

Dear Fremont Public Schools Community,

On November 11, the Fremont Board of Education approved a resolution to place a question on the ballot that, if approved, would renew the district's sinking fund. That question will be on the May 2025 ballot.

The proposed sinking fund renewal would allow the district to make critical improvements and upgrades to our campus facilities, such as renovations to aging buildings, technology upgrades, and, potentially, new construction or building replacement projects.

This fall, FPS contracted renowned architectural engineering firm Kingscott Associates to conduct a site assessment to identify areas of greatest need. In the new year, they will share their recommendations and design mockups of proposed new construction facilities.

Capital improvements were highlighted as one of the highest priorities in our district's Strategic Plan, and renewing the sinking fund was identified by the Michigan Association of School Boards as a means of addressing those needs.

It's important to note that if renewed, this sinking fund initiative would not raise millage rates above 2024 levels. Instead, it would maintain the existing rate, to allow the district to continue working on growth in a steady, sustainable way.

As we approach this ballot initiative, we are committed to transparency and providing ongoing communication about this plan and process. You can expect regular updates via our website, social media pages, and Packer Post newsletter. We will also be hosting community events, informational forums, and Coffee Chats to discuss the renewal proposal in detail.

We encourage everyone in our community to reach out with questions, attend events, and learn more about these efforts.

Thank you for your time and continued interest in our schools.

Sincerely,

Brad Reyburn