



MARCH 14TH 2023 REFERENDUM PUBLIC PRESENTATION BOGOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Education is the Key to Success
OUR SCHOOLS. OUR COMMUNITY. OUR FUTURE.

FEBRUARY 1, 2023

» THE REFERENDUM CHARGE

THE DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ENGAGED SA TO...

- » Work with the Administration and staff to **IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE** needed facility improvements.
- » Consider ways to **IMPROVE** the existing facilities infrastructure - projects that ensure safe and functional schools.
- » Work to **PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS** to the Board of Education.
- » Consider ways to make the recommended improvements while taking advantage of **DEBT SERVICE ROLLING OFF** - so that there would be a **NET NEUTRAL TAX IMPACT** to the Community.



» WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING



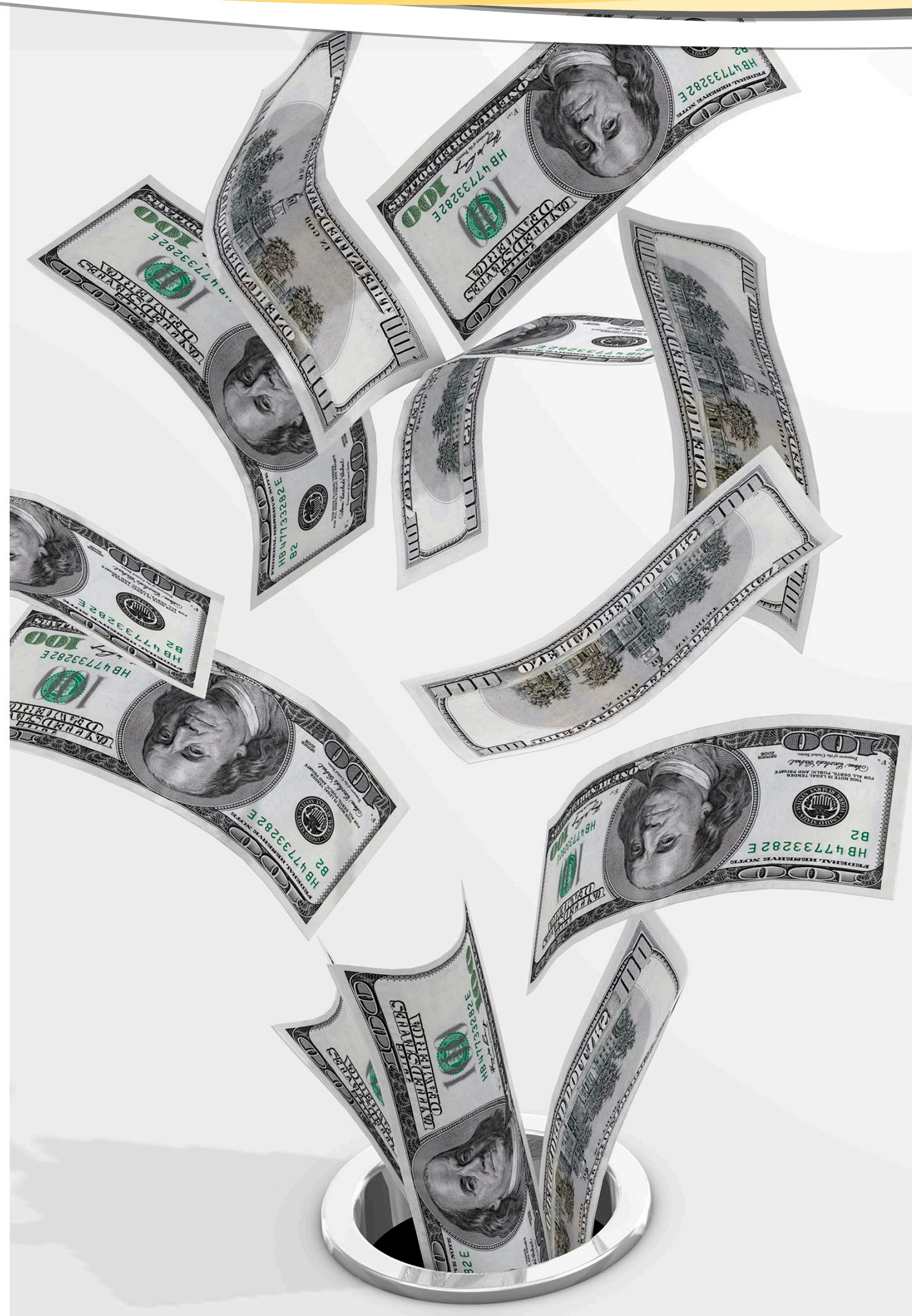
The Bogota Public Schools District is requesting funding for a District-Wide facilities renovation program to include **FUNCTIONAL, SUSTAINABLE, INFRASTRUCTURE & CLASSROOM RENOVATION PROJECTS** via a Referendum Vote on Tuesday, March 14 2023.

“EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS”



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» WHY NOW?



- » The Board of Education and Administration have successfully addressed many facility needs within our operating budget and 2% tax increase cap. **WE NEED TO DO MORE...**
- » We are dealing with **AGING SCHOOLS (AVERAGE AGE = 105 YEARS OLD)**; some with original infrastructure items that have reached the end of their life expectancy.
- » In spite of the cap, the Bogota School District has **TRIED OUR BEST TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOLS** and keep pace with the **ONGOING MAINTENANCE** of our buildings.

- » Attempt to secure a fair **INTEREST RATE** as they are on the rise. This Referendum was intended to be issued last year; however the pandemic caused great delays at the state level and caused all Referenda projects to be halted.
- » By allowing the school District to finance these substantial facilities improvements over many years, **THE COST IS SPREAD OVER MANY GENERATIONS** who will use the facilities.
- » **IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY** have many benefits including the potential to add value to our homes and the quality of life in Bogota.

» DEBT SERVICE AID

STATE AID IS AVAILABLE!

- » PROJECTED Financial assistance from the state
- » **34% SAVINGS** on eligible projects (Not all projects are eligible)
 - Must be funded through a **REFERENDUM**
 - Must be tied to **EDUCATION OR REHABILITATION**
- » Debt Service Aid from the state helps to pay down the bond and this helps reduce the impact on the taxpayer.

*** Debt Service Aid Funding has been approved by DOE.*



» DEBT ROLLING OFF

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ON THE AVERAGE
ASSESSED HOME:
(\$263,526)

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AVERAGE
PER MONTH

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AVERAGE
PER MONTH

*REMAINS THE
SAME

EXISTING
DEBT

PROPOSED
DEBT

CURRENT DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS WILL BE ENDING IN 2023

This will offset the new debt being assumed under the targeted March 2023 Referendum.

- » This will offset the new debt being assumed under the upcoming Referendum.
- » If the **DEBT SERVICE AID PROJECTIONS** are approved by DOE, the District would be able to complete approximately **\$12.8M** in capital and renovation projects with **\$0 TAX INCREASE** for the Taxpayers.

PLANNING & ANALYSIS

» PLANNING TIMELINE TO DATE

AUG 2019 - MAR 2020 FACILITIES AUDIT

Evaluated each of the facilities against a number of criteria and provided recommendations for capital improvement projects to each of the District Schools.

MAR 2020 - DEC 2020 COLLECT, ANALYZE AND SORT DATA

Meetings with Staff were held to collect more info, discuss grade re-alignment; The list of projects was reviewed and modified based on the info discussed.

JAN 2021 - SEPT 2021 REVIEW OPTIONS FOR THE FIELDS

Several options were presented and discussed for the Field Complex, including analysis of the flood zone and potential wetlands.

