



Referendum Discussion

Referendum Date: March 13, 2018
6:00 AM – 8:00 PM
at Normal Poll Locations

What is a referendum?

- A method to fund school expansion / renovations that spreads the financial impact over 25 years
- Future residents also pay for the project
- State debt service aid available for eligible projects at approximately 15%
- Referendum date March 13, 2018

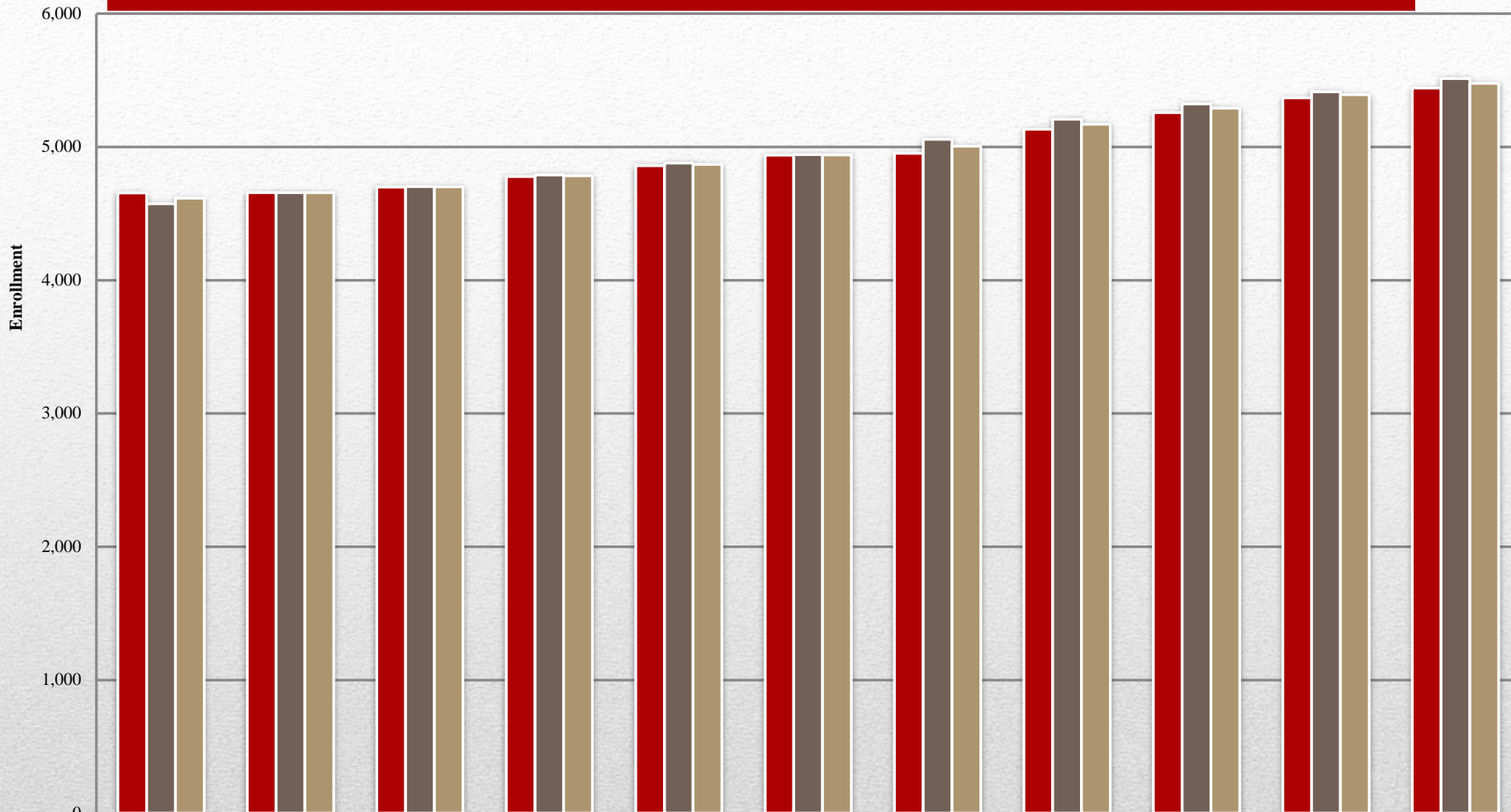


Why does Fair Lawn need a referendum?

- Significant increase in student population
- Elementary and middle schools now overcrowded
- Need for air-conditioned auditoriums



FAIR LAWN SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT HISTORY & PROJECTIONS



	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
■ Ross Haber & Assoc.	4,653	4,655	4,698	4,777	4,858	4,937	4,951	5,131	5,256	5,367	5,441
■ Statistical Forecasting	4,572	4,655	4,701	4,788	4,878	4,941	5,056	5,207	5,321	5,413	5,511
■ Average	4,613	4,655	4,700	4,783	4,868	4,939	5,004	5,169	5,289	5,390	5,476



Why do we need to expand the middle schools?

