

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**RESOLUTION 2016-66**

**In Support of  
North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education  
Referendum Question on November 2016 Ballot**

WHEREAS the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, is a municipality within the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District, and students in this municipality attend school in the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District in grades 9 through 12;

WHEREAS the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education has approved a referendum question to be placed on the general election ballot on November 8, 2016, seeking voter approval for the sale of bonds for projects at North Hunterdon and Voorhees High Schools to maintain safe school facilities and improve students' learning environment;

WHEREAS the projects to be funded upon voter approval include the following, all of which have been reviewed and approved by the New Jersey Department of Education:

- Replacement of most windows at North Hunterdon High School
- Replacement of all windows at Voorhees High School
- Renovations of the library/technology center at North Hunterdon High School
- Renovations of the library/technology center at Voorhees High School
- Upgrades to HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) system at North Hunterdon High School
- Replacement of the stadium visitor bleachers with ADA upgrades at Voorhees High School
- Replacement of stadium visitor/band bleachers and tennis court bleachers at North Hunterdon High School
- ADA accessibility to home stadium bleachers at Voorhees High School
- Renovation of the athletic field house at North Hunterdon High School

WHEREAS the proposed projects would benefit all students of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District, including students residing in the Township of Franklin; and

WHEREAS the total estimated cost of the proposed projects is not to exceed \$9,743,000; and if the referendum is approved, the State of New Jersey will provide \$2,888,800 in debt service aid, reducing the cost of the projects to be borne by local taxpayers to \$6,854,200; and such state aid will be granted only if the referendum receives voter approval;

WHEREAS, simultaneous with the issuance of bonds for the projects, the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District will retire its existing debt on previous projects, which existing debt required a larger annual debt service payment than the proposed projects; and therefore the proposed projects will result in NO ADDITIONAL TAXES for local taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin finds that the projects listed above at North Hunterdon and Voorhees High Schools would benefit all students in the regional high school district, including students residing in the Township of Franklin, and would result in no additional taxes for local taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin hereby expresses its support for the referendum question to be placed on the general election ballot, seeking voter approval for the sale of bonds for projects at North Hunterdon and Voorhees High Schools, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee urges voters to vote YES on the referendum question on November 8, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Board Secretary of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education, and a copy shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting of the Township Committee and published on the website of the Township of Franklin

Moved by DAROCHA, seconded by BLEW, and so ordered on the following vote:

All in favor: DAROCHA, FANIA, BLEW, SOLOWAY

Opposed: ⊖

Absent: REPMANN

Abstentions: ⊖

Date: 10-13-16

Ursula V. Stryker  
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Municipal Clerk