

THE CAPITAL REQUEST

Colonial schools are, on average, 60 years old....It's Time.

We want every aspect of Colonial Nation to be a source of pride once again.

It's time to restore, update and improve facilities in Colonial.

THE STATE AGREES IT'S TIME AND WILL PROVIDE 60% OF THE FUNDING (\$73.2 MILLION)

• We must provide the remaining 40% (\$48.8 million) to secure the State's investment •

IF THE REFERENDUM DOES NOT PASS, THE STATE FUNDING WILL BE MOVED TO OTHER STATE PROJECTS OUTSIDE OF COLONIAL.



ROOFING

Repairing and restoring aging roofs

- McCullough Middle
- Pleasantville Elementary
- Southern Elementary
- Wilmington Manor Elementary
- William Penn High



PARKING & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Improving and enhancing parking lots and road ways including car rider lanes.

• All CSD Schools



BUILDING SECURITY

Secure entrances & enhancements

• All CSD Schools



SITE DRAINAGE & GRADING

Improving drainage & preventing erosion including repair of roof gutters & drainage piping.

• All CSD Schools



ADA SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Providing ADA compliant equipment/surfaces, parking & accessibility.

• All CSD Schools



PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

Repairing, sealing and leveling sidewalks as well as resetting of brick walkway pavers as needed.

• All CSD Schools



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Upgrading playground equipment and grounds

- Carrie Downie Elementary
- Castle Hills Elementary
- Eisenberg Elementary
- Kathleen Wilbur Elementary
- New Castle Elementary
- Pleasantville Elementary
- Southern Elementary School
- Wilmington Manor Elementary



ATHLETIC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Upgrading running/walking tracks, playing fields at secondary schools & addition of new multisport athletic complex at William Penn.

- George Read Middle
- Gunning Bedford Middle
- McCullough Middle
- William Penn High

February 29, 2024 from 7 am - 8 pm

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THE OPERATING REQUEST

Its Time. 2024 Colonia Referendum It's been 7 years since our last operating referendum.... It's Time.

We have stretched the last referendum timeline from 4 years to 7 years through strategic fiscal management & the help of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) relief funds.

 WE HAVE SHOWN CONSISTENT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE LAST 7 YEARS Outside of key investments made in response to the needs of our students and community, discretionary budget growth has been 4.95% since the last referendum - less than 1% annually (FY 2018 to FY 2023)



\$26.7 MILLION SECURED IN OUTSIDE FUNDING

Since the last referendum, we have also secured grants and other funds to support Colonial initiatives. **This made more** programs and supports available with no added cost to Colonial residents.

WHAT WE NEED

- 25¢ in 2025
- 10¢ in 2026
 - 5¢ in 2027

PER \$100 OF ASSESSED HOME VALUE

Additional operating revenue will be utilized to maintain investments in:



RECRUITING AND RETAINING TOP-NOTCH STAFF BY PROVIDING COMPETITIVE SALARY AND BENEFITS



INNOVATIVE **ACADEMIC** PROGRAMS LIKE CTE PATHWAYS AND **DUAL ENROLLMENT/** AP COURSES



MAINTAINING **CSD FACILITIES**



SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY



CLUBS, SPORTS, **EXTENDED LEARNING** AND SUMMER PROGRAMS



STUDENT DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

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