



## ON THE BALLOT

District 204's bond referendum will appear on the ballot as the following question:

Shall the Board of Education of Indian Prairie Community Unit School District Number 204, DuPage and Will Counties, Illinois, alter, repair and equip existing school buildings, including constructing security improvements, including installing secure entryways, access controls and intrusion detection, replacing roofing, mechanical, plumbing, and HVAC systems, updating classrooms, science labs and libraries/media centers, enhancing energy efficiency, and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$420,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?



# 2024 BOND REFERENDUM VOTER INFORMATION

## SAFER, STRONGER 204 WITHOUT A TAX RATE INCREASE

### TO OUR DISTRICT 204 COMMUNITY

The Indian Prairie School District 204 Board of Education has unanimously adopted a resolution to place a bond referendum on the November 5, 2024 ballot.

The bond referendum is timed to coincide with expiring long-term debt so that high-priority facility improvements can be made **WITHOUT** a tax rate increase.

Bond proceeds would address improvements to IPSD's 33 school buildings, including:

- Improving safety and security
- Addressing aging infrastructure needs
- Enhancing building efficiency
- Providing quality learning environments across the District

The sooner these essential improvements are made, the lower the cost given construction inflation.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the bond referendum. Please visit: [www.ipSD.org/SaferStronger204](http://www.ipSD.org/SaferStronger204) for further details.

Respectfully,

Laurie Donahue  
Board President

Dr. Adrian B. Talley  
Superintendent

### WITHOUT A TAX RATE INCREASE

- The District will be able to issue \$420 million of bonds without a tax rate increase. This is possible since the District will pay off outstanding debt.
- The size of the tax rate that is expiring soon is the same size as the tax rate associated with the new referendum. One cancels out the other, which is how the improvements can be done without a tax rate increase.



The proposed improvements would benefit 33 schools and more than 25,000 students.



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Proceeds from the 2024 Bond Referendum would address the following capital facility needs:

- **Districtwide security upgrades**, including the addition of secure entry vestibules, access controls, intrusion detection, and surveillance equipment.
- **Renovation of schools to provide quality learning spaces districtwide**, including the comprehensive renovation of Waubonsie Valley High School, Hill Middle School, and Gregory Middle School; reconfiguring Neuqua Valley High School to reintegrate freshmen; and expanding elementary school instructional space on the north side of the District.
- **Districtwide infrastructure improvements** tied to air quality, building systems, roofing, health/life safety, site upgrades, and energy efficiency.
- **Operational efficiency improvements**, including repurposing the Birkett Freshman Center and decommissioning the underutilized Wheatland and Indian Plains buildings.

## FAST FACTS

- Essential improvements can be made without a tax rate increase.
- All schools in the District would benefit.
- IPSD's 33 school buildings are 15-57 years old, and half were built around 35 years ago.
- Districtwide safety and security upgrades would be addressed first.
- Three schools are in worse condition than the rest and would get comprehensive updates.
- Savings generated by certain referendum projects could provide funds to help reduce class sizes and address mental health service needs.
- No new schools would be built and none would close.
- Waiting would increase the cost by at least \$16.8 million a year due to construction inflation.
- It's been 18 years since voters approved funding for school improvements.
- If approved, the District would provide updates and oversight of all referendum projects on its website and via community and board meetings.

## VOTING INFORMATION & KEY DATES

### ELECTION DAY:

Tuesday, November 5

### DUPAGE COUNTY ELECTION DAY VOTING

**Local Precinct:** 6 am to 7 pm

### VOTE BY MAIL

**Application Deadline:** October 31

**Ballots Sent:** Starting September 26

**Return Ballots:** Postmark by Election Day or Return to County Clerk's Office by 7 pm on Election Day

### EARLY VOTING

Visit [dupagecounty.gov](https://dupagecounty.gov) for more information.

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