



North Hunterdon-Voorhees
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bond Referendum
November 8, 2022
Elections

Why Now?

- State aid is being offered for capital projects. District is approved to receive up to 40% of project costs in State aid, which is **ONLY** available if the referendum passes.
- Funds exist in district's capital reserve account to be used to cover remaining project costs, with Board approval. **This would mean NO increase to local taxpayers.**
- Reduce maintenance costs with installation of higher-efficiency equipment.
- Repairs and upgrades are similar to those necessary to maintain your home. Replace equipment before it breaks down.

What will the referendum fund?

Referendum includes no frills, necessary maintenance projects to address aging facilities at North Hunterdon and Voorhees High Schools.

Focus on Energy Efficiency:

- North Hunterdon - **HVAC Improvements** – Replace HVAC units servicing the 150s, 240s, 250s classroom wings and the “O” level classrooms that are beyond their useful life expectancy with high efficiency equipment.
- Voorhees - **Ventilation Upgrades** – Replace ventilation units servicing kitchen, first floor locker rooms and rear gymnasium with high efficiency equipment.
- Voorhees - **Chiller Pipe Insulation** – Replacement of inefficient pipe insulation on chiller and associated piping to increase the equipment’s efficiency.

Focus on Safety:

- North Hunterdon - **Stair Door Replacement** - Replacement of 29 sets of interior stair doors with new fire rated and barrier-free compliant doors and hardware.
- North Hunterdon - **Locker Room Renovation** - Renovation of the boys’ locker room, PE teacher offices and coaches’ locker room by Gold Gym will include new plumbing fixtures, lockers, benches, flooring, and lighting, as well as HVAC upgrades. Upgrades will be ADA-compliant. (This is oldest and most used locker room.)
- Voorhees - **Exterior Stair Replacements** –
 - Removal and replacement of the concrete and railroad tie steps along the wall of the pedestrian bridge with new concrete steps, handrails and additional retaining wall.
 - Removal and replacement of deteriorating wood retaining wall, wood staircase and railings at the soccer/lacrosse field (aka “The Pit”) with new modular block retaining wall system with fencing, new stairs and handrails.

