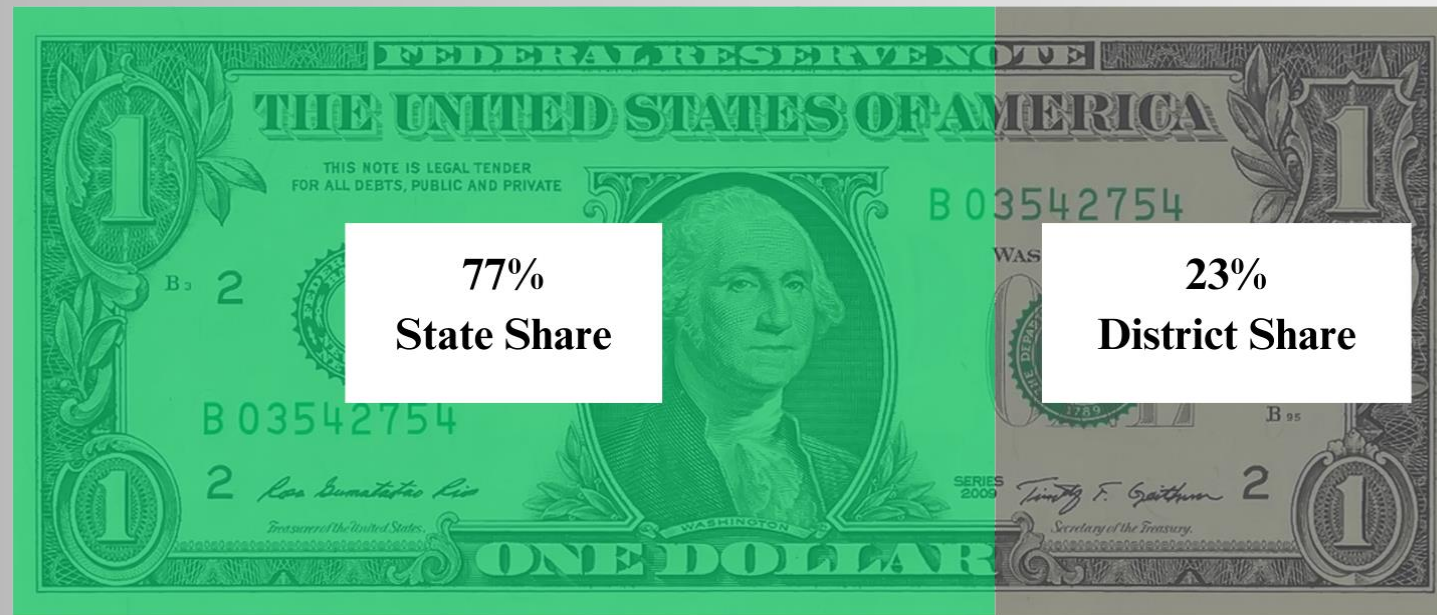
For the Bond Issue

Against the Bond Issue



Market Pressure Funding

State Market Pressure Funding	
Total Funds Needed	\$18,096,640
State Share	\$13,934,354
District Share	\$4,162,286



\$13,934,354

\$4,162,286

Revised April 30, 2024



Market Pressure Impact

Year	Impact	Inc/Dec	Year	Impact	Inc/Dec	Year	Impact	Inc/Dec
FY 2025	\$17.29		FY 2032	\$14.60	(\$0.38)	FY 2039	\$11.91	(\$0.38)
FY 2026	\$16.90	(\$0.39)	FY 2033	\$14.21	(\$0.39)	FY 2040	\$11.53	(\$0.38)
FY 2027	\$16.52	(\$0.38)	FY 2034	\$13.83	(\$0.38)	FY 2041	\$11.14	(\$0.39)
FY 2028	\$16.14	(\$0.38)	FY 2035	\$13.45	(\$0.38)	FY 2042	\$10.76	(\$0.38)
FY 2029	\$15.75	(\$0.39)	FY 2036	\$13.06	(\$0.39)	FY 2043	\$10.37	(\$0.39)
FY 2030	\$15.37	(\$0.38)	FY 2037	\$12.68	(\$0.38)	FY 2044	\$9.99	(\$0.38)
FY 2031	\$14.98	(\$0.39)	FY 2038	\$12.29	(\$0.39)			

For property with a district average \$200,000 market value
 Assumes bond sale at a 4.0% interest rate



