

Facilities Expansion Project Presentation

**East Rutherford  
Public School District**



A 2020 Vision for Student Achievement & Success



A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

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# **EAST RUTHERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- High Performing School District Status
- Alignment to Becton Regional High School Vision & Coursework
- Development of a Student Feeling
- Revision of Curriculum (NJSLS & NGSS) ~ Rubicon Atlas Platform
- Increasing State Assessment Scores
- Development of New Programs & Initiatives
- SEPAC ~ Special Education Advisory Committee
- Student Support Services
- Parent Academy for Student Success
- Extra Curricula Sports Programs
- Dedicated & Professional Staff

# **NEW FULL & HALF DAY PRE-SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL DISABLED PROGRAMS**

- Faust School Annex
- Off to another great start for the 2019-2020 school year
- Currently: Four Classrooms
- 9 Students Returned to District ~ 2018-2019 SY
- 2 Students Returned to District ~ 2019-2020 SY
- Looking to the future
  - Additional sections to be added
  - Additional support services

# PARENT ACADEMY FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

What is the Parent Academy For Student Success?

The **Parent Academy** is a **free, year-round, parent engagement** initiative of East Rutherford Public Schools, **helping parents**, become full partners in their children's education.

The **goal** is to provide **educational excellence** for all of our children by **informing parents** about the importance of their roles, **uniting families** and **schools**, and giving **parents a fuller sense of their rights, responsibilities, and the educational opportunities available.**

# PARENT ACADEMY FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

## Future Workshops:

- Title I, Special Education & SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee ~ **October 2, 2019**)
- Families Building Better Readers & Writers
- Dyslexia: What you need to know?
- HIB (Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying) Workshop ~ **February 25, 2020**
- Mental Health & Suicide Prevention
- Speech Therapy & Intervention Services ~ **January 22, 2020**
- School-Based Occupational Therapy
- Anxiety & Related Disorders ~ What you need to know?
- Behavior Management Strategies
- Basic Computer Skills: Google Docs, Google Classroom etc.
- & Many more...

# MARCH 2018 FLASHBACK



The recent cold weather has caused problems at McKenzie and Faust schools.

DELL





# 2017-2018 BUILDING REPAIR COSTS OUTSIDE OF 2020 SCHOOL REFERENDUM

Air Control, Inc.	622.00	A/C UNIT IN ROOM 222/221	014614
Air Control, Inc.	380.00	SERVICE CALL FOR MCKENZIE SCHOOL ROOM 222	014614
Air Control, Inc.	3,800.00	SERVICE CALL FOR MCKENZIE	014614
Air Control, Inc.	380.00	FAUST MEDIA CENTER AC UNIT	014762
Air Control, Inc.	240.00	PARTS NEEDED FOR FAUST MEDIA	014762
Air Control, Inc.	285.00	FAUST SCHOOL ROOM 209-Steam Trap	014878
Air Control, Inc.	465.00	BAD ACCUATOR REPLACE UNIT LABOR	014878
Air Control, Inc.	6,200.00	REPLACE HOT WATER HEATER	014878
Air Control, Inc.	1,568.64	2 ROOF UNITS NEEDING PULLIES AND BELTS AND MOTORS	014878
Air Control, Inc.	332.50	Service Call	014878
Air Control, Inc.	1,750.00	Leaking Pipe In Boiler Room	014880
Air Control, Inc.	1,540.50	Service Call room 25	014961
Air Control, Inc.	3,610.00	FACULTY BATHROOM TOLIET BROKEN FLANGE NEED TO REPLACE FLOOR MOUNT AND FLANGE SYSTEM	015051
Air Control, Inc.	950.00	Service Call	015146
Air Control, Inc.	4,260.50	Water Leak In rm 211, Annex rm 102, Rm108 & 307 repair steam leak, Rm 109 heating coil	015146
Air Control, Inc.	570.00	COMPUTER CLASSROOM TROUBLE SHOOT SYSTEM REPLACE THERMOSTAT FIX STEAM LEAK CLEAN STEAM TRAP IN SCIENCE ROOM	015146
Air Control, Inc.	190.00	FOURTH FLOOR ROOM 402 REPLACE ACCUATOR AND REPLACE CONTROL WITH CONVENTIONAL THERMOSTAT	015146
Air Control, Inc.	2,884.40	Service Calls	015146
Air Control, Inc.	570.00	Heating Repairs	015215
Air Control, Inc.	380.00	AC SERVICE TROUBLE SHOOTING IN ANNEX	015435
Air Control, Inc.	380.00	AIR DALE NOT WORKING	015526

