



# UNITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY UNIT 9 REFERENDUM

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Unity For Our Community is a group of community volunteers committed to providing our students with outstanding educational environments for generations to come. On April 6, voters who reside in the Iroquois County CUSD 9, will have the chance to approve a \$17.125 million referendum that will address critical maintenance and flood planning needs for CUSD 9. If approved, the money generated by the referendum will be used to address moving all schools to a central location on the High School grounds out of the flood plain and bring our school improved 21st century learning classrooms.

### THE FACTS

- Current Unit 9 school buildings are anywhere from 55-85 years old and lack many necessities for 21st century learning.
- Currently 3 out of 4 school buildings are located in the 500 year floodplain.
- Unit 9 school buildings currently need approx. \$17 million of maintenance repairs to pass Health Life Safety inspections. Referendum or not, these repairs will need to take place and be funded.
- Instead of just repairing old buildings, the Unit 9 Board of Education is asking residents to help provide \$17.125 million through a referendum that would then be matched with a \$50 million state/federal grant. For only \$17 million the district can provide the community with a \$67 million state of the art campus. 17=67!

### STUDENT BENEFITS

- If the referendum passes, all students will be on one campus out of the 100 & 500 year floodplain.
- Buildings will provide 21st Century learning environments with either new or renovated classroom spaces.
- All lighting and electrical needs will be upgraded.
- New improvements with HVAC, windows and doors will be consistent to provide proper air flow within the facilities.
- Vestibules for entering will be safe and secure with upgraded safety measures such as camera systems, card or fob access points and secure systems for establishing the identity of visitors.
- Health and Life Safety concerns will be up to code requirements.

## AMAZING OPPORTUNITY

If the community provides 25% of the funding, state/federal grants will provide the remaining 75%!

25%  
We Fund



75%  
Grants Fund



100%  
Funded New Campus

**Tax Increase Yearly**

\$50,000 Home=\$39  
 \$100,000 Home=\$99  
 \$150,000 Home=\$159  
 \$200,000 Home=\$219



Scan the QR to see the farmland projected increase

## DID YOU KNOW . . .

- If the referendum does not pass, the district will still be left with \$17 million dollars of maintenance repairs to pass Health Life Safety inspections and school buildings that are in the flood plain.
- In order to fund these repairs, it is of high likelihood that the tax levy will be raised until such repairs are funded. Said repairs will not address floodplain issues.
- Would you rather see your tax dollars go towards repairs of our current aged buildings in the floodplain or toward the construction of a brand new state of the art building?

**No more Band-Aids!**

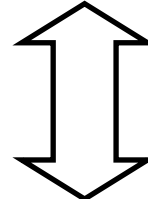
**Our kids deserve the best!**

**Vote YES!**

**The choice is yours!**



New building  
for  
generations  
to come



Pay to  
Band-Aid the  
old buildings in  
the floodplain

## RESTRUCTURING

If the referendum passes, the Unit 9 Office and Glenn Raymond school buildings will no longer be in use. New Construction and remodeling of the current high school structure will house grades K-12. Wanda Kendall will house the Unit 9 Office as well as Pre-K classes. Regardless of the results of the referendum, Nettie Davis will be closing at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

## WHO CAN VOTE?

- A United States Citizen and at least 18 years old on Election Day.
- A legal resident of Iroquois County CUSD 9 for at least 30 days preceding the election.

## Why should I vote when I don't have children in the school district?

School bonds provide a higher return on investment that will benefit the entire community, not only for students. Research shows that adults and seniors will benefit through a stronger local economy, a better skilled workforce, and quality property values. In the short term, school upgrades generate high quality jobs, help local businesses and grow our local tax base. When completed, school improvements lead directly to better student performance and as a result, to more valuable communities.

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