

# FAQ: What happens if the referendum does not pass?



- **Halsted will have to be maintained.** The Board does not believe this is a cost effective solution, especially given that the State has authorized the closing of the building. Eventually, it will need to be replaced.
- **The school district does not have the money to fix Halsted.** Renovations and maintenance would need to be added to the operating budget by raising taxes and/or reducing student programs.
- **The site has limitations which cannot be corrected.** Old infrastructure, limited parking, traffic issues, and lack of green fields and community spaces will continue to be problems.
- **A future referendum will likely be more costly.** Bond rates are at historic lows, construction costs tend to rise, and the State has approved funds to subsidize the project now. These conditions are not guaranteed in the coming years.

Merriam Avenue School Expansion Referendum  
Tuesday, September 26, 2017 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

*Polling Locations*

First Methodist United Church, 111 Ryerson Ave  
Municipal Building, 39 Trinity St

First Aid & Rescue Squad, 68 Sussex St  
Firehouse #1, 22 Mill St

***PLEASE VOTE ! Your voice needs to be heard.***