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Dear Community Member:

In the event you have not been introduced to the upcoming referendum, the purpose of this letter is to share some information regarding the April 4 **no tax rate increase** bond referendum.

At the January 17, 2017 meeting, our Board of Education voted 7-0 to put a referendum question on the April 4, 2017 ballot to ask voters permission to approve the sale of bonds to make infrastructure repairs and improvements, and to build and equip an addition to West Chicago Community High School. As we are about to pay off old debt, this \$37.5M proposition will not result in a tax rate increase.

Prior to this vote, the Board of Education had conducted phone and internet surveys, and held two community forums to gather input from parents and residents of the communities we serve. The survey addressed three (3) key areas: replacement of mechanical systems, renovation of existing spaces, and increased instructional opportunities and space. Here is a snapshot of the results:

| Survey Questions | Total Agree |
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| Supporting the West Chicago High School District is the best thing we can do to protect our property values | 79.2% |
| The High School District made a good decision to use existing resources to fund renovations which included the new science area | 83.9% |
| It's important to keep our school buildings up-to-date and in good condition to protect the community's investment in those facilities | 94.5% |
| Offering more dual credit courses so students can get a head start on college | 91.8% |

| Survey Questions | Total Priority |
|---|----------------|
| Replacing roof, window, lighting, and plumbing systems where needed | 86.7% |
| Renovate the 1926 and 1955 additions to meet current and future needs | 68.0% |
| Repair and replace athletic facilities both indoors and outdoors when it is no longer safe to use | 74.4% |
| Making security improvements that insure student and staff safety | 76.5% |
| Making energy efficient upgrades to the High School reducing operational expenses | 75.7% |

Should the community vote in favor of this referendum, all of these items will be addressed **without a tax rate increase.**

What can you do? It is important that you become fully aware of the issues surrounding this bond issue. View the additional factual information, including how the funds will be allocated, on our website at www.d94.org/referendum. Please vote on April 4, 2017.

Sincerely,

Douglas P. Domeracki, Ed.D.

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