

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL REFERENDUM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010
10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

WHAT ARE DISTRICT RESIDENTS BEING ASKED TO APPROVE?

The Indian River School District currently has \$706,094 in surplus funding from the recently-completed roof replacement projects at Long Neck Elementary School, North Georgetown Elementary School and Selbyville Middle School. The roof replacement projects were approved by district voters in a March 28, 2006 referendum and were completed for less than the anticipated budget, leaving a surplus in the accounts. In order to use these funds for other projects, the district must seek voter approval to amend the original Certificates of Necessity to include the construction of additional classrooms at North Georgetown Elementary and a building expansion at Selbyville Middle. Approval must also be sought to transfer funding from the Long Neck roof account to the North Georgetown and Selbyville accounts.

WILL APPROVAL OF THE REFERENDUM RESULT IN A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE?

No. Approval of the referendum will NOT result in a property tax increase for school district residents.

HOW MUCH FUNDING WILL BE TRANSFERRED?

A total of \$137,000. At North Georgetown, \$100,000 of the transferred funds will be used toward the construction of a two-classroom addition to the existing building. At Selbyville Middle, \$37,000 will be used toward a building expansion. When added to the existing account balances, the funding transfer will increase the roof replacement accounts to \$417,695 at North Georgetown and \$283,386 at Selbyville.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE TRANSFER IS NOT APPROVED?

The State of Delaware will reclaim 60 percent (\$423,656) of the unused construction balance from the roof projects. The remaining 40 percent (\$282,437) would be used to reduce the district's property tax rate for one year or retire existing debt. One-year reduction would be about \$6.31 for average taxpayer.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

District residents who are at least 18 years of age. Voter registration is not required, but residents must provide proof of identification at each polling place. Absentee ballots are available by mail until February 5 and in person until noon on February 8. Affidavits are available at all district schools. For more information, contact the Department of Elections at (302) 856-5367.

WHERE CAN I VOTE?

Residents can vote at the following local polling places: Georgetown Elementary School, Indian River High School, Long Neck Elementary School, Lord Baltimore Elementary School, Millsboro Middle School and Selbyville Middle School.

QUESTIONS? CALL THE REFERENDUM HOTLINE AT 436-1079

**VOTE FOR THE FUNDING TRANSFER
ON FEBRUARY 9!**