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**REFERENDUM 2024**

**VOTE YES**  
**March 9, 2024**

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# Proud To Be SSD...



6,067 STUDENTS ENROLLED



8 SCHOOLS



1,112 INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS



1:13 STUDENT TO TEACHER  
RATIO



138 YEARS AS A DISTRICT



675 EDUCATIONAL STAFF





# Proud To Be SSD...



EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL  
\$15,275



18 AP SCHOLARS  
5 HONORS SCHOLARS  
6 DISTINCTION SCHOLARS



STUDENTS TRANSPORTED  
TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY:  
4,440



94% OF SENIORS  
GRADUATED IN 2022



77% OF STUDENTS  
ENROLLED IN HIGHER  
EDUCATION



4% OF SENIORS  
ENLISTED IN THE  
MILITARY IN 2022



# People and Programs

- Addition of 2 safety specialists and 1 constable
- Addition of 4 social workers in one intermediate and all secondary schools
- Mental Health supports with Social Emotional Learning programs for our students
- Expansion of the district's ELL programs
- Implementation of an instructional 1:1 program
- Addition of district bus drivers and buses to address driver shortages
- New outdoor resources for students:
  - Outdoor Classrooms
  - Adaptive playground (Smyrna Elementary)
  - New paved playground area (JBM Intermediate)





# Buildings and Safety

- Major capital project at NSE
  - New mechanical systems
  - Ballistic rated vestibule
- Chiller rebuild at the Central Plant to effectively cool SHS and SMS facilities
- Lighting upgrades that have yielded nearly \$30,000 in energy rebates
- Bottle filling stations installed and located in all 8 schools
- Resurfacing of athletic areas at multiple locations throughout the District
- Enhance safety features with access controls and updated cameras, doors and locks throughout the District
- Currently upgrading components of the HVAC system in Smyrna High School







**Ensuring  
Future  
Success...**

Equitable  
Instructional  
Program for Each  
Child Taught and  
Supported by a  
High-Quality  
Educator

Safe and Secure  
Schools for Each  
Person

Strong Connection  
to Family and  
Community

Excellent Customer  
Service

Fiscal  
Stewardship





# Growth Plan

In 2021, the community supported and approved the following projects:

- Land Purchase +/- 15 acres across from Sunnyside Elementary
- Construction of a New Elementary School
- Clayton Intermediate Addition and Renovations
- North Smyrna Elementary Addition and Renovations





# Future Grade Alignment

Grade	School
Pre-K – 3	North Smyrna Elementary
K – 3	Clayton Elementary
K – 3	Sunnyside Elementary
K – 3	Smyrna Elementary
4 – 5	New Intermediate School
4 – 5	JBM Intermediate
6 – 8	Clayton Middle School
6 – 8	Smyrna Middle School
9 – 12	Smyrna High School





# Original Estimate of Approved Projects

	State Share (77%)	Local Share (23%)	Total
Land Purchase	\$693,000	\$207,000	\$900,000
New Elementary School	\$22,155,500	\$6,617,800	\$28,773,300
CIS Addition	\$19,730,900	\$5,893,600	\$25,624,500
NSE Addition	\$27,420,100	\$8,190,400	\$35,610,500
Total	\$69,999,500	\$20,908,800	\$90,908,300



# Inflation Impact

	State Share (77%)	Local Share (23%)	Total
Land Purchase	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Elementary School	\$14,988,514	\$4,477,088	\$19,465,602
CIS Addition	\$9,654,018	\$2,883,668	\$12,537,686
NSE Addition	\$4,212,218	\$1,258,195	\$5,470,413
Total	\$28,854,750	\$8,618,951	\$37,473,701