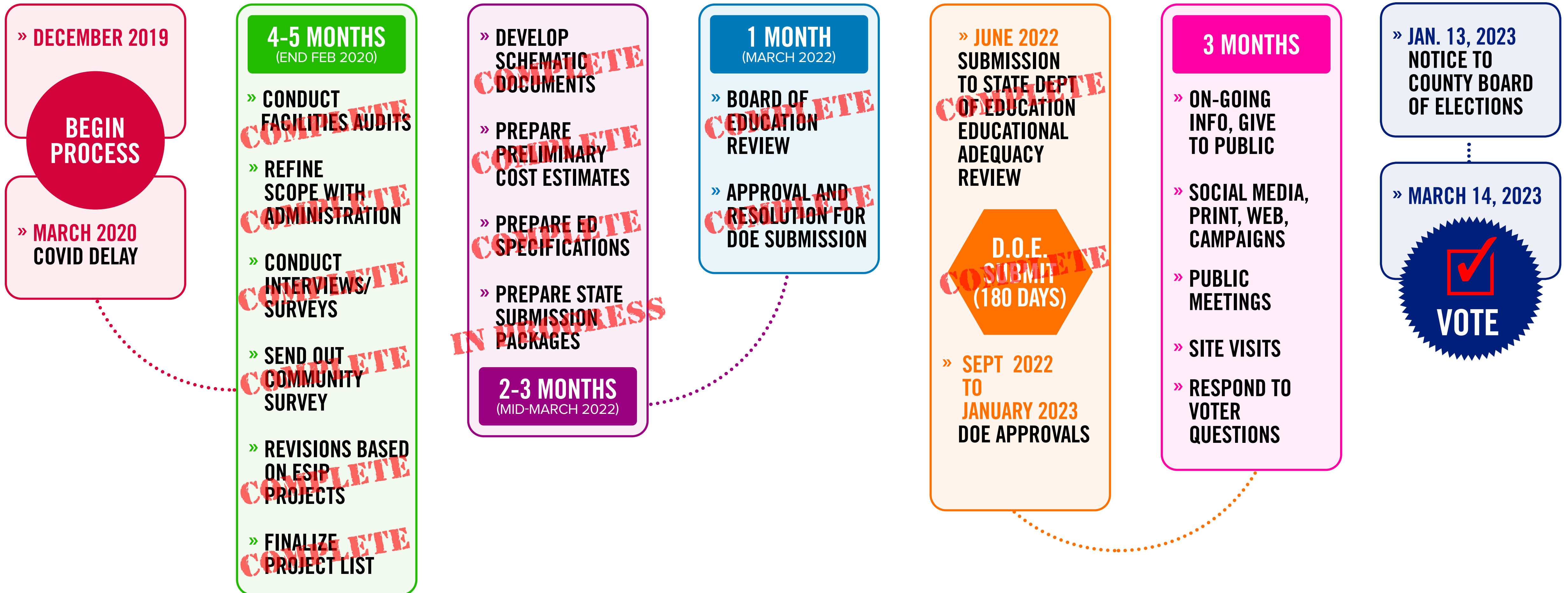
JAN 2022 - MAR 2022 SURVEY

A Community Survey was prepared and administered, and the results were presented to the Committee.

NOV 2021 - MAY 2022 REVIEW & FINALIZE

The narrowed down list of projects was presented & reviewed by the Board of Ed to develop a proposed list of projects

»» PRE-REFERENDUM TIMELINE



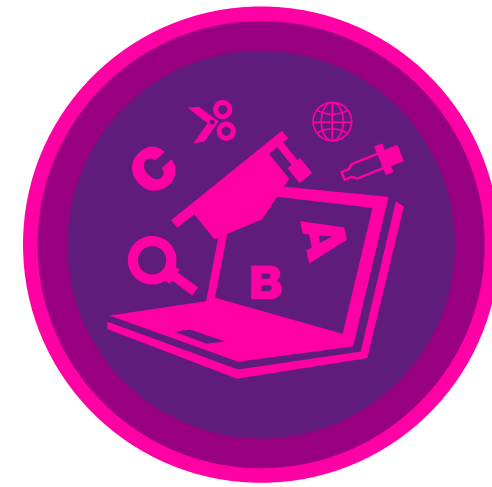
A detailed engraving of Benjamin Franklin's face, showing his eyes, nose, and a full beard, rendered in a dark, textured style.

“ By failing to prepare,
we are preparing to fail.”

– Benjamin Franklin

PROPOSED REFERENDUM BREAKDOWN

» REFERENDUM PRIORITIES



ENHANCED LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

- » Educational Programs drive the need to update facilities.
- » The School Community believes that the students deserve facilities that support the academic, social, emotional, wellness and creative opportunities available to them.



STUDENT & STAFF SAFETY

- » The safety of the students and staff has always been a priority. However, now more than ever, it is crucial to ensure that our schools have all the physical systems and technologies available to protect our students and staff.



KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH OPERATIONS

- » So much of what keeps school/facilities running smoothly is the condition of the systems and infrastructure “behind the scenes.” The roofing, windows, heating systems, tech network, and much more are at the core of keeping a building running. Although they go unnoticed in day to day use, it is crucial to keep these systems in good condition.