- Significant enrollment growth created need for elementary and middle school space
- It is not possible to build a new school or add a new addition to existing elementary schools in a quick and cost effective way
- Soft borders could be eliminated upon completion of construction
- Major curriculum advantages



How significant is enrollment growth?

- Total of 259 new students enrolled in July, August, September of 2016
- Total of 189 new students enrolled in July, August, September of 2017
- There are 15 elementary classrooms with more than 25 students
- District enrollment is now 5,025 students
- Projected growth of 100 students per year for each of the next five years



Why place grade 5 students at the middle schools?

- Would “free up” elementary classroom space
- Would keep grade 5 students in neighborhood middle schools
- Not possible to expand all elementary schools
- Would avoid costly transportation



What are the projected demographic results?

- There will be 500 additional students in next five years
- Two demographers reviewed the Landmark at Radburn. This review includes a projection of 104 students from Landmark at Radburn (73 elementary / 21 middle school / 10 high school)
- Significant increase in births and “move-ins”
- Biggest factor is turnover in real estate sales and reputation of schools and municipal taxes



What unique features do many middle schools have in common?

- Use of House Structure in which students and teachers work together in small “houses”
- Use of team teaching
- Well-developed transition to middle schools
- Uniform services for ELL (English Language Learners) and Special Education Students



Thomas Jefferson Proposed Expansion

- 14 new classrooms
- Cafeteria upgrades
- Cafetorium
- Air-conditioned auditorium
- Elevator





TWO STORY ADDITION AT THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Memorial Proposed Expansion / Renovation

- 9 new classrooms
- Cafeteria upgrades
- New media center
- Air-conditioned auditorium
- Elevator





SECOND FLOOR ADDITION AT MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

High School

- Air-conditioned auditorium



Estimated Cost

- \$25 million dollars
- State aid = \$3.8 million
- Net local cost = \$21.2 million
- Average home assessed at \$327,486
- Estimated tax increase for an average home \$106 per year or \$9.00 per month



Property Tax Reimbursement

Homeowners 65 or older, or receiving Social Security disability benefits, and paid property taxes on the principle residence in New Jersey are eligible. The applicant must be a New Jersey resident for at least ten years and living in their current home for at least three years. The applicant must also meet income limits for both “base year” and the year applying. To apply, a PTR-1 form should be filed. For more information, call 1-800-323-4400.

