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Dear Rumson-Fair Haven Family:

Your Board of Education is proposing a \$12.59 million Bond Referendum to renovate, reconfigure, and relocate the learning spaces at Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School. We have done significant research on the educational needs of our students and the capabilities of our current infrastructure to support these needs. Our goal is a **tax-neutral proposal that seeks important educational improvements without contributing to a higher tax rate**. Tax neutrality is possible because RFH is a few months away from paying off a bond that funded previous projects. This creates a great opportunity to meet the current and future needs of our students in a fiscally responsible manner.

Plans call for projects designed to meet our students' educational needs for technology, career-prep collaboration, and science instruction. We are focused on efficiency in space and mobility, and on flexibility in classroom and computer use, so we can quickly adjust to future evolutions in classroom technology. Highlights include:

- ❖ Revamp science labs to improve class and lab set-up to support the instructional approaches of *Next Generation Science Standards*, including better student-access storage, ADA accessibility, and safety sightlines.
- ❖ Reimagine space for technological advances including multipurpose technology labs and specialized learning environments. All spaces will be centrally located and easily accessible.
- ❖ Renovate and reconfigure existing classrooms to meet the needs of innovative instruction techniques and create space that is better matched to RFH student needs.
- ❖ Reconfigure our Guidance Offices to allow students better access to staff and resources.
- ❖ Continue integration of security technology throughout the building and design all renovations to meet the latest safety standards.

We are on track for a **Bond Referendum vote on October 2, 2018**. There will be opportunities for residents to learn more through Board of Education meetings, building tours, and information housed at [www.rumsonfairhaven.org/vote](http://www.rumsonfairhaven.org/vote). The website will announce dates of presentations specifically about the proposal, and will include more details about the project as they become available.

As always, thank you for supporting RFH's Commitment to Excellence.

Rumson - Fair Haven Regional Board of Education

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*Our mission is to empower all of our students with the tools to find their passions and thrive as knowledgeable, confident, resilient, creative, and compassionate citizens of a global community.*