

(3/6/24 District Administrator's Corner Article)

After a year-long study by an Advisory Task Force of community members and a great deal of planning, the Board took action to pose two capital referendum questions to our community on the April 2, 2024, ballot. We are to the point of giving voters relevant facts and aiding the River Valley community in making an informed decision on election day.

The days have been busy. Board members and school representatives have been informing our towns and villages of the referendum questions. We have held meetings with civic groups, elected officials, students groups, parent groups, and community groups...and will hold many more in the weeks to come.

If you are a quick study, and want to grab quick facts, here is a summary:

If I vote "yes" to Question 1, what are we actually getting for \$19,500,000?

- New safe and secure entrances/offices at the current elementary and middle schools
- ADA compliant restrooms in all three of our elementary, middle, and high school buildings
- ADA compliant locker rooms
- A renovated tech ed lab to include a new engineering/woods shop
- A renovated tech ed lab to include a renovated welding/metals shop
- Renovated and flexible classrooms for the following: 4K and Kindergarten classrooms at the current elementary school and 12 classrooms at the current middle school
- Additional gymnasium space at the current middle school
- Additional infrastructure changes - think pipes, wires, HVAC, doors, etc.
- Acquisition of furnishings, fixtures, and equipment
- Playground adjustments
- Improved traffic patterns

If I vote "yes" to Question 2, what are we actually getting for \$14,500,000?

- New safe and secure entrance/office at the current high school
- New ADA compliant restrooms at the front of the current high school
- Renovated choir and band spaces at the current high school
- Additional infrastructure changes - think pipes, wires, HVAC, doors, etc.
- Acquisition of furnishings, fixtures, and equipment
- A performing arts center at the current high school

We have a team of people ready to answer any questions you may have. We have documents and information on our website (<https://www.rvschools.org/district/referendum-2024.cfm>) or you may want to stop in for a chat at the district office. We are more than ready to accommodate your needs. But what we don't want to happen is for citizens to be uninformed. Transparency builds trust. Being consistent and honest builds trust. Please reach out and ask for information. *(For more information, please contact Loren Glasbrenner, District Administrator, at (608) 588-2551 or lglasbrenner@rvschools.org.)*

Sincerely,

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