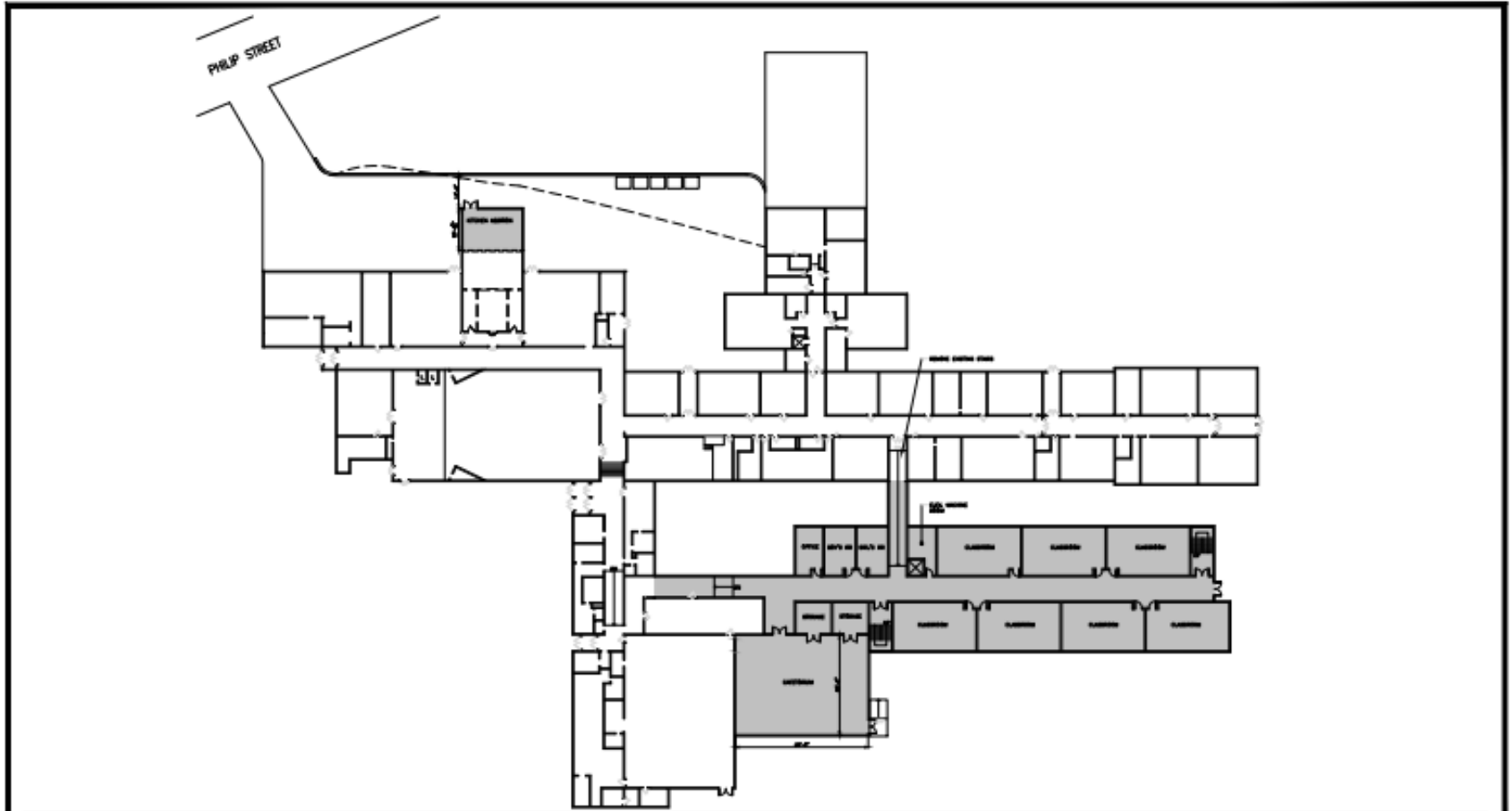


Fair Lawn Home Sales

	2014	2015	2016
# Houses Sold	302	308	402
Average Selling Price	\$371,328	\$389,652	\$407,404