» REFERENDUM TWO-PART QUESTION

» The District proposes to conduct this Referendum with a “TWO-PART QUESTION”

QUESTION #1 • RENOVATIONS – ZERO TAX IMPACT
Comprised of all Capital / Educational & Facilities Infrastructure Projects listed herein

QUESTION #2 • FIELDS/SPORTS COMPLEX – TAX IMPACT
Comprised of a HS Stadium Field, Softball, Baseball, Bleachers, Sports Lighting & Walking Paths



PROPOSED PROJECTS

QUESTION #1

Q1 - CAPITAL PROJECTS



» CAPITAL PROJECTS



SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE

- Electrical Upgrades - Antiquated Panelboards and Distribution
- Toilet Room Upgrades

» TOILET ROOMS

THE NEED



» TOILET ROOMS

REIMAGINED



Q1 - EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS



» EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS



PROJECTS RELATED TO GRADE RE-ALIGNMENT



PROPOSED GRADE RE-ALIGNMENT

E ROY BIXBY
SCHOOL
PK-2

LILLIAN M STEEN
SCHOOL
3-6

BOGOTA MIDDLE
SCHOOL
7-8

BOGOTA HIGH
SCHOOL
9-12

- ■ ■ Art Room Renovations *(All Schools)*
- ■ Pre-K and Kindergarten Toilet Renovations *(Bixby)*
- ■ ■ Gymnasium Renovations *(Bixby)*

» EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS



OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS



- ■ Renovate CTE Building to create 5 Vocational Classrooms
- ■ Classrooms Renovations
- ■ ■ Auditorium Renovations (*High School*)
- ■ Media Center Renovations (*High School*)

» CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

REIMAGINED



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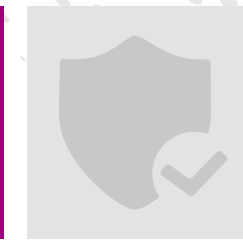
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» AUDITORIUM

THE NEED



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» GYMNASIUM RENOVATIONS

THE NEED



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» GYMNASIUM RENOVATIONS REIMAGINED



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» GYMNASIUM RENOVATIONS REIMAGINED



» REIMAGINED

» MEDIA CENTER

THE NEED



» HS MEDIA CENTER

REIMAGINED



» REIMAGINED

» HS MEDIA CENTER

REIMAGINED



» REIMAGINED

» ART CLASSROOM

THE NEED



» ART CLASSROOM

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» ART CLASSROOM

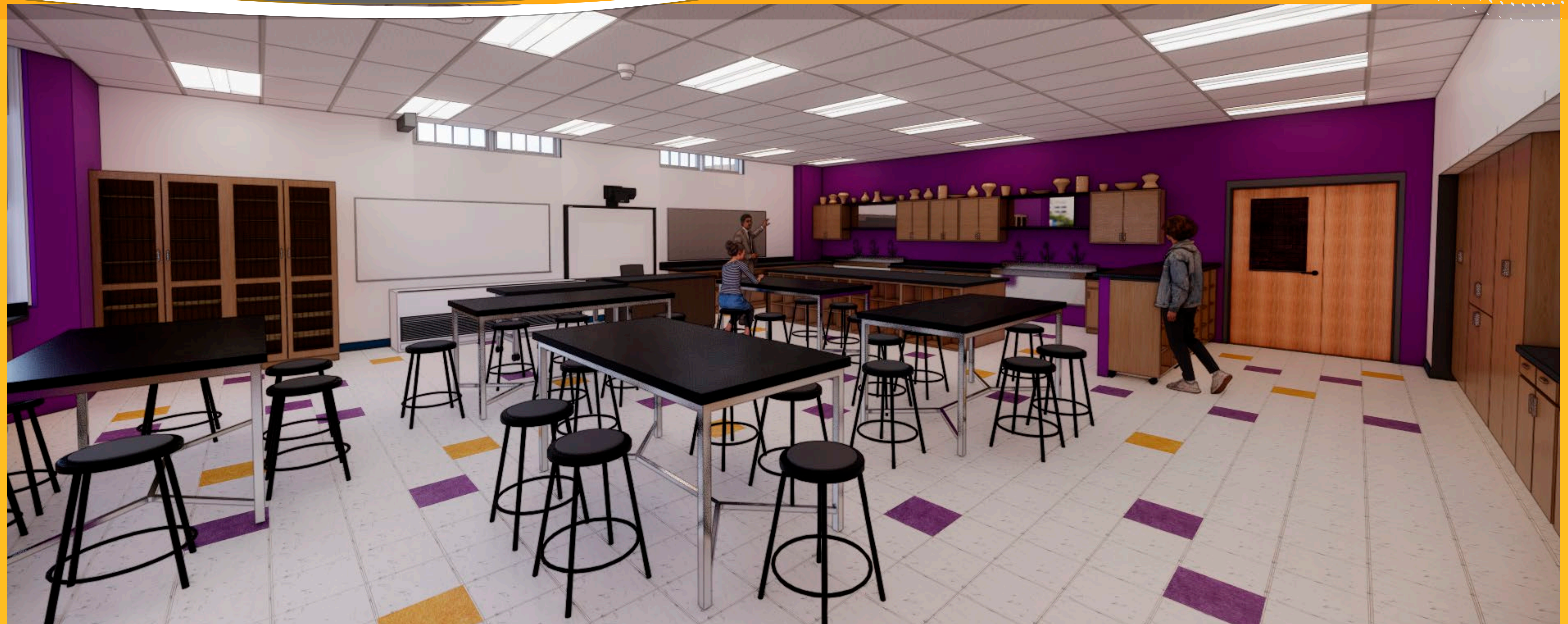
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PROPOSED PROJECTS