All American Sewer Service	275.00	TOILET 3RD FL BATHROOM	014679
All American Sewer Service	400.00	GREASE TRAP CLEANING	014879
All American Sewer Service	300.00	FACULTY BATHROOM TOLIET BROKEN FLANGE NEED TO REPLACE FLOOR MOUNT AND FLANGE SYSTEM	014962
All American Sewer Service	2,250.50	VARIOUS STEAM LEAKS	015070
All American Sewer Service	2,275.00	BROKEN STEAM PIPES	015147
All American Sewer Service	2,150.00	FIX PIPE IN TUNNEL	015147
All American Sewer Service	775.00	ADDITIONAL PIPE	015147
All American Sewer Service	7,852.00	Rep Steam line in hallway, Pit, crawel space & trap by nurse's office.	015147
All American Sewer Service	1,140.00	FIX WATER PUMP IN LIBRARY	015147
All American Sewer Service	1,275.00	INSTALL NEW SINGLE PUMP	015147
All American Sewer Service	485.00	STAIR WELL HEATING PIPE	015310
All American Sewer Service	875.00	BOLIER ROOM PUMP	015311
All American Sewer Service	565.00	MEDIA CENTER WATER BREAK	15611
CJ Vanderbeck & Sons	235.00	GAS LINE AND BLEEDER VALVE	014617
CJ Vanderbeck & Sons	1,136.51	BOILER REPAIRS LEAKING FEED PIPE AND NEW AUTOMATIC WATER FEED VALVE ON BOILER NUMBER 2	015074
CJ Vanderbeck & Sons	460.00	BOILER MALFUNCTION BOILER NUMBER 2 HIGH FIRE LOCK OUT BOLIER UNOPERATIONAL	015150
CJ Vanderbeck & Sons	1,306.32	BURNER SERVICE	015529
CJ Vanderbeck & Sons	170.00	BURNER SERVICE	015529
CJ Vanderbeck & Sons	568.78	PIPE REPAIR REPLACE 6" OF 1"	015529
CJ Vanderbeck & Sons	3,573.56	PIPE REPAIRS	015564
SIMPLEX-GRINNELL	1,530.22	SPRINKLER FEED PIPE REPLACEMENT	015156
SIMPLEX-GRINNELL	2,237.76	SMOKE HEAT ALARM SENSORS NEED TO BE ADJUSTED OR REPLACED	015156
W.W Grainger			
<b>Total</b>		<b>63,194.19</b>	

**Total Costs: \$63,194.19**





# 2019 PASSED SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUMS

- Rutherford School District
- Hawthorne School District
- Rancocas Valley Regional School
- Fair Haven School District
- Watching Hills Regional School District
- Rockaway Borough School District
- Oaklyn School District
- Carteret School District

**\*Districts will secure State Aid up to 40% on school renovations.**

# LAND OPTIONS EXPLORED

- **Grove Street/Uhland Street Lots** ~ Original Plan - **Land Required by Municipality (Grove Street/Uhland Street Lots)**
- **Franklin School Lot** - Build Early Learning Center Pre-K to 2, McKenzie School Grades 3-5 & Faust
- **Totland** – **Land Required by Municipality (Totland)** for School Grades Pre-K to 5
- **McKenzie School Field** ~ McKenzie School K- Grade 3, Building New School Grades 4-5 & Faust School 6-8 ~ **Land Required by Municipality** (McKenzie Field)
- **McKenzie School Field & Totland** - Building School Grades 5-8 & sell off Faust School to offset cost ~ **Land Required by Municipality** (McKenzie Field, **Totland and/or Concession Area**)
- **Totland Expand McKenzie School** to build 4 classrooms, McKenzie Houses PreK to Grade 4 ~ **Land**
- **Totland plus Concession Stand** – Expand McKenzie School to build 8 classrooms, McKenzie School, for K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Faust School Grades 6-8 ~ **Land Required by Municipality 9(Totland & Concession Area)**