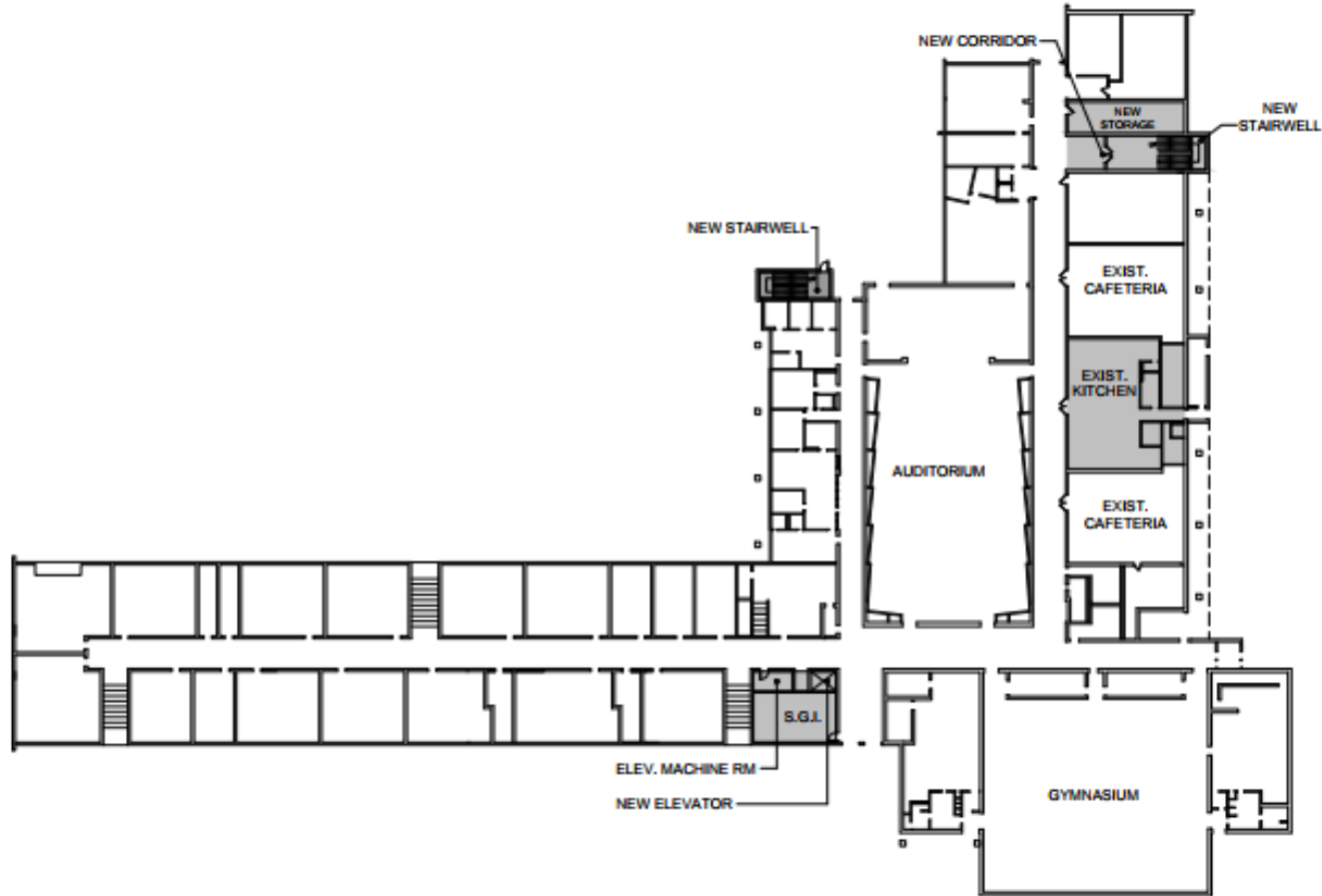


Thomas Jefferson Middle School Layout With Proposed Addition



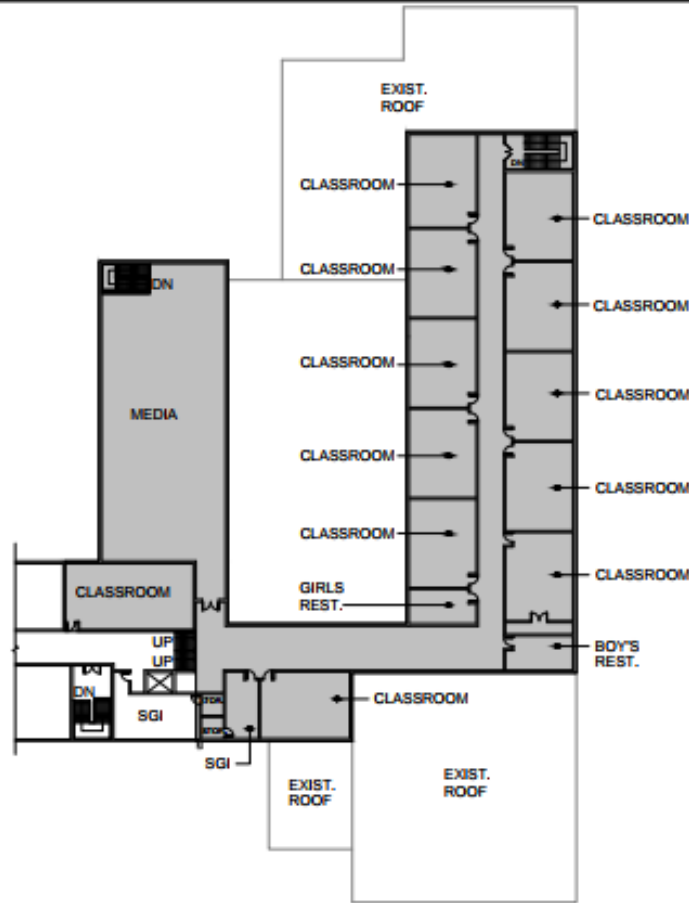
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Memorial Middle School 1st Floor Layout With Proposed Addition



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Memorial Middle School 2nd Floor Proposed Addition



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- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/FairLawnPublicSchoolDistrict>
- **You Tube:** <https://youtu.be/f64nQ4kKdAg>
- **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/FLreferendum>
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The Board Researched Edison School Options

Placement of Special Education Students at Other Schools?

- 57 students (as of October 15, 2017 has increased to 69)
- No room in any Fair Lawn school for 57 students or a portion of our Edison students
- If we sent our Edison students to out-of-district special education schools:
 - Tuition, transportation, and related services: \$ 5,134,750
 - Release of 30 current Fair Lawn staff: (\$ 1,972,793)
 - Net annual cost to taxpayers: \$ 3,161,957



Edison School Options

(continued)

- Major legal issues could result if parents refuse to move
- Potential violation of “stay put” provision of federal and state law

Conclusion:

- Placement of special education students at Edison School will save Fair Lawn taxpayers money
- Placement of special education students at Edison School is appropriate and educationally proper
- Sending Edison School students to out-of-district placements would be a financial disaster
- Keeping our students at Edison School is the right thing to do

