

Your VOICE MATTERS

On Tuesday, March 13, 2018, the East Rutherford School District will ask you to vote on a reduced bond referendum to fund critical facilities needs.

You Spoke...

We Listened.

THE COMMUNITY SPOKE.... THE SCHOOL DISTRICT LISTENED

In December, the East Rutherford School District asked voters to approve a bond referendum to fund necessary improvements to its elementary schools. The referendum was not approved and many of you asked the district to consider other options, including removing the proposed bridge – between the Faust School and the Annex – from the scope of work.

THE EAST RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

- **Listened to community** members, parents and borough leaders and reconsidered the referendum projects.
- **Weighed the advantages vs. disadvantages** of removing the proposed bridge that would link the Faust School to the annex.
- **Removed the bridge from the scope of work** which reduced the total project cost from \$31.6 million to \$30.9 million.
- Ensured the district still qualifies for **state aid of up to 40%** – \$5.1 million – which would reduce the total cost to \$25.8 million.



***Good school districts go hand-in-hand with good neighborhoods,
home value stability, and higher selling prices.***

Your
**VOTE
MATTERS**

VOTE
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
East Rutherford Referendum

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REFERENDUM PROJECTS WOULD PROVIDE CRITICAL REPAIRS

Between December 18, 2017 and January 16, 2018...

- There were 12 pipe breaks/leaks at Faust School
 - Burst pipe in new gym sprayed 160-degree water near an electrical unit
 - Burst pipe near the boys' bathroom caused steam to fill the hallway
- There were 9 pipe breaks/leaks at McKenzie School
 - Burst pipe flooded McKenzie Media Center with 2 ½ feet of water; center will be unavailable for three months; water spilled down elevator shaft making it unusable
 - District lost books, laptops, furniture
- Boilers in both buildings had to be shut down on several days, requiring students and staff to be relocated; Faust School was closed for a full day interrupting student education

The Bond Referendum will fund critical repairs and upgrades to aging facilities, reduce class size, and improve educational and extracurricular activities in East Rutherford School District, which has experienced a 28% increase in enrollment in the past five years.