

Hackensack Public Schools Will Host Information Sessions about the Jan. 22 Bond Referendum to Address Needs

Hackensack, NJ – In its continued effort to help residents understand the January 22 bond referendum, leaders from Hackensack Public Schools will continue to share information with the public during a Referendum Fair Tuesday, January 15 at Hackensack High School and at its seventh Town Hall Meeting Wednesday, January 16, at Jackson Avenue School. These sessions are part of an ongoing communications plan.

The January 15 meeting will be a "Referendum Fair" that will begin with a brief introduction before guests explore individual stations focused on academics/curriculum, the 9th Grade Academy, architectural plans, and finances. It will start at 7 p.m. at Hackensack High School Media Center, 135 Beech St.

The January 16 meeting will be a Town Hall-style presentation followed by the opportunity for Questions and Answers. It will start at 8 p.m. at Jackson Avenue School Cafeteria, 421 Jackson Ave.

Estimated costs are \$169.9 million, and the district would not be permitted to spend more than that on the proposed projects. State aid has been approved at \$41.4 million and would be applied toward debt service payments on the bonds. The average assessed home value in Hackensack is \$245,431 which translates into an average tax impact of \$308.66 per year, over 30 years, based on the average assessed home as verified by the Board's auditor.

The website **www.HPSReferendum.com** has details about the bond referendum, including Frequently Asked Questions and a full list of referendum projects. Vote by Mail applications, which are available from that website, must be received in the County Clerk's Office by January 15 to be mailed back to the voter in time to be marked, returned, and counted.