



# Building For Our District's Future

## Carlisle Community School District Bond Referendum

### What?

To meet the growing needs of our students, the Carlisle Board of Education is calling for a special election for the sale of up to \$17 million in general obligation bonds to be held on April 3, 2018. This would cover the costs of the district's Phase II Projects. Projects include: construction of a new district indoor activities center, relocation and renovation of the high school art and industrial art classrooms, energy efficiency upgrades at the elementary school, district-wide upgrades for security and technology, and classroom furniture to meet the needs of our 21st learners.

Bond referendum vote requires a 60 percent super-majority (plus one) "YES" vote to pass. If approved, construction on the district indoor activities center would begin in the fall of 2018 with completion of all projects by the fall of 2021.

### Why?

Since 2006 the district has grown by over 500 students in total enrollment serving 2,250 students this school year. As a direct result of the growth of the district and the city of Carlisle, the district needs to expand and improve facilities to support growing school and community programs.

Current facilities cannot support district-wide events such as high school graduation nor does the current gymnasium meet state criteria to host post-season regional level events. District-wide upgrades necessary to restructure and equip our classrooms for 21st century learners. Energy efficiency upgrades are also needed to provide better learning environments and reduce district energy costs.

### Impact on School Tax Levy?

If voters approve the referendum, the passage will have a neutral impact on the school tax levy. The current tax levy already includes the \$4.05 Debt Service levy amount previously approved by district patrons. One of the district promises to the community is to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars. Over the past eight years the school board has reduced the school tax levy by a total of \$3.11. The school tax levy is only a portion of your total property tax bill. The table displays the history of the school tax levy.

SCHOOL TAX LEVY HISTORY	
YEAR	School Tax Levy Rate
2010-11	20.9749
2011-12	20.6505
2012-13	18.5776
2013-14	17.9124
2014-15	17.9121
2015-16	17.9110
2016-17	17.9108
2017-18	17.8550
2018-19*	17.8550

### Timeline

Ideally, construction will begin on the relocation and renovation of the high school art and industrial arts classrooms this summer. The district indoor activities center would start early fall of 2018 with completion for fall of 2019. District-wide upgrades and energy efficiency improvements to the elementary would begin in early 2020 with completion in the summer of 2021.

### What Can You Do?

Encourage others to learn more about the Phase II Projects and to vote. If you have questions, please contact Superintendent Bryce Amos at [bryce.amos@carlislecsd.org](mailto:bryce.amos@carlislecsd.org) or call 515-989-3589.

# PHASE II PROJECTS

## DISTRICT-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS

- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENERGY EFFICIENCIES**
- **CLASSROOM FURNITURE UPGRADES K-12 TO SUPPORT OUR 21ST CENTURY LEARNERS**
- **BUILDING SECURITY UPGRADES**
- **DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES**
- **RELOCATION & RENOVATION OF HIGH SCHOOL ART AND INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLASSROOMS**
- **FUTURE CLASSROOM SPACE**

## CARLISLE INDOOR ACTIVITIES CENTER

- **63,000 SQUARE FEET**
- **1800 SEAT CAPACITY**
- **TOURNAMENT SIZE FACILITY**
- **NEW WRESTLING FACILITY**
- **NEW FITNESS CENTER**
- **INDOOR WALKING/RUNNING TRACK**
- **BOOSTER CLUB STORE**