

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing to remind the citizens of North Brunswick to please cast a vote on the district's referendum question that will be on the election ballot on December 13.

Due to the significant increase in the township population since our most recent school was built in 1973, schools' facilities are overcrowded and costly temporary space solutions such as trailers and additional leased facilities are insufficient.

An approved referendum will allow the North Brunswick Township schools to receive state aid to help fund a new building and renovate Linwood Middle School. This additional funding from the state is unique to the 2016 Referendum vote and will lessen the burden on local taxpayers.

If the referendum is approved, our district will receive \$8.9 million in state aid, reducing the local taxpayer share to \$68.4 million, or a \$19 per month tax increase, based on an average home valued at \$314,000.

Should the referendum not pass the schools will continue to be overcrowded, costly temporary space solutions will continue to be used, and the township will be unable to utilize state aid, causing future capital improvements to most likely be funded 100% by the taxpayers.

This is an opportunity for the North Brunswick Township residents to increase their property values by improving our schools and building a stronger community. Now is the time to prepare for the town's future growth and improve the learning environment for our students. Stronger schools means stronger property values, and a stronger community.

Please vote on December 13. Learn more at SupportNBTkids.com

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