

## Downers Grove D-99 readies for community facilities forums

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**DOWNERS GROVE** – Community High School District 99 will ask for help developing its master facility plan with a pair of community meetings in April, weeks after a pair of referenda in nearby districts saw mixed to little success.

The process was originally started in October 2013, according to the district's D99 Building Futures facilities page, as a way to update and transform the district's more than one million square feet of space to account for new technology and educational understandings.

The next December, the district invited the community to provide input at feedback sessions for items at both Downers Grove North and South high schools, adjusting the building improvement concepts to include said input as well as adjust price tags, last updated Oct. 3, 2016.

"With the input of our Board of Education, staff and community, we have identified areas for improvement and modernization at both schools, and now need the community's help to shape the next phase of our plans,"

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district Superintendent Hank Thiele said in a statement.

The community meetings will come on the heels of a pair of April 4 referenda from Glen Ellyn District 41 and Community Unit School District 200 in Wheaton. The former asked for \$24.2 million to fund additions and improvements to five of its schools and passed by such a narrow margin the DuPage County Election Commission announced it would be tabulating the total through April 18. In Wheaton, voters rejected a \$132.5 million referendum by nearly 1,500 votes.

District 99's community meetings will include information about the concept plans, presentations and a questions section. The meetings will be at 7 p.m. April 19 at Downers Grove North and at 7 p.m. April 20 at Downers Grove South. To register and for information, visit [csd99.org/d99buildingfutures](http://csd99.org/d99buildingfutures).