



September 5, 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members of the Borough of Rumson School District,

I am excited to share my first correspondence announcing the proposed November 5, 2019 bond referendum for the Borough of Rumson School District. This referendum will support the Deane Porter and Forrestdale Elementary Schools serving the students of the PreK-8th grade in our community.

This referendum speaks to the spirit of our district mission statement, “The Rumson School District ignites the potential of its learners by growing, inspiring, and cultivating personal excellence academically, socially, and emotionally.” Over the past few years, members of our school community have built a mission focused on igniting the potential of current and future children in our community. This work has resulted in continuous academic and social-emotional growth in the children of Rumson, as well as the evolution of learning opportunities and the addition of professional staff for the children of Rumson. As a shell of an acorn can only contain the potential of the mighty oak for so long, we must look to the next step in supporting the excellence of our schools to expand from its limits as well.

What does this look like? The Rumson Board of Education has committed to engage this question and found, with strong programs and excellent staff in place, the next step is in the improvement of the district’s infrastructure. The Board aims to prioritize the security and wellness of our students, teachers, and staff while continuing to appeal to the growing needs and talents of our impressively able student body. To do so would take a bond referendum.

In preparing for this referendum, the Board of Education has sought out and secured every opportunity to reduce the impact on the taxpayer while ensuring the facility needs- security, health, and program- in the district are addressed. To learn more please visit the Referendum Page on our district website www.rumsonschool.org (Under Bldg & Grounds Tab) and look out for upcoming announcements on referendum information sessions. At any time feel free to reach out to me or any member of the Rumson Board of Education.

With pride,

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