

Berkeley Heights Public Schools

Community Survey

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Dear Berkeley Heights Public Schools Community,

In March, the District sent out a Community Survey in order to obtain information that will help shape the direction of a potential upcoming referendum.

Thank you to everyone who participated, your feedback is invaluable, and we appreciate the time and thoughtfulness you put into your responses. Based on the insights and questions we received, the District is publishing a follow-up survey to provide clarification and gather additional input that will help shape the direction of our schools and facilities for years to come.

We understand that many respondents requested budget information for the proposed projects. At this early stage, detailed budgets have not yet been developed, as the number and scope of projects are still being evaluated. Our current focus is to gauge community support for the potential initiatives to inform the developing and sharing of specific financial details. It is important to note that with existing debt set to expire, the Board and Administration are committed to structuring a referendum that would result in **ZERO tax increase** to the community.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to complete this updated, abbreviated survey. Every response plays a critical role in ensuring we make informed decisions that reflect the priorities and values of our community.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement!

1. How long have you lived in the District? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Less than 5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ 11-20 years
- ☐ Greater than 20 years

2. Do you have any children who currently attend the Berkeley Heights Public Schools, have graduated, attend private school or are home schooled? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Currently attend or will be attending Berkeley Heights Public Schools
- ☐ Berkeley Heights Public Schools graduate
- ☐ Currently attend or will be attending private/home school
- ☐ Private / home school graduate
- ☐ No children

3. Given the involvement of our faculty and student body, please provide if you are one. *

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- ☐ I am a student who currently attends the Berkeley Heights Public Schools
- ☐ I currently work for the Berkeley Heights School Public Schools
- ☐ I am neither a student nor an employee of the Berkeley Heights Public Schools

4. What is your age? *

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- ☐ Younger than 19 years old
- ☐ 19-25 years old
- ☐ 26-35 years old
- ☐ 36-45 years old
- ☐ 46-55 years old
- ☐ 56-65 years old
- ☐ Older than 65 years old

5. To enhance the overall safety and emergency preparedness of the school facilities, * the District is proposing to install **upgraded PA/Communications and upgraded Security Camera Systems** that would improve the existing conditions and provide more coverage and protection at the Elementary, Middle and High Schools. Would you support a referendum that included this project?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

6. In an effort to create more adaptive and forward-thinking Media/Technology * Centers for our Elementary, Middle, and High Schools, the District is proposing renovations and upgrades that will modernize existing spaces, improve technology infrastructure, and enhance energy efficiency. These improvements will transform current facilities into dynamic instructional environments and collaborative areas where students can engage with today's tools and resources, better preparing them for the future. Would you support a referendum that included this project?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

7. In order to modernize layouts and support today's advanced curriculum * requirements the District is proposing general renovations to existing Science Classrooms (Biology, Physics, and Chemistry). By Renovating these spaces, the District will be able to provide more flexible, efficient, and collaborative learning environments that better align with current teaching methods, safety standards, and hands-on lab activities. Would you support a referendum that included this project?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. As part of our ongoing commitment to providing students with innovative and future-ready learning opportunities, the District is proposing renovations to existing TV Production, Broadcasting, Robotics, and S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) spaces. These renovations would allow us to equip spaces with the necessary infrastructure, technology, and flexible learning environments to meet the needs of these dynamic programs and prepare our students for emerging career paths. Would you support a referendum that included this project? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

9. In order improve and create safer, brighter, and more welcoming spaces for our students and staff, the District is looking to update ceilings, flooring, and lighting in classrooms and other learning spaces at the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. This includes safely removing old asbestos flooring and adding brighter, more energy-efficient lighting. Would you support a referendum that included this project? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining safe, clean, and modern facilities, the District is proposing upgrades and renovations to general toilet rooms across the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. Many of these facilities are original to the buildings, showing signs of age, wear, and outdated materials that do not meet today's standards for hygiene, accessibility, and durability. Renovating these spaces will enhance student and staff comfort, improve sanitation, and ensure compliance with current building and ADA codes. Would you support a referendum that included this project? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

11. In order to address long-standing maintenance concerns, improve functionality, and modernize critical facilities, the District is proposing to renovate the existing Locker Rooms and Team Rooms at the High School. The proposed renovations would create more efficient layouts, provide proper storage for athletic equipment, update outdated toilet and shower facilities, and establish a dedicated Trainer's Room to better serve student-athletes. These upgrades will support the health, safety, and success of our students. Would you support a referendum that included this project? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

12. The District is proposing critical roofing system replacement projects at the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. Many sections of these roofs are beyond their useful life, resulting in leaks, increased maintenance costs, and the potential for further building deterioration if not addressed. By replacing these roofing systems, we can protect the learning environment for our students and staff for years to come. Would you support a referendum that included this project? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

13. As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining safe, accessible, and efficient school facilities, the District is proposing critical site improvement projects across the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. These projects include milling and paving to address deteriorated surfaces, improve site layouts, and correct drainage issues that currently impact daily operations and safety. In addition, replacement of aging fencing will enhance site security and functionality. Would you support a referendum that included this project? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

15. The District is always mindful of budgets and cost. As such, for the Referendum being discussed, we are considering a **Net Neutral or ZERO TAX IMPACT**, Referendum. Would you be likely to support a Referendum to address the needs of the District if there were no additional tax impact to the Community? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Most likely
☐ Possibly
☐ Not at all

16. Please explain and provide any specifics to the above question that would help us understand your rationale.

17. Given the number of projects needed in the District, how likely would you be to support a Referendum second question that would address additional needs that fall above the Net Neutral or ZERO TAX amount and result in an **ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT** to the Community? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Most likely
☐ Possibly
☐ Not at all

18. Please explain and provide any specifics to the above question that would help us understand your rationale.

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