



# BOND ISSUE VOTE – February 4, 2020

LEVERAGING STATE MERGER BUILDING AID

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION – JANUARY 29, 2020

5:30 PM in the auditorium at the Jr/Sr High School

6:00 PM in the cafeteria at the Elementary School

# Prior Bond Issue – December 13, 2016

- 2016 Referendum Approved Amount = \$24,016,000.00
- State Merger Aid Share = 98%
- Capital Reserve Share = 2%
- Local Tax Impact = 0

# What Got Done?

- Additions
  - Elementary School Auditorium
  - Elementary School Cafeteria Expansion
  - New Agriculture Classroom
  - New Career & Technology Classroom
- Safety/Security Upgrades
  - Surveillance Cameras
  - Main Lobby Entrances
  - High School Generator

At Maximum Cost Allowance for merger aid of 98% and local tax impact of 0.

# What Got Done?

- Alterations/Renovations
  - Jr/Sr High School Science Classrooms/Labs
  - Elementary Library
  - Guidance Suite
  - Nursing Office
  - High School Fitness Center
  - District Offices Relocated
  - Various Classrooms Updated
  - Roofing
  - Elementary Boilers Replaced
  - Site Work

# New and Next Bond Issue – February 4, 2020

- Bond Issue February 4, 2020 (\$9,416,000)
- State Merger Aid Share (98%)
- Capital Reserve (2%)
- Local Tax Impact (0)

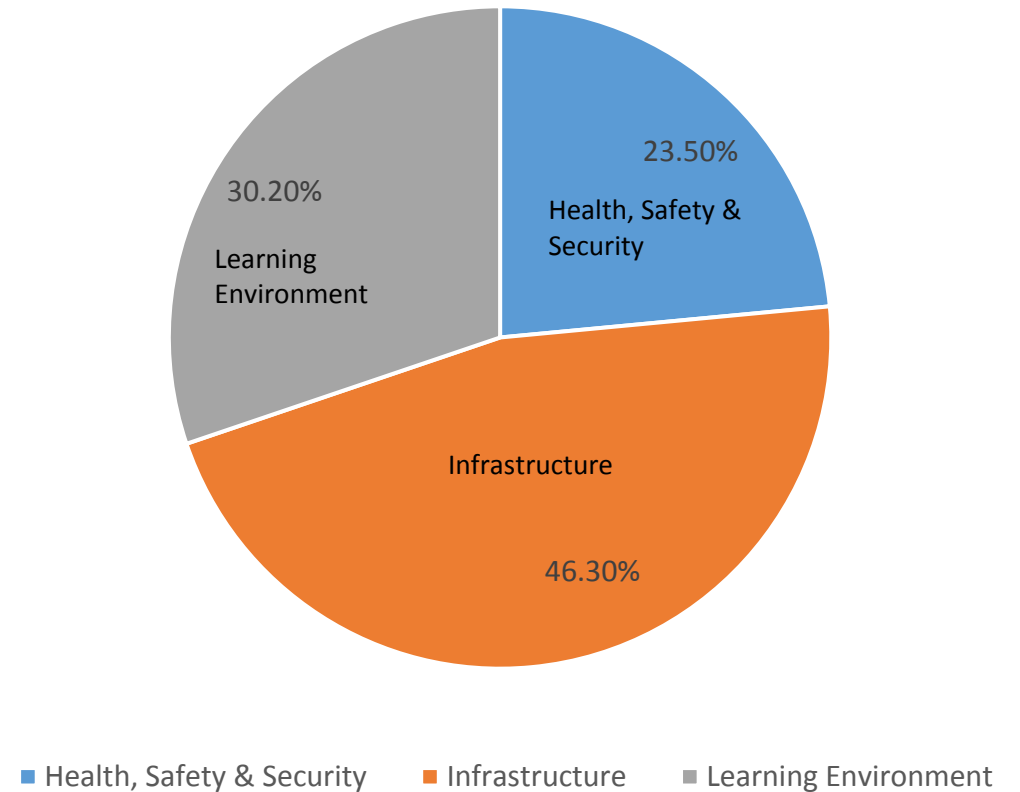
# New and Next Bond Issue – February 4, 2020

- State replenished maximum cost allowance for merger aid of 98%
- 98% merger aid ends after this capital project.
- Final project under merger financing for construction.
- Must complete financing according to State merger aid timeline, which expires in 2023.

# What Will Get Done

- 3 Major Categories Will Be Addressed
  1. Health, Safety and Security
  2. Improved Learning Environments
  3. Updating Infrastructure

Categories of Construction



# Health, Safety and Security

- Upgrades to Pre-existing Fire Alarms
- PA System at High School
- Classroom & Entrance Door Replacements
- Upgrade Drinking Water System at the Elementary School
- Replace Roof Vents and Blowers
- Bus Lifts
- Parking Lot Lights



# Improved Learning Environments

- Replace Exterior Windows
- Enhanced Energy Efficient Lighting
- Replace Ceiling Tiles
- Upgrade Interior/Exterior Finishes
- Replace Gym Sound System at Elementary School

# Updating Infrastructure

- Roofing
- Boilers at High School
- Internal Water and Sewer Lines
- Site Work – Repaving, Parking, Bus Garage Floors,
- Instructional Technology Operations

# Why a 2<sup>nd</sup> Bond Issue?

- Costs not allowed with 98% reimbursement in 1<sup>st</sup> Bond Issue due to State Maximum Cost Allowance
- State merger aid of 98% will end on future construction
- Take advantage of state merger aid while it is available to OESJ
- No tax impact with merger aid availability.
- Address building needs during final merger timeline
- Last chance for 98% state reimbursement

# February 4, 2020 – Bond Issue, If Approved

- Planned construction to start - Spring 2021
- Planned construction completion - 2023
- End of merger construction aid – 2023

# BE SURE TO VOTE!

- When: February 4, 2020
- Time: 12:00 PM through 8:00 PM
- Where:
  - For Registered Voters of St. Johnsville – vote in the auditorium at the Jr/Sr High School
  - For Registered Voters of Oppenheim-Ephratah– vote in the gymnasium at the Elementary School.

Absentee Ballots are Due : February 4, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