QUESTION #2



EXISTING SPORTS COMPLEX



- The work proposed to the Field Complex encompasses both BOE and Borough land
- The existing field/track is not regulation size, and cannot support meets
- The track surface is asphalt
- Underground drainage is not sufficient
- Grass and surfaces are in fair/poor condition
- The current parking availability is in the gravel lot, fitting approx. 75 cars, assuming three rows of cars, 25 each row
- Baseball and Soccer fields are overlapped which limits scheduling

» FIEGEL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS



NEW SPORTS COMPLEX



- The only way to provide a regulation multi-purpose field and 400m track, is to rotate the field and overlap the gravel lot, which is owed by the Borough.
- The intent is create a better, more complete Sports Complex for the Community
- The small creek between the fields would not be affected, other than drainage requirements imposed by the DEP
- The intent is to preserve all trees on site as possible

» FIEGEL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS



NEW SPORTS COMPLEX



- Install new drainage system tied coordinated with DEP + provide necessary stormwater management
- Install multipurpose field - football, soccer, lacrosse, etc. and full sized track
- Install new infield outfield, baselines, pitchers mound etc
- Provide new walking paths
- Provide Sports Lighting (both fields)
- Install new Bleachers (home and away)
- Install additional parking
- Relocate existing buildings on site

» FIEGEL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS REIMAGINED



» REIMAGINED



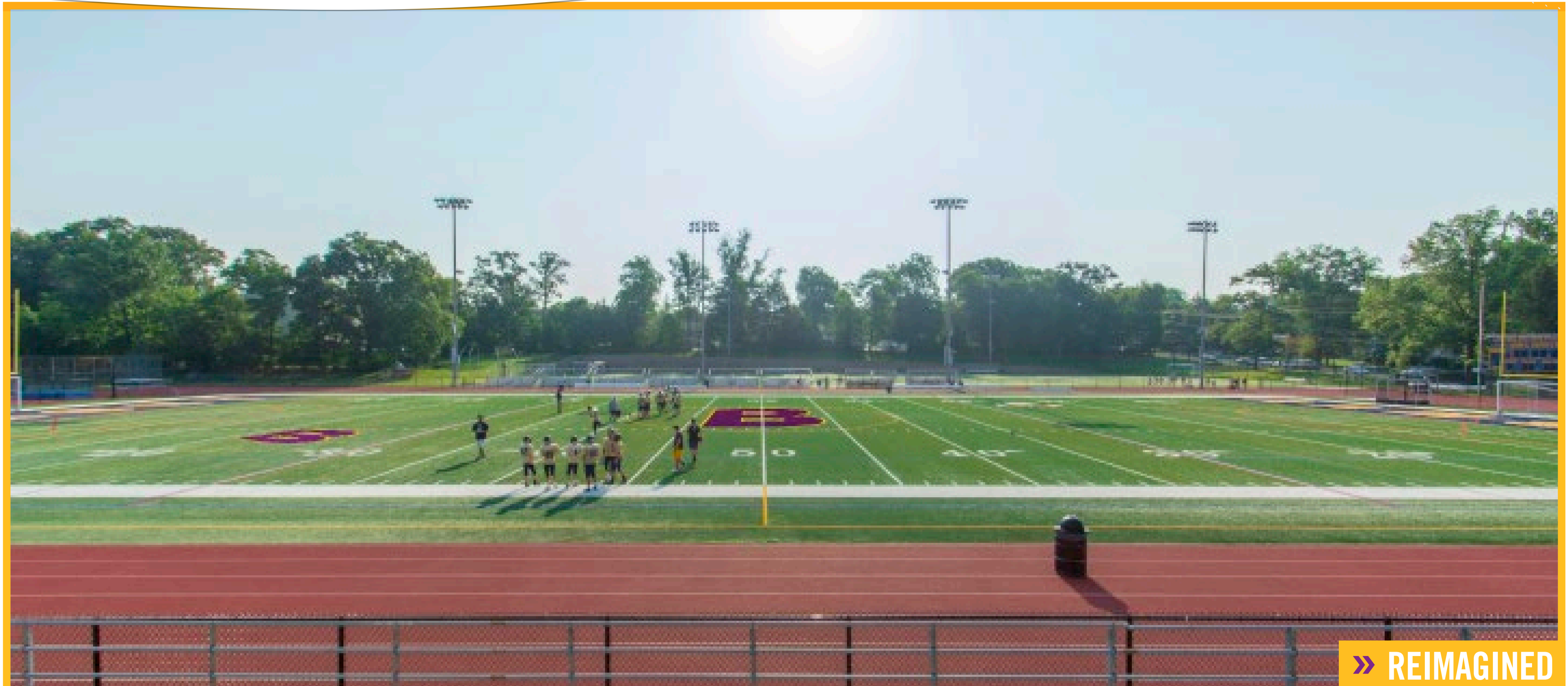
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» REIMAGINED

