The Francis Howell School District Board of Education has voted unanimously to place Proposition S on the April 7, 2020, ballot. Proposition S is a $244 million bond issue that will not increase the current tax rate. Voter approval of Proposition S would allow the District to borrow money now and in the future to address pressing facility needs at all FHSD schools. Over the past two years, FHSD has worked proactively with the District’s architectural firm and a diverse group of stakeholders to develop a Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan (CFMP). This plan identified both the current state of the District’s facilities as well as future needs. Learn more at www.fhdschools.org.

**The Plan**

- Improvements and safety updates at all FHSD schools
- Construction of a new Francis Howell North High School
- Major updates and renovation at the older schools in FHSD

**The Need**

FHSD is at a critical juncture in terms of facilities. The District has 29 separate facilities, which includes over 2.7 million square feet of building space under roof. The average building in the District is 30 years old, and the oldest is now more than 50 years old. Many of FHSD’s buildings were constructed in the late 1990s, and their systems, like HVAC, plumbing, and electrical, are reaching the end of their useful life.

**The Proposition**

Proposition S would pay for the construction, repair, and renovation costs outlined in the CFMP. The bond issue would NOT raise the tax rate, and funds from a bond issue CANNOT pay for salaries, benefits, supplies, utilities, or other operating costs. Voter approval of Proposition S would allow the District to do the work necessary to adequately meet the learning needs of our students today and in the future.

**Did You Know...**

- 2ND: FHSD has the second lowest tax rate in St. Charles County
- 2008: FHSD’s last voter approved bond issue was in 2008
- 57%: Proposition S will require 57% voter approval to pass