\$1.44
PER MONTH
LESS THAN
A CUP OF
COFFEE

*BASED ON THE AVERAGE MARKET VALUE OF \$200,000

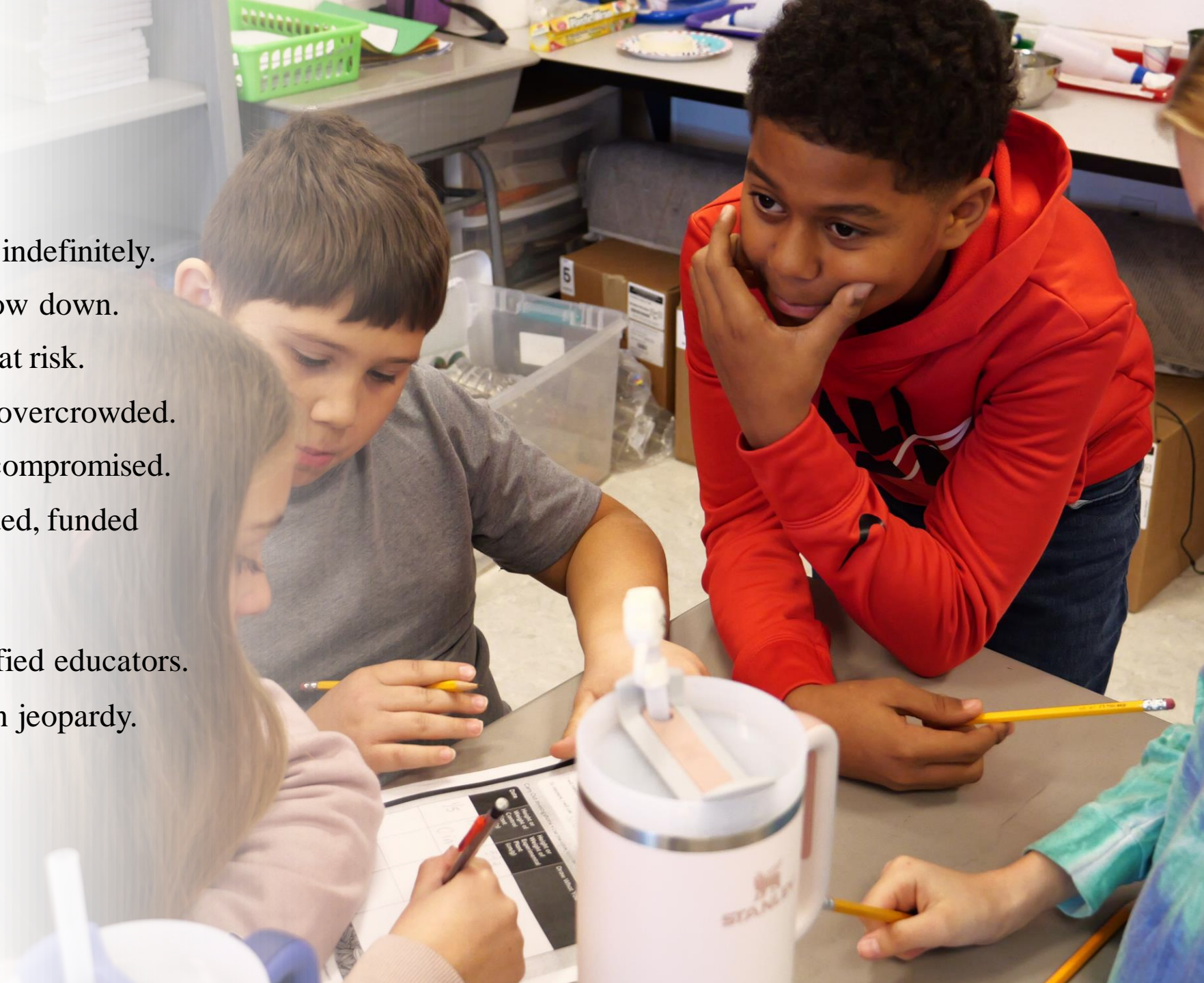


FOR A BRAND
NEW
SCHOOL



A Vote Against:

- New Intermediate School delayed indefinitely.
- Our enrollment growth will not slow down.
- Growth plan and grade alignment at risk.
- Classrooms and buildings remain overcrowded.
- Availability of approved funding compromised.
- Outdoor modular classrooms needed, funded 100% locally.
- Programming cuts likely required.
- Diminished ability to recruit qualified educators.
- Students' educational well-being in jeopardy.





A Vote For:

- Secures funding for New Intermediate School construction.
- Provides the best learning environment
- Addresses current student growth concerns.
- Implements cost-saving measures for the District.





Questions

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 - Deborah Judy, *Assistant Superintendent*
 - Kelly Holt, *Director of Curriculum*
 - Roger Holt, *Director of Operations*
 - Christina Hudson, *Director of Finance*

Ask us!

