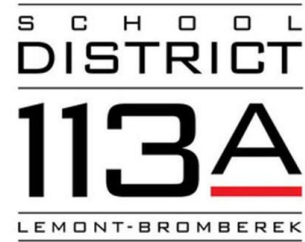


District 113A Board to Consider Referendum Question for April Ballot



LEMONT, IL — The Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113A Board of Education will discuss placing a referendum question for the community’s consideration on the April 6, 2021, ballot at a special meeting on January 6, 2021.

In November, a referendum question to address many of District 113A’s most pressing needs fell just short of passing at 53% No to 47% Yes. Now, the board is considering the placement of a new question on the ballot for the upcoming spring election.

The new referendum being considered by the board would meet the same goals as the question in November. A successful passage in April would allow the district to reopen Central School for the 2022-23 school year, reduce class sizes across all grade levels and add critical and competitive programs, such as full day kindergarten.

Due to debt being paid off for prior capital projects, a successful referendum would not lead to an overall tax increase in the District 113A portion of tax bills.

“While we were encouraged by the nearly 7,000 community members who supported our proposed solutions, the November referendum did not quite receive enough votes to pass,” said Damon Ascolani, Board President. “Over the past month, district leaders and the board have been evaluating various options for moving forward. The district is running out of usable space and our pressing issue of large class sizes is not going to go away. We believe we must act quickly to address these needs and ensure students continue to have access to an exceptional educational experience in our schools. When schools are successful, the entire community benefits.”

The district’s primary needs are tied to the recent growth in the Lemont-Bromberek community over the past several years, leading to overcrowding and space challenges that increase with enrollment each year. The District’s class sizes are already well above the state average. Considering the amount of developable land in the community, growth will likely continue over the next decade. In addition, District 113A would like to offer programming, such as full day kindergarten, which would make our district more competitive and desirable for new families.

The Board of Education will discuss the issue at a special meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

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