# LAND OPTIONS EXPLORED

- **Land Parallel with Becton Regional High School** - Additional Fields & Parking ~ Allow Board of Education to build on McKenzie School Fields ~ **Land Required by Municipality (McKenzie School Fields, Old Landmark Area & Meadow Area)**
- **Building new Middle School on front campus of Becton Regional High School** ~ Expand McKenzie School to accommodate Grade 5 ~ Needing Totland, sell off Faust School to offset cost ~ **Land Required by Municipality (Land in front of Becton ~ Along Wildcat Way)**
- **Community Center Land** ~ Additional Space for Board Offices & Potential School Building
- **7th & 8th Grade Students from the Carlstadt School District & the East Rutherford School District** at Becton
- **Becton Regional High School - Land Not Required by Mayor & Council.** (Carlstadt School District ~ Refusal)/(Becton Regional High School Problem with Scheduling & Staffing)

# **FACILITIES EXPANSION PROJECT PRESENTATION**

## **What is a school referendum?**

A school bond referendum is a special election giving voters the power to decide if a school district can raise funds for construction and renovation projects, which cannot be funded through the district's annual budget.

The bond enables the district to pay for improvements over a longer period of time, similar to a home mortgage.

Additionally, in New Jersey, many of these projects qualify for up to 40% in state aid, which is not available if the projects are completed within the annual budget.

# SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM

- East Rutherford Board of Education will be holding a **Special School Bond Referendum on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.**
- The District is currently...
  - New residential construction is underway in East Rutherford.
  - American Dream is in the final stages for a soft opening in October & December.
  - Full opening March 2020.
  - Developments have been successful in having students return to the district and we have implemented programs to keep students in district with their peers.
  - The District is hopeful that necessary renovations will be approved as we look towards the future, so we can continue to make our schools safe for our students, staff and all who visit.

# WHAT ARE CRITICAL DATES FOR VOTERS TO KNOW?

- **Tuesday, January 7, 2020** is the last day to be a registered voter in East Rutherford to participate in the School Bond Referendum Vote. Check your registration status by searching the web for “**NJ am I registered**”, or to update your registration, use the form on the district website at [www.erboe.net](http://www.erboe.net), by clicking on the **ER Bond Referendum Tab**. Applications are also available in the main offices of McKenzie & Faust Schools.
- Registered voters can use a Vote By Mail for convenience; no reason is required. The form to apply by a Vote By Mail ballot is on the district website at [www.erboe.net](http://www.erboe.net), by clicking on the **ER Bond Referendum Tab** or please pick up an application for a **mail-in ballot** in the main offices of McKenzie & Faust Schools. It's never too early to submit it, so mail it now! It must be received by **January 21, 2020**, so there is time for the ballot to travel through the mail to you, and be returned through the mail after you mark it.
- During our last school bond referendum election, **278 registered voters, did not vote** in the election. The vote failed by only 84 votes. Please vote in the **January 28<sup>th</sup> Special School Bond Referendum Election**.
- Vote in person on **Tuesday, January 28, 2020!** Stay tuned to this site, where poll times and locations will be posted.

**Your Vote Makes A Difference!**

# SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The **bond referendum** proposal qualifies for up to 40% of State Aid, but only if the referendum passes. **Facilities improvement projects funded through the district's regular budget do not qualify for state aid**, and add years and years of budget cycles to complete these projects.





# DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

- District Website ~ [www.erboe.net](http://www.erboe.net)
- District App ~ East Rutherford Public Schools
- Twitter ~ ERSD@ErutherfordSD
- Genesis Blasts
- District Alerts
- Backpack Notifications

# A 2020 VISION FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS NEWSLETTER

EAST RUTHERFORD



**VOTE Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

East Rutherford School District  
**School Bond Referendum**

## A 2020 Vision for Student Achievement & Success

On Tuesday, January 28, 2020, the school district will hold a special bond referendum to fund critical facilities improvements and expansions districtwide, to meet the needs of our students and our vibrant, growing community.