NHHS Locker Room, Coaches' Room



↑ Boys' Locker room by Gold Gym, oldest and most used



Example of bathroom upgrade, e.g. new touchless fixtures, stalls, floor



Coaches' Locker Room Bathroom



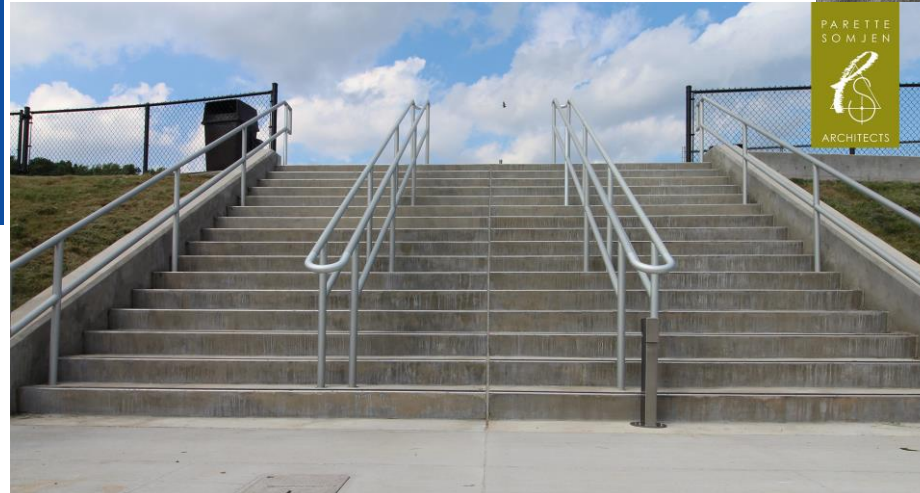
VHS Exterior Staircases



Wooden staircase to “The Pit” soccer/ lacrosse field



Concrete and railroad tie steps along pedestrian wall up to stadium field

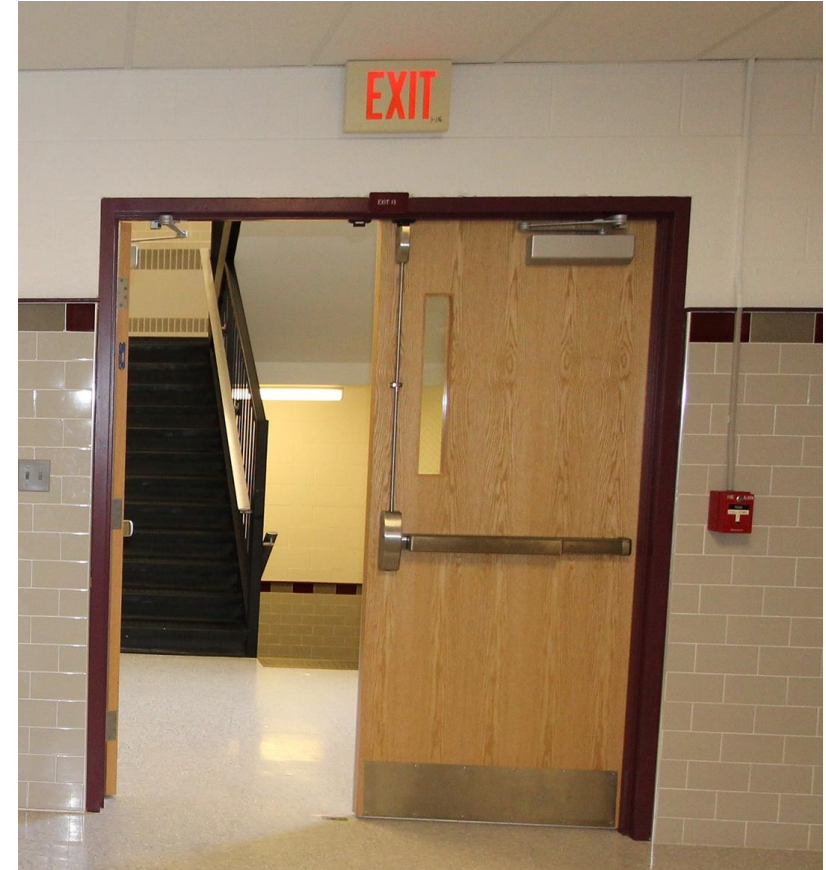


Example of new concrete steps

NHHS Interior Stair Doors



Replace 29 sets of
interior stair doors



Example of new fire-rated
interior door

What will this cost taxpayers?

- Total cost = \$6.5 million, **Total cost to local taxpayers = \$0**
- The district has been approved by the NJ Department of Education to receive up to 40% of costs covered by state aid. State aid is only received if the referendum is approved by voters!
- Funds exist in district's capital reserve account to cover the remaining project costs after state aid. Through Board of Education authorization to utilize existing funds, it would mean **no additional cost to our local taxpayers.**
- Over the last few years, the Board of Education used savings from the 2016 bond referendum to offset recent increases to the local tax levy. Continuing with their commitment to fiscal responsibility, the Board is proposing a new referendum at this time as it will not raise taxes.

Schools are
your best
investment

- North Hunterdon and Voorhees High Schools are among the highest performing schools in New Jersey.
- Both are National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence
- Over 80% of graduates go on to post-secondary education
- Exceptional school districts like the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District:
 - Build strong communities
 - Bolster real estate values, and
 - Insulate a home from market fluctuations

How Can I Vote?

Vote.NJ.Gov



Here are the 3 ways you can vote in the upcoming General Election...

1. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT



Registered voters can apply for a **vote-by-mail ballot** by following the instructions found at [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://Vote.NJ.Gov) or contacting their County Clerk.

Then, VOTE and RETURN your ballot one of the following ways...

- **Mail:** Your vote-by-mail ballot **MUST** be postmarked on or before **8:00 p.m. on November 8** and be received by your county's Board of Elections on or before November 14.
- **Secure Ballot Drop Box:** Place your vote-by-mail ballot in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on November 8. Drop box locations can be found at [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://Vote.NJ.Gov).
- **Board of Elections Office:** Deliver your vote-by-mail ballot in person to your county's Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on November 8. County Election Officials' contact information can be found at [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://Vote.NJ.Gov).

2. IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING



This option enables all registered voters to cast their ballot **in person, using a voting machine, during a nine-day period prior to Election Day**. You can choose to vote, in person, when it's most convenient for your schedule.

No matter where you live in the county, you can vote your specific ballot at any of **your** county's designated in-person early voting locations. Find your county's locations at [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://Vote.NJ.Gov).

In-person early voting locations will be open **Saturday, October 29 through Sunday, November 6**. Hours will be **Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** No appointment is necessary. Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.

3. AT YOUR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY



Vote in person at your polling place, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **on Election Day, November 8**. Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.

