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Dear RCSD Parents and Guardians,

At the April 9, 2019, meeting, the Board of Education voted to bring a new capital bond referendum to the community. The vote will be held on Tuesday, June 11, from 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM in the Rye Middle School Gymnasium at 3 Parsons Street.

Over the past weeks, the Board has been reaching out to the community and listening to feedback and ideas. We deeply appreciate the many members of the community who completed our survey, emailed, called, and met with us to give input on the original capital bond proposal. After much thought and deliberation, we have decided to present several options to the community on June 11.

Here are the three propositions that will be presented to the community on June 11:

Proposition 1:

Approve capital bond to fund the following projects:

Projects by Category	Question 1
Secure vestibule entrances at all schools	\$2,319,279
New additions to replace trailers at Osborn/Midland	\$7,920,148
Library renovations at elementary schools	\$3,021,204
HS/MS library renovation	\$2,965,878
HS/MS atrium library addition	\$1,153,397
Elementary auditorium renovation at Midland/Osborn	\$1,615,220
HS/MS Performing Arts Center (PAC) AC	\$465,476
Site systems: drainage, blacktop, paving	\$890,358
HS/MS athletic field turf and track replacement, turf infill, tarp system	\$3,774,435
Midland field drainage	\$250,000
Exterior envelope (walls/brick facade/windows)	\$7,331,164
Interior renovations (to meet building, health, and safety codes)	\$4,759,594
Special Education Service Center (Milton)	\$716,639
HS third floor renovation	\$525,782
HS/MS Art, Design & Engineering Center phase I	\$4,604,305
HS/MS art classrooms - renovation to bring to code	\$965,419
HS classrooms - renovation to bring to code	\$891,156
MS Innovation Lab	\$1,289,948
Asbestos abatement	\$962,429
New elevator MS/HS (accessibility)	\$417,729
Electrical systems	\$2,820,550
Heating & ventilation systems	\$10,723,754
Selective AC	\$4,605,233
Classroom cabinet replacement in elementary schools	\$836,381
Plumbing	\$496,508
Bathroom renovations (accessibility)	\$4,530,630
Total	\$70,852,616

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Proposition 2 (can only be approved if Proposition 1 is successful):

Approve capital bond to fund additional projects as follows:

Projects by Category	Question 2: Only If Question 1 Passes
Elementary library instructional upgrades	\$735,204
HS/MS Performing Arts Center (PAC) renovation (all except AC)	\$2,505,044
RSL (Rye School of Leadership) instructional renovations	\$1,247,618
HS/MS Art, Design & Engineering Center phase II	\$2,027,380
HS Innovation Lab	\$1,246,504
HS/MS locker rooms and HS auxiliary gym AC	\$1,375,634
Total	\$9,137,384

Proposition 3:

*Establish a **Capital Reserve Fund** to create the ability for the District to dedicate surplus funds to address future facilities and infrastructure needs at no additional cost to taxpayers*

We heard your feedback and believe the revised bond proposal offers the community choices. We also heard that you want more detailed information about the projects in the proposal and the financing of the bond. We are committed to providing you with the information you need to make an informed decision. There will be additional public information sessions and school tours scheduled in the near future. Additionally, the School District website (www.ryeschools.org) will be updated with detailed information about the new capital bond proposal. Again, many thanks for your feedback and for your support of our schools and community.

Sincerely,

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