### Tax Impact

The January 28 referendum asks voter permission to borrow about \$35.5 million, but two factors will significantly reduce the amount paid for with local taxes. State aid will reduce that by about \$5.2 million, and the Borough of East Rutherford will share mega-mall payments to reduce it by another \$13.7 million to \$20 million.

After those reductions, the annual cost on a home with an assessed value of \$388,640 (average in East Rutherford) is estimated to be between \$107 and \$161 per year, depending on the annual contribution made by the borough.

### Supports 21st Century Learning

The proposed projects will move East Rutherford Schools into the 21st Century, enriching our programs and providing opportunities for every student from pre-K to eighth grade.

#### Faust School

An addition at Faust School would give fourth- and fifth-graders their own, separate spaces. Moving the board offices to the Annex, and child study team rooms to the new building, would make space for more new classrooms and labs:

- 11 new education classrooms, including one for special education
- Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy room
- Music and Art rooms
- STEM and Computer Labs
- Multi-purpose room to serve as cafeteria/gymnasium

#### McKenzie School

At McKenzie, the referendum would add two new Kindergarten classrooms with handicap-accessible bathrooms. We would be able to reduce class sizes and provide more space for our pre-school students in traditional and special needs classes.

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EAST RUTHERFORD



**VOTE Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

East Rutherford School District  
**School Bond Referendum**

### THE PROPOSED REFERENDUM WOULD ADDRESS RAPIDLY AGING FACILITIES

Some of our classrooms have not been updated since the 1960s.

The proposal would:

- Install secure vestibules for screening visitors at both schools
- Upgrade electrical service at Faust with energy-efficient system
- Install elevator at Faust to meet accessibility standards
- Replace/refurbish leaking roof at McKenzie
- Replace outdated HVAC systems at both schools

### EAST RUTHERFORD IS A FIRST CHOICE FOR FAMILIES

Generations have called East Rutherford home — raising families, building businesses and attending our public schools. New families also are attracted by the close-knit community with proximity to New York City and the Meadowlands, easy access to public transportation, a revitalized downtown, new home construction, and affordable taxes.

**GREAT SCHOOLS MAKE GREAT COMMUNITIES**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**



### VOTING INFORMATION

- To vote, you must be registered by January 7, 2020.
- Vote by Mail applications are available at [www.erboe.net](http://www.erboe.net) and must be received in the County Clerk's Office by January 21, 2020.
- Eligible voters can send Vote By Mail ballots postmarked by Tuesday, January 28, 2020.
- Polls open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on January 28, 2020.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF FACILITIES EXPANSION & RENOVATIONS PROJECT

- New District Grade Level Configuration
  - PreK – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (McKenzie School)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (New Addition)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Faust School)
  - Annex (Board of Education & Administrative Offices)
- Campus-like School Grounds
- Additional Parking
- Additional Space For Current & Future Population of Students
- 5 Sections of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5 Grades
- New Middle School Gymnasium
- Upgraded Security Entrances At Both Schools
- Replacing & Upgraded HVAC Systems
- New Lockers
- Technology Upgrade: Media Center/Computer Labs
- Replacement & Upgrade Roof at McKenzie School
- New STEM Labs
- Additional All-Purpose Room/Makerspaces
- Additional Special Education Classrooms (Keep Students in District)
  - New Warming Kitchen (4/5 & 6/8)

# **BENEFITS OF FACILITIES EXPANSION & RENOVATIONS PROJECT**

- Decrease class-size
- Optimal instructional environment
- Competitive with surrounding school districts
- Increased security
- Monitor/control heating & air conditioning
- Energy efficiency
- Reduction in repair costs
- Reduction in tuition costs
- Reduction in transportation costs
- Allocation of budget dollars to hire additional staff and implement new programs
- Allow flexibility in scheduling
- Allow for configuration of grade levels

# BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD

## ACTUAL & PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION SITES

- Van Winkle Street ~ 82 Units (P/D)
- Old PSE&G Bldg/Park & Orchard ~ 49 Units (P)
- Fox Ladder ~ 49 Units (P/Seeking BA)
- Strong & Shapely/Union Avenue ~ 115 Units (P)
- Self Storage/Paterson Avenue ~ 35 Units (UC)
- Carlton Avenue Bleachery ~ 100 Units (P)
- Morton Street ~ 76 Units (P)
- Monarch Phase III ~ 200-300 Units (P/D)
- Oak Street/Central Ave ~ 209 Units (UC)
- Paterson Ave/Wall Street ~ 9 Units (UC)

Green: Under Construction

Yellow: Proposed/Pending Board Approval

Red: Proposed & Denied



# ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT OF REFERENDUM

**EAST RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
2020 REFERENDUM - PUBLIC PRESENTATION  
January 2, 2020**

Summary of Net Estimated Tax Increase - Wrapped Around Existing Debt Service  
(Includes Borough Contribution)

Assumptions:

- \$15,000,000 of Notes Issued in August 2020 at an estimated interest rate of 2.65%\*
- \$35,553,000 of Bonds Issued in August 2021 at an estimated interest rate of 3.50%\*
  - First Interest paid August 2022
  - First Principal paid August 2023
- The Notes and Bonds are eligible for Debt Service Aid \*\*
- The Board's 2012 Bonds will be paid off in FY 2022, resulting in a decrease in existing debt service.
  - The Board will wrap the proposed bonds around the existing debt service to minimize the tax increase from the referendum
- The Borough will contribute for debt service over the life of the bond

	Cost to Home Assessed At \$100,000***	Cost to Average Home Assessed At \$388,640***
Tax Impact of Existing Debt Service		
FY 2020 Existing Debt Service	\$31	\$119

Estimated Net Tax Increase - Wrap Around Schedule

	Estimated Increase to Home Assessed at \$100,000***		Estimated Increase to Home Assessed at \$388,640***	
	Based on Lower Range Borough Contribution	Based on Higher Range Borough Contribution	Based on Lower Range Borough Contribution	Based on Higher Range Borough Contribution
	Proposed Referendum Increase			
Estimated FY 2021 Increase	\$0	to \$0	\$0	to \$0
Estimated FY 2022 Increase	\$14	to \$14	\$54	to \$54
Estimated FY 2023 Increase	\$14	to (\$9)	\$54	to (\$34)
Estimated FY 2024 Increase	\$14	to \$21	\$53	to \$82
Estimated FY 2025 Increase	\$0	to \$1	\$0	to \$4
Estimated FY 2026 Increase	\$0	to \$0	\$0	to \$0
Total Estimated Net Increase	\$41	to \$28	\$161	to \$107

\* Estimated interest rates, subject to market fluctuation.

\*\* Debt Service Aid estimated based on 34% of \$15,228,400 in eligible project costs. The Board is eligible for 40% debt service aid on the eligible costs, however, the State is currently funding debt service aid at 85%.

\*\*\* Based on an estimated 2020 Assessed Valuation of \$2,330,867,000.

# OFFSET COST TO HIRE NEW STAFF

- Significant salary savings from teacher retirements
  - Savings from unexpected emergency repairs from failing equipment and aging facilities
  - Special Education and Transportation: Students returning to District
  - Receiving tuition students from other districts
  - Preschool tuition for both programs
- \* The above savings will provide staff for additional class sections and new programming as needed.



# FINAL THOUGHTS...

- We have not investing in our facilities over the last ten years to keep taxes low for tax payers.
- The students are coming to East Rutherford with or without a passed bond referendum.
- Class-sizes will continue to increase and directly impact classroom instruction and student achievement.
- We will continue to prepare a sound budget that will embrace district growth.
- Interest rates are consistent, construction prices are low, and debt service aid is up to 40% for renovations.



# **EAST RUTHERFORD SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM ELECTION**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020  
POLLS ARE OPEN 6AM-8PM**

- Mark Your Calendars
- Remember to VOTE
- Your Vote Makes A Difference!

