



**Press Release: Successful Referendum
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Voters Approve Freedom Area School District's April Referendum

Freedom, WI - Voters served by the Freedom Area School District approved the District's referendum question on the April 2, 2024 ballot. The "unofficial results" reported to the district for the question were 1910 Yes to 1225 No. The approved question allows the District to invest up to \$62,500,000 for district-wide facility improvements. "On behalf of the students, staff and Freedom Area School District Board of Education, I want to sincerely thank the community for their support of this project," said Dr. Jill Mussett, the Freedom Area School District Superintendent. "We are eager to continue our work with our design team in order to deliver a project that will support the students of the Freedom Area School District for years to come."

The approval of the referendum question will allow the district to invest up to \$62,500,000 to address facility needs primarily at the middle school/high school and address the space capacity at the elementary school building. The project will address the following district-wide facility improvements:

- Technical Education, Music Education & Cafeteria Addition
- Classroom & Lab Updates
- Building Systems & Infrastructure
- Move Fifth Grade to the Middle School

The successful referendum follows two years of community-led, future focused facility planning which included a review of the most recent facility study, a community survey, building tours and numerous community engagement sessions.

The Freedom Area School District Board of Education and administration would like to extend a sincere appreciation to the community for their support. Regardless of whether you supported this referendum or not, the district fully recognizes the responsibility associated with being responsible stewards of the \$62.5 million the taxpayers have entrusted in this project. This referendum will significantly impact the District's current and future programming for all of our students. The District would like to extend a special thank you to the many engaged community members who have taken the time to serve as strong advocates for all students throughout this process.

"My heartfelt gratitude goes out to the community for supporting the plan to improve facilities within the Freedom Area School District. Thank you for investing in our community and the education of our students." said Dr. Jill Mussett, Superintendent of the Freedom Area School District.

According to Mr. Tom Harke, School Board President, "The design of the approved referendum project will begin immediately. The preliminary schedule calls for the improvements to begin in the summer of 2025 with a targeted completion date of December 2026. We are excited to move to the next step in the design process."

The District will continue to update the community throughout the process. Please continue to frequent the District's website at www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us for progress updates.