PROPOSED COST PROJECTIONS

» DEBT SERVICE AID

STATE AID IS APPROVED!

- » APPROVED Financial assistance from the state
- » **32% SAVINGS** is APPROVED for eligible projects.
(\$6.4 Million in State Aid has been approved for The Bogota School District)
- » Debt Service Aid from the state helps to pay down the bond and this helps reduce the impact on the taxpayer.



*** Current Debt Service Aid Calculations have been finalized and approved by DOE.*

» PROJECTED COSTS: QUESTION #1



POTENTIAL REFERENDUM PROJECTS - SCOPE / BUDGET ANALYSIS			
PROJECTS/PRIORITIES	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	ACTUAL DEBT SERVICE AID	FINAL COST AFTER DEBT SERVICE AID
Bixby Elementary School	\$3,719,237.00	\$1,196,541.00	\$2,522,696.00
Steen Elementary School	\$868,228.00	\$286,698.00	\$581,530.00
Bogota Jr./Sr. High School	\$3,806,031.00	\$1,294,051.00	\$2,511,980.00
C.T.E Building	\$4,327,125.00	\$1,386,223.00	\$2,940,902.00
TOTAL:	\$12,720,621.00	\$4,163,513.00	\$8,557,108.00

32.73% DSA

» PROJECTED COSTS: QUESTION #2



POTENTIAL REFERENDUM PROJECTS - SCOPE / BUDGET ANALYSIS			
PROJECTS/PRIORITIES	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	ACTUAL DEBT SERVICE AID	FINAL COST AFTER DEBT SERVICE AID
Fields / Sports Complex	\$7,233,406.00	\$2,187,358.00	\$5,046,048.00
TOTAL:	\$7,233,406.00	\$2,187,358	\$5,046,048.00

30.24% DSA

TOTAL - REFERENDUM	\$19,954,027.00	\$6,350,871.00	\$13,603,156.00
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31.83% DSA

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

» QUESTION #1 TAX IMPACT SHOULD REFERENDUM PASS...

QUESTION #1 • CAPITAL/ EDUCATIONAL RENOVATIONS

Comprised of all Capital / Educational & Facilities Infrastructure Projects

» *Tax impact calculations are based upon a conservative 4% interest rate over 25 years.*

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

ON THE AVERAGE
ASSESSED HOME
(\$263,891)

TOTAL
PROJECT COSTS:
\$12,720,621
STATE AID:
\$4,163,513

TOTAL
PROJECT COST
AFTER DSA:
\$8,557,108

\$0⁰⁰
INCREASE
(NET NEUTRAL)

- » The tax impacts have been calculated assuming that the state will pay 34% debt service aid on eligible projects. This equates to 85% of the 40% debt service aid - which they've done since 2009.
- » *Current Debt Service Aid Calculations have been finalized and approved by DOE.*
- » All costs are projections based on current interest rates; costs may fluctuate slightly prior to vote.

» QUESTION #2 TAX IMPACT SHOULD REFERENDUM PASS...

