



RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT
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RGSD Voters Approve \$15 Million, No-Tax Increase Bond Issue

Voters in the Riverview Gardens School District approved Prop R on Nov. 3 with a 59.39 percent majority. The \$15 million, no-tax increase bond issue will provide funds to improve school buildings in the areas of health and safety, security and classroom upgrades.

According to the unofficial results from St. Louis County Board of Election, Prop R received 1,423 “yes” votes (59.39 percent) and 973 “no” votes (40.61 percent). The bond issue needed a 57.14 percent majority for passage. Voter approval of the bond issue will allow the district to apply for federal stimulus money.

“We are grateful for the support from our community and look forward to being good stewards with the proceeds from the \$15 million bond issue to address critical needs in our aging school buildings,” said Co-Superintendent Rhonda Key.

Each of the district’s 12 schools and Central Office will benefit from bond issue projects. Projects include: improving restrooms, meeting ADA requirements, replacing outdated electrical panels and dangerous outdoor walkways, improving security camera systems and securing the perimeter of some campuses. Bond issue funds also will allow the district to replace asbestos flooring, improve lighting, replace some HVAC systems and paint classrooms.

The Riverview Gardens School Board voted unanimously in August to put the measure on the Nov. 3 ballot after a facilities study identified and prioritized needs throughout the district.

“It will be exciting for our students, our staff and our community to begin seeing the improvements take place over the next year,” said School Board President Tommie Pierson.

Co-Superintendent Natalie Thomas said the partnership with staff members, parents, community leaders and volunteers continues to play an important part in the district’s future.

“The partnership between our schools and community is vital as we continue to work toward regaining accreditation and revitalizing our neighborhoods,” said Thomas.

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