



VOTER INFORMATION

APRIL 4, 2023 REFERENDUM



JOLIET PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 86
420 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL 60435-6097

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FOCUSED ON DISTRICTWIDE IMPROVEMENTS

If approved, District 86's 2023 Referendum would fund:

- Safety and security upgrades
- Replacement of outdated roofing, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC systems
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements
- Technology infrastructure upgrades
- Energy efficiency enhancements
- Replacement of Gompers and Hufford Junior High Schools, both built in the 1950s, on their existing sites
- Addition to Jefferson Elementary School

NO DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE INCREASE.

- Voter approval of the 2023 Referendum would not result in a tax rate increase.
- The tax rate does not need to be increase because District 86 is paying off existing debt.

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TO OUR DISTRICT 86 COMMUNITY:

The Board of Inspectors of Joliet Public Schools District 86 has unanimously adopted a resolution to place a bond referendum on the April 4, 2023, election ballot.

District 86 seeks to protect and improve its 21 school buildings. The improvements would help address the District's highest priority facility needs to create safer, healthier, and more functional learning spaces, alleviate overcrowding at certain schools, and extend the useful life of existing facilities.

Because the District has debt expiring, the proposed improvements can be addressed without increasing the current tax rate.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about this plan and referendum. Please visit the District's website at www.joliet86.org or scan the QR code for further details.

Respectfully,

JOLIET PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 86

Erick Deshaun Dorris
Board of School Inspectors
President

Dr. Theresa R. Rouse
Superintendent of Schools



ON THE BALLOT:

District 86's bond referendum will appear on the April 4, 2023 Ballot as a question.

Shall the Board of School Inspectors of Joliet School District Number 86, Will County, Illinois, alter, repair and equip existing school buildings, including but not limited to improving safety and security, replacing roofs, plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems, renovating science labs, classrooms and other instructional spaces, installing certain Americans with Disabilities Act compliance measures and updating technology infrastructure; build and equip two school buildings to replace the Hufford Junior High School and Gompers Junior High School Buildings; build and equip an addition to the Jefferson Elementary School Building; improve sites; and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$99,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

NO DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE INCREASE.

Because District 86 has debt expiring, voter approval of the 2023 Referendum would not result in a tax rate increase.

VOTING INFORMATION

Election Day: April 4, 2023

Vote by Mail & Other Voter Information:

Visit www.willcountyclerk.gov for more information on voting by mail as well as voting locations, dates, times, and requirements.

Early Voting:

Will County Clerk's Office:
February 23 to April 3, 2023
Countywide:
March 20 to April 3, 2023

Grace Period Voting/Registration:

Will County Clerk's Office:
February 23 to April 4, 2023
Countywide: March 20 to April 4, 2023

For additional information regarding the 2023 Referendum go to www.joliet86.org.

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FAST FACTS

- The District's 21 schools are 11 to 111 years old, with the majority between 50 and 99 years old.
- Certain schools within the District face overcrowding and space-related challenges.
- It's been 20 years since voters approved funding for building improvements.
- The District has worked hard to maintain its facilities, but many critical repairs and building updates fall outside the scope of yearly maintenance and require additional funding.
- With debt expiring, the current tax rate does not need to be increased.

DISTRICTWIDE FACILITY UPGRADES WOULD BE ADDRESSED



TWO NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

- The referendum includes the construction of two new junior high schools on their existing sites.
- Hufford and Gompers Junior High Schools, both more than 60 years old, face many facility challenges. Given the extent of the needs, replacing the buildings is more cost-effective than restoration.
- The new schools would be built across from their current locations before the existing schools would be demolished, minimizing disruptions to classroom operation.
- The plan calls for “twin” junior high school buildings. One on the east side and one on the west side of District 86.



Conceptual Rendering of New Junior High School

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

There are many anticipated benefits of the proposed facility improvements:



Improving safety and security



Extending the useful life of existing facilities



Improving indoor air quality and comfort level



Enhancing instructional technology



Improving accessibility for students, staff, and visitors



Addressing overcrowding and improving educational outcomes



Enhancing energy efficiency



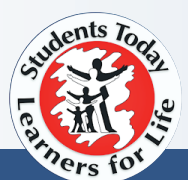
Attracting and retaining quality teachers



Protecting property values

ALL 21 DISTRICT 86 SCHOOLS WOULD BENEFIT.
NO DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE INCREASE.

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PROPOSED DISTRICTWIDE IMPROVEMENTS



	YEAR	1925	1937	1970	1964	1915	1911	1958	1956	1968	1955	1924	1956	1949	2003	1964	2011	1930	2003	1937	1920	1969
		Culbertson Elementary	Cunningham Elementary	Dirksen Junior High	Eisenhower Academy	Farragut Elementary	Forest Park Individual Education	Gompers Junior High	Hufford Junior High & I.E. Program	Jefferson Elementary	Keith Elementary	Marshall Elementary	Marycrest Early Childhood Center	Pershing Elementary	Sanchez Elementary	Sandburg Elementary	Singleton Elementary	Taft Elementary	Thigpen Elementary	Thompson Instructional Center	Washington Junior High & Academy	Woodland Elementary
ACCESSIBILITY/ADA ENHANCEMENTS																						
Doors & Hardware		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Restroom Renovations & Accessibility Improvements		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SAFETY & SECURITY UPGRADES																						
Access Controls		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Fire Alarms		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
PA/Intercoms		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
BUILDING ENVELOPE																						
Roofing Replacement/Repairs		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Window Repairs/Replacement		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
INDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS																						
HVAC		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lighting		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Flooring, Railings & Hardware		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Furniture & Storage		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE																						
Electrical		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Plumbing		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mechanical Systems		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Technology Infrastructure		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SITE IMPROVEMENTS																						
Parking Lots		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sidewalks/Masonry		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Playgrounds		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sports Fields/Track		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
UPDATED LEARNING SPACES																						
Add and/or Reconfigure Classrooms		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Add or Update Gymnasium		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Make Resource Center/Library Improvements		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Replacement of School on Same Site																						
New Building & Ballfields		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
PARTIAL ADDITIONS																						
Four Classrooms & Multipurpose Room		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

● Proposed Improvements to be Addressed by 2023 Referendum

● Work Already Completed