QUESTION #2 • FIELDS/STADIUMS COMPLEX

HS Stadium Field, Softball, Baseball, Bleachers, Sports Lights

» Tax impact calculations are based on a conservative 4.0% interest rate over 15 years

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

ON THE AVERAGE
ASSESSED HOME
(\$263,891)

TOTAL
COSTS:

STADIUM
\$0

TOTAL
PROJECT COST
AFTER DSA:
\$7,233,406

\$260⁸⁰
INCREASE
ONE-TIME TAX
IMPACT

- » The tax impact have been calculated assuming that the state will pay 34% debt service aid on eligible projects. This equates to 85% of the 40% debt service aid - which they've done since 2009.
- » Current Debt Service Aid Calculations are conservatively estimated and subject to change based upon review and approval of eligible costs by DOE.
- » All costs are projections based on current interest rates; costs may fluctuate prior to vote.

» QUESTION #2 TAX IMPACT SHOULD REFERENDUM PASS...

QUESTION #2 • FIELDS/ SPORTS COMPLEX

HS Stadium Field, Softball, Baseball, Bleachers, Sports Lights

» *Tax impact calculations are based upon a conservative 3.75% interest rate over 15 years*

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

ON THE AVERAGE
ASSESSED HOME
(\$263,891)

TOTAL
PROJECT COSTS:
\$7,233,406
STATE AID:
\$2,187,358

TOTAL
PROJECT COST
AFTER DSA:
\$5,046,048

\$184⁸⁹
INCREASE
ONE-TIME TAX
IMPACT

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» TAX IMPACT CALCULATOR






Home Assessment (\$) NOTE - THIS IS NOT THE MARKET VALUE OF YOUR HOME	QUESTION #1 CAPITAL & EDUCATIONAL RENOVATIONS Comprised of all Capital / Educational and Facilities Infrastructure Projects Average Annual Impact (\$) 2025-2049*	QUESTION #2 FIELDS/SPORTS COMPLEX HS Stadium Field, Softball, Baseball, Bleachers, Sports Lights Average Annual Impact (\$) 2025-2039**
\$263,891.00 Please enter the ASSESSED value of home this can be obtained from the assessor's office.	\$0.00	\$184.88 Average Monthly Impact 2025-2039** \$15.41
	* The Question #1 calculation considers a 4% interest rate on the cost of the Net Taxable Project for a 25 year amortization.	** The Question #2 calculation considers a 3.75% interest rate on the cost of the Net Taxable Project for a 15 year amortization.

TAX IMPACT CALCULATOR

- Visit bogotaboe.com/referendum to calculate your actual tax impact
- **ASSESSED** value of your home is **NOT THE MARKET VALUE** of your home. It is **NOT** what you can sell your home for
- Regardless of assessed home value, there is no tax impact for Question #1.
- You can obtain the **ASSESSED** value of your home from the tax assessor's office or your tax documents
- If your home is reassessed in the future, the additional tax related to the Referendum will not change. The tax impact is locked after the Bonds are sold.

» WHAT DOES MY VOTE MEAN? | F.A.Q.

