Referendum Ballot Date Fall 2025

Readington Township Board of Education

March 11, 2025



What is a Bond Referendum & Why Now?



A public vote that asks permission of the voters to approve the issuance of bonds by the board of education to incur debt to finance certain capital projects

The district has crafted a \$38 million dollar referendum <u>lowering existing</u> taxes due to debt expiration to fund 83 capital projects at 4 buildings

When Can a Board Propose a Referendum?

At any of four special election dates or at the annual election date

September

November

December

January

March



September or November?

September

- **X** 68.85% pass rate
- X Cost of \$30-\$50K
- **X** September 16 election date was moved by county office, making it unusual & close to start of the school year
- X Public building walkthroughs shall be more challenging in summer when people are less available
- X Less time for communication to the public
- X Less public turnout at special elections
- + Shall solely be ballot for referendum

November

- + 69.47% pass rate
- + Free!
- + Well-known date with much higher turnout by the public
- + Public building walkthroughs can occur in September and October when people are more available
- + More public turnout historically
- + More time for communication
- X State of New Jersey Governor's race & other politics may come into play taking away referendum focus

It is recommended to start with a November ballot vote



Questions



Want to Learn More?

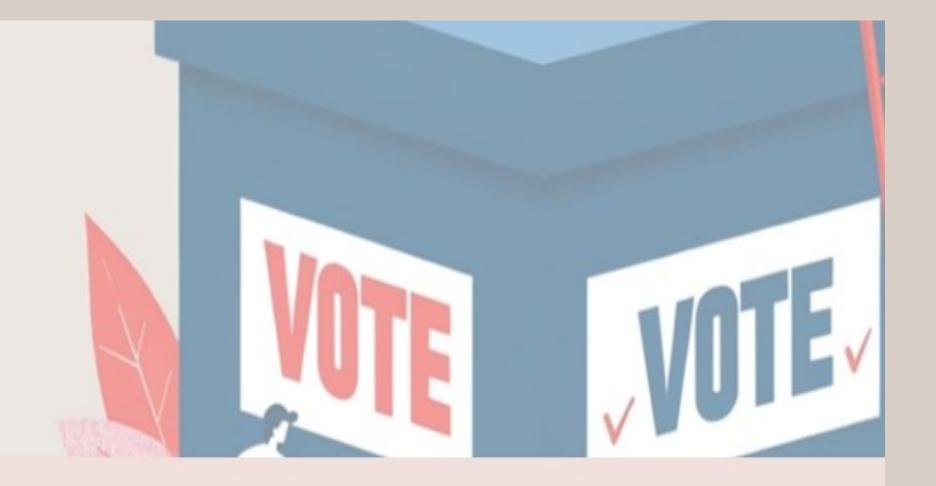
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Readington Township School District

Bond Referendum Proposal



Thank you for your support in building a brighter future together!

With the district's current debt expiring in January 2027, there is a unique opportunity for Readington Township School District to issue a referendum with a "net zero" tax levy impact to fund necessary infrastructure upgrades and plan for the future 21st century needs of a growing student population, reflective of upcoming new housing developments and preschool expansion for all 3- and 4-year old children in the township boundaries.

We need your help in this ambitious endeavor!

Ways to Contact the District

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