



School Facilities Referendum

Hawthorn District 73 School Board Places Question on April 2017 Ballot

The District 73 School Board has voted to place a question on the April 4, 2017 ballot that will ask voters to approve \$42 million in school facilities funding based on the results of the Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) created by a Core Team of community members, parents, staff, and administration. This process began in March 2016 and the Core Team has been meeting since July 2016, completing more than 2,500 combined hours of work focused on finding a district-wide solution to:

- Solve all space needs based on projected enrollment growth, and
- Balance the projected growth of more than 700 students in the next 10 years while maintaining a 25:1 student-teacher ratio at the elementary school level.

This ballot initiative reflects the findings of the EFMP and will act to address the long-range needs of the district. To learn more about the EFMP you can visit:

www.hawthorn73.org/hawthorn-information/educational-facilities-master-plan.

Proposed EFMP Improvements:

- Additions and renovations to accommodate current needs and future growth at existing schools as illustrated in the EFMP
- STEM renovations at all middle schools
- STEM Center additions at all elementary schools
- Relocation of Early Childhood/Pre-K from Lincoln Center to Elementary North
- Purchase of 11.8 acre site across from Elementary South (to provide usable outdoor space as well as provide for future growth needs beyond this 10-year plan)

Ballot Language

Voters will be asked to indicate **YES** or **NO** to the following question on April 4, 2017:

Shall the Board of Education of Hawthorn Community Consolidated School District Number 73, Lake County, Illinois, build and equip additions to, improve the sites of and alter, repair and equip school buildings, including to provide STEM facilities; acquire and improve a site; and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$42,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

For more information about this project, scan this QR code.



Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if the referendum does not pass?

If the referendum does not pass, the district anticipates need for up to 20 portable classrooms, larger class sizes, and adjustments to the daily schedule, including changes to art and PE, based on future enrollment projections.

Is the Kindergarten Center at the Sullivan Center part of the proposed referendum?

No. The District 73 School Board has adopted to fund this project outside of the referendum, by using cash reserves.

What is STEM?

STEM is an educational program focusing on the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. STEM Centers allow staff to prepare lessons centered around finding solutions to real world problems with an emphasis on project-based exploration and critical thinking, where students learn through inquiry, logical reasoning, and collaboration.

Financial Impact of the District 73 Referendum



Property tax increase for the average homeowner with a \$350,000 home (market value), or approximately \$310 annually, due to this referendum. The increase would expire once the 20-year bonds are retired.

Estimated Funding Allocation	
Elementary North	\$6,952,785
Middle School North	\$11,019,091
Townline Elementary	\$5,881,135
Middle School South	\$3,634,112
Aspen Elementary	\$1,407,325
Elementary South	\$9,622,414
Land Acquisition	\$3,084,000
Supplemental Contingency	\$399,138
Referendum Total	\$42,000,000



Voting Information

Election Day – April 4, 2017

Register to Vote at the Lake County Clerk’s office (18 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL 60085), or by completing the online application at ova.elections.il.gov, or by calling 847.377.2000.

Vote by Mail starting March 20, 2017 at 8:30am to March 30, 2017 at 12:00pm. For additional information visit the Lake County Clerk’s voter website: lakecountyiil.gov/351/Voter-Power.

Vote on Election Day at your designated polling place. Polling places will be open from 6:00am to 7:00pm on Election Day. To find your polling place, visit the Lake County Clerk’s voter website: lakecountyiil.gov/351/Voter-Power.



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