Revised on January 22, 2024





# Revised Estimate of Approved Projects

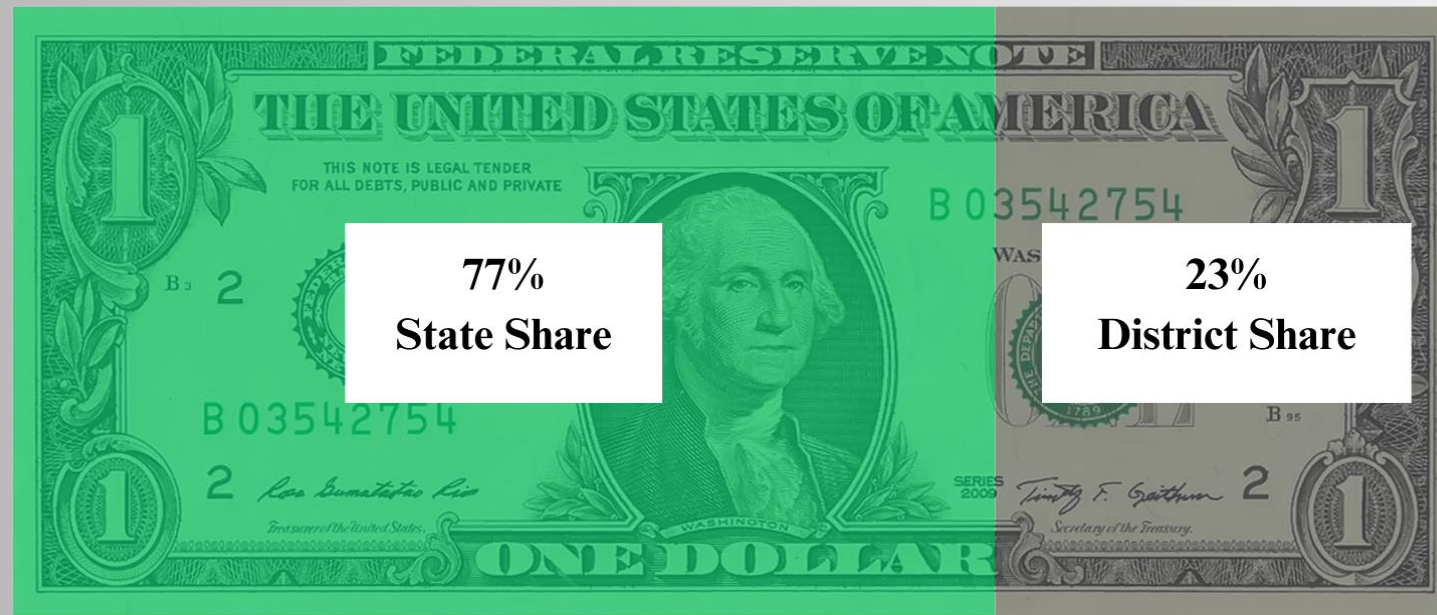
	State Share (77%)	Local Share (23%)	Total
Land Purchase	\$693,000	\$207,000	\$900,000
New Elementary School	\$37,144,014	\$11,094,888	\$48,238,902
CIS Addition	\$29,384,918	\$8,777,268	\$38,162,186
NSE Addition	\$31,632,318	\$9,448,595	\$41,080,913
Total	\$98,854,250	\$29,527,751	\$128,382,001

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# Question #1: Market Pressure Funding

State Market Pressure Funding	
Original Cost of Approved Projects	\$90,908,300
Revised Cost of Approved Projects	\$128,382,001
Inflation Impact	\$37,473,701



**\$28,854,750**

**\$8,618,951**

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# Market Pressure Impact

Year	Impact	Inc/Dec	Year	Impact	Inc/Dec	Year	Impact	Inc/Dec
FY 2025	\$35.80		FY 2032	\$30.23	(\$0.79)	FY 2039	\$24.66	(\$0.80)
FY 2026	\$35.00	(\$0.80)	FY 2033	\$29.43	(\$0.80)	FY 2040	\$23.87	(\$0.79)
FY 2027	\$34.21	(\$0.79)	FY 2034	\$28.64	(\$0.79)	FY 2041	\$23.07	(\$0.80)
FY 2028	\$33.41	(\$0.80)	FY 2035	\$27.84	(\$0.80)	FY 2042	\$22.27	(\$0.80)
FY 2029	\$32.62	(\$0.79)	FY 2036	\$27.05	(\$0.79)	FY 2043	\$21.48	(\$0.79)
FY 2030	\$31.82	(\$0.80)	FY 2037	\$26.25	(\$0.80)	FY 2044	\$20.68	(\$0.80)
FY 2031	\$31.02	(\$0.80)	FY 2038	\$25.46	(\$0.79)			

For property with a district average \$200,000 market value  
Assumes bond sale at a 4.0% interest rate



# Operating Expenses

- Recruit and hire constables for every school building
- Deliver mental health supports in every school building
- Maintain competitive salaries
- Enhance student instructional technology materials
- Provide extracurricular activities for the new middle school







# Question #2: Current Expense Referendum

\$5,510,000 Annually

Year	Impact
FY 2025+	\$242.98

\*For property with a district average  
\$200,000 market value





# Questions

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