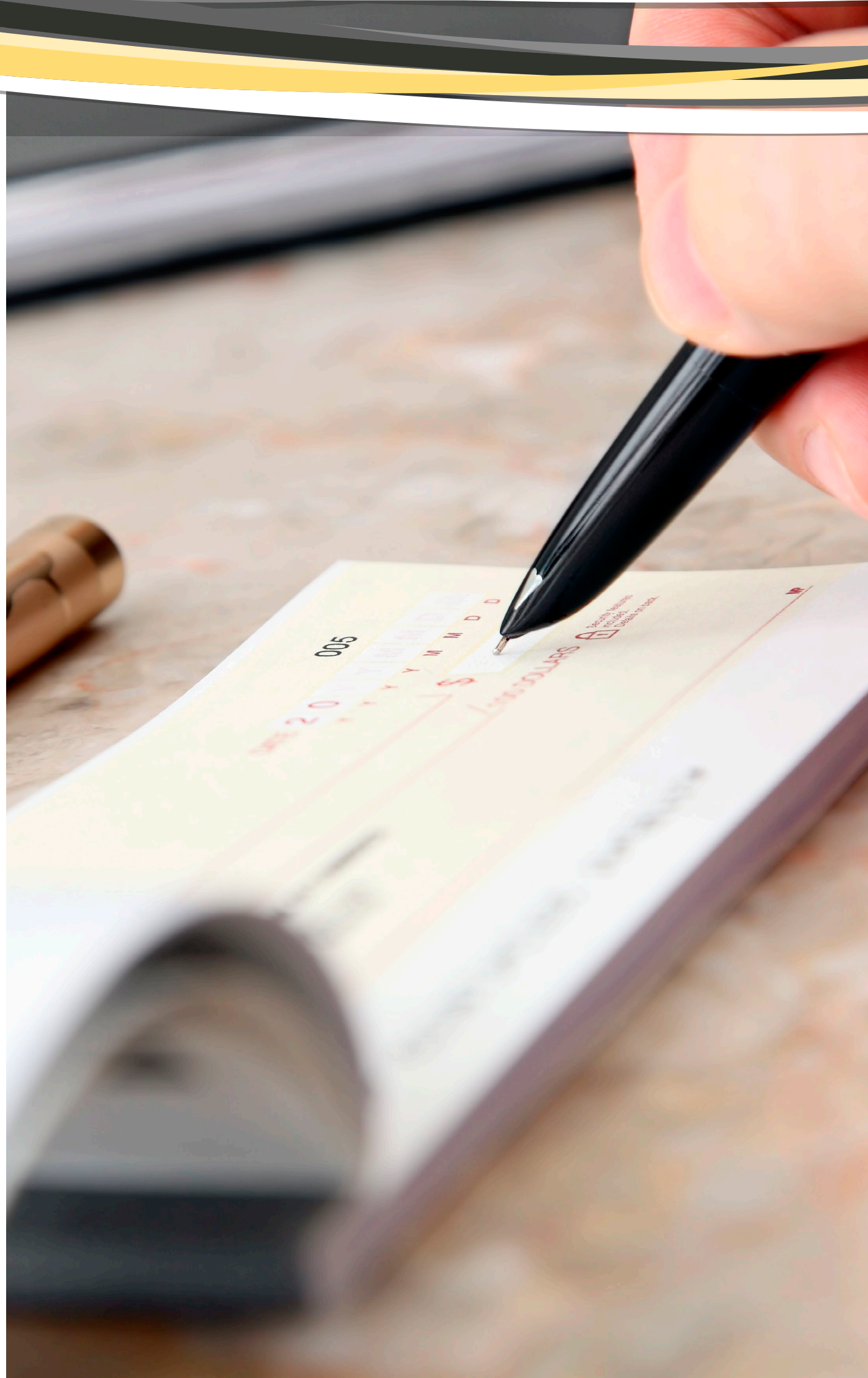
BOND PROPOSAL	IF YOU VOTE	YOU GET
QUESTION #1 <i>ZERO TAX IMPACT</i>	YES 	<p>Comprised of all Capital / Educational & Facilities Infrastructure Projects as described herein</p> <div></div> <p>Arts Learning Wellness Safety Operations</p>
	NO 	<p>Existing facilities remain as they are. No upgrades will be made.</p> <p>The district would continue to make operational/ maintenance upgrades out of their capital budget at full price, since there is no possibility of Debt Service Aid available without a Referendum.</p>

BOND PROPOSAL	IF YOU VOTE	YOU GET
QUESTION #2 <i>\$184.89/YR OR \$15.41/MO INCREASE</i>	YES 	<p>High School Stadium Field, Softball, Baseball, Bleachers and Sports Lighting</p> <div></div> <p>Wellness Safety Operations</p>
	NO 	<p>Existing athletic facilities remain as they are. No upgrades will be made.</p> <p>The district would continue to make maintenance upgrades out of their capital budget at full price, since there is no possibility of Debt Service Aid available without a Referendum.</p>

F.A.Q.'s

Frequently Asked Questions

» CAN MORE BE SPENT? | F.A.Q.



Q: Can more money be spent than the amount approved in the question?

A: No. The Cost of the Referendum Projects cannot exceed the amount approved by the voters. The amount approved by the voters includes a reasonable budget under which to complete the work as well as required contingencies to address unforeseen conditions and construction issues.



Q: What will happen to the children before, during and after construction work?

A: Safety is always a prime concern while work is being done. Therefore, Construction and renovations will be scheduled so that many of the renovations are completed during the summer months or other times when students are not in the schools. When school is in session, students will be separated from work at all times, this way, students can attend classes with minimal disruption.



Q: When would the work begin and when will it be completed?

- A:**
- » The schedule for implementation of the projects will be carefully reviewed & crafted into a detailed timeline that works best for the School District.
 - » While some projects could begin construction as early as summer of 2023, given the timing of a March Referendum, we would determine our ability to strategically bid projects at appropriate times.
 - » Projects that require more time to develop & designs will begin the later in the 2023 year or the summers of 2024 thru 2027.
 - » Grade realignment would be in either 2024 or 2025, more likely 2025.



For further information and to keep updated on the District-Wide Facilities Renovation Program Referendum, please scan the QR Code to the left or visit the district website:
www.bogotaboe.com/referendum

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