Go to [VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://Vote.NJ.Gov) for your polling place, listed on the Polling Locations page.

NOTE: Vote-by-mail ballots CANNOT be returned to your early voting location or polling place.



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Referendum is the last question on the ballot under School Elections section

Don't Miss the Referendum Question!

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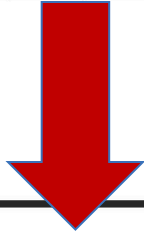
OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION SAMPLE BALLOT Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Mary H. Meff
Mary H. Meff
Hunterdon County Clerk

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
CLINTON TOWNSHIP • 7th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Hunterdon County, New Jersey • Tuesday, November 8, 2022

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	U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Vote for One (1) Two (2) Year Term	SHERIFF Vote for One (1) Three (3) Year Term	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Vote for Two (2) Three (3) Year Term				BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Vote for One (1) Two (2) Year Unexpired Term	TOWNSHIP COUNCIL Vote for Two (2) Three (3) Year Term	
REPUBLICAN	THOMAS H. KEAN JR. <input type="checkbox"/>	FREDERICK W. BROWN <input type="checkbox"/>	JOHN E. LANZA <input type="checkbox"/>	ZACHARY T. RICH <input type="checkbox"/>	JEFF KUHL <input type="checkbox"/>	AMY SWITLYK <input type="checkbox"/>	WILLIAM A. GLASER JR. <input type="checkbox"/>		
DEMOCRATIC	TOM MALINOWSKI <input type="checkbox"/>	DOMINICK PUZIO <input type="checkbox"/>	HOPE COHEN <input type="checkbox"/>	DONALD BECKER <input type="checkbox"/>	JUSTIN BALUNSAT <input type="checkbox"/>	NO NOMINATION MADE <input type="checkbox"/>	NO NOMINATION MADE <input type="checkbox"/>		
WRITE-IN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		



OFFICIAL SCHOOL ELECTION BALLOT

NORTH HUNTERDON-VOORHEES REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT-CLINTON TOWNSHIP

MEMBERSHIP TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION Vote for One (1) Three (3) Year Term					
CANDIDATES	SEBORAH YARNELL EDUCATION ADVISOR	ROGER STRAIGHT <input type="checkbox"/>	RACHEL McLAUGHLIN <input type="checkbox"/>	BETH KOTRAN SUPERINTENDENT	CYNTHIA REYES EDUCATION WITH PURPOSE <input type="checkbox"/>
WRITE-IN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMBERSHIP TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION Vote for Three (3) Three (3) Year Term			
CANDIDATES	JENNIFER KALTENBACH CONSISTENT EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP	SCOTT HORWICK CONSISTENT EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP	MICHAEL BLUMENFELD CONSISTENT EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP
WRITE-IN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NORTH HUNTERDON-VOORHEES REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROPOSAL QUESTION

The Board of Education of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey is authorized (a) to undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades to North Hunterdon High School, including, but not limited to, upgrades to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system; renovation of the existing locker room, physical education offices, toilet facilities and related areas, and to replace existing doors and hardware with fire-rated and barrier free compliant doors and hardware, including acquisition and installation of doors, furniture, equipment and any site work; (b) to undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades to North Hunterdon High School, including, but not limited to, upgrades to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system; replace the boiler; open, remove and replace the existing asphalt concrete and road slabs, retaining walls and related areas, including acquisition and installation of doors, equipment and any site work; and (c) to acquire \$6,000,000, and to encumber in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.

The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are \$6,200,000 (consisting of \$4,775,720 for North Hunterdon High School and \$1,424,280 for Voorhees High School). The project includes 50% school facility construction, 25% in addition to the facility efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or otherwise eligible for state support pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.5(d). The final eligible costs and percentage will equal 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the project. Such data will not be available until voters approve the proposal question. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this election.

Do you approve this Bond Proposal Question?

YES

NO

Sample Ballot

Four Things to Remember

- Referendum includes **no frills, necessary maintenance projects to address aging facilities** at North Hunterdon and Voorhees High Schools.
- The proposed upgrades and renovations **focus on energy efficiency and safety.**
- State aid is only available if voters approve referendum. NHV District receives very little state aid – let's not miss out on this opportunity!
- **The passage of this referendum will NOT raise taxes for local taxpayers.**



Get Informed!

- Spread the word and get informed!
- Please refer people to our website to learn about the bond referendum question before voting:

www.nhvweb.net/referendum-2022