

# BOUND BROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

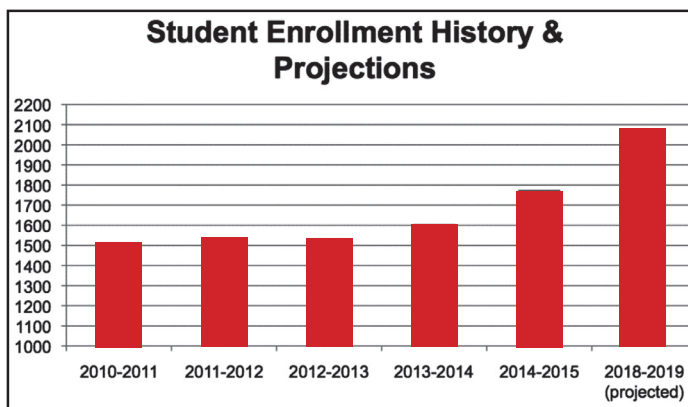
## TOP 10 REFERENDUM FACTS

1. The school buildings in Bound Brook range from 50 to over 100 years old.
2. Class sizes currently exceed the state recommendations and our town is still growing.

### Class size recommendations

Grade Level	State Guideline	Actual Class Size in Bound Brook
Kindergarten-Grade 1	21	25
Grade 2-5	23	25
Grade 6-8	24	27-28
Grade 9-12	24	24-25

3. Demographic studies and projections for the next five years show a steady increase of children entering the School District. In the last five years, there has been an increase of 250 children. A study indicates that the figure will almost double in the next five years.



4. There are two bond questions on the ballot:

**Bond Proposal #1:** Repair, renovate, and upgrade all the district's school buildings and purchase the LaMonte School Annex (formerly known as St. Mary's School), and the Community School (formerly known as St. Joseph's School).

**Bond Proposal #2:** Construct a Community Physical Education and Wellness Center by adding on to the current field house.

**Note:** *Bond Proposal #2 will only go into effect if Bond Proposal #1 is also approved by the voters.*

5. The Bound Brook community will have access and use of the proposed Community Physical Education and Wellness Center when not in use by the school. The Board anticipates conducting health and wellness programs and exercise classes for residents of all ages and abilities
6. The Board of Education separated the projects into two ballot questions in order to provide voters with a choice about the improvements. Of the two bond proposals, Bond Proposal #1 does not create any tax increase because it is replacing debt of the School District that is about to be paid in full. Whereas, Bond Proposal #2 will provide for a slight increase in taxes.
7. The State of New Jersey will pay 61.4% of the cost of Bond Proposal #1 but only if approved by the voters. The state has also agreed to pay almost 40% of the Community Physical Education and Athletic Center.

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8. Your taxes will not increase if Bond Proposal #1 is approved. The school district is paying off the previous bond. If approved, the new debt will replace the new bond with no additional tax increase to residents.
9. If the voters also approve Bond Proposal #2, taxes will increase approximately \$3.60 per month or about \$43 per year on an average assessed home in Bound Brook. The Community Physical Education and Wellness Center will be open to the entire community for health and wellness classes when it is not in use by the school.
10. The referendum vote is **Tuesday, September 30, 2014. Polls will be open from 2PM-9PM.** All registered voters may cast their ballots at their assigned polling places.

# Vote

## SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 REFERENDUM 2PM – 9PM

### WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?



**Attend Board of Education** meetings and/or presentations throughout the community. Board meetings are conducted at 6:30 p.m. on September 8 and September 22 at the Bound Brook High School Theater.



**Attend a special referendum open house.** District officials, architect and bond attorney will be available to answer residents' questions.

**Visit the district's Website at**  
<http://www.bbrook.k12.nj.us>.



**E-mail** [boundbrookreferendum@bbrook.org](mailto:boundbrookreferendum@bbrook.org)

**Watch for periodic updates or coverage in** the Star Ledger, Messenger-Gazette or the Courier News. Speak to members of the Board of Education about the plan details.

