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*Learn How the Bond Referendum Can Enhance Student Safety*

Dear Pompton Lakes School Community,

As the school year gets underway, we are focused on ensuring our schools offer a safe, secure environment for teaching and learning. After thorough research and consultation with experts, the Board of Education is now moving forward with a plan that gives the citizens of Pompton Lakes the option to bring the latest standards for school security to our schools. I encourage you to visit and bookmark [plps-k12.org/vote](http://plps-k12.org/vote) to learn about the bond referendum before the vote takes place on Dec. 12. The website will be updated regularly with opportunities for the community to ask questions and get involved.

At a time when school safety is on everyone's minds, the Board of Education did its homework and thoughtfully crafted a project list that, if approved by voters, improves security and shores up the district's communications systems. From new security vestibules to surveillance and digital messaging systems, the projects are practical, yet far-reaching – touching every building in the district, as well as outdoor spaces. A complete list of the projects is available on the website.

The Board also thought carefully about how to pay for these upgrades in the most cost-effective way possible. Voter approval of the bond referendum would give the district access to state aid to cover one-third of the \$5.7 million in project costs. That's \$1.9 million that is only available to Pompton Lakes through a successful vote.

The timing for these projects is also ideal. The district will soon finish paying debt from a previous referendum, which means that if voters agree, the new payments will start where the old payments end with no change in the tax rate for school debt.

While this is an exciting step, we know that you may have questions. Please check [the website](#) for more details about the bond referendum. If you don't see your question addressed on the site, please email [vote@plps.org](mailto:vote@plps.org) for a response. We will use the website and other channels, including social media and an [informational flyer](#), to communicate about the referendum with the entire community,

Thank you for your interest in enhancing safety and security in our schools.

Sincerely,

Paul Amoroso  
Superintendent of Schools