



SPECIAL VOTER GUIDE

Joint Bond Referendum
 Vote Tuesday, March 7, 2017
 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
 All Elementary Schools

A Message from Your School District and Public Library

Dear Community Residents,

For the first time in East Meadow's history, residents will have an opportunity to vote on a joint bond referendum on Tuesday, March 7 that will renovate and improve our schools and our public library.

As taxpayers, we are all stakeholders in our community. As one community, it is important to ensure that our schools and our library provide essential services to our children and taxpayers in East Meadow now and into the future.

Our schools are more than 60 years old and, while regularly maintained, are in need of major repairs and renovations too costly to include in the district's annual budget.

Our public library, which has not undertaken a major facilities renovation in more than 30 years, also

requires repairs and upgrades. This voter guide contains information about the proposed scope of work as well as the financial impact to taxpayers.

With an approved bond, the average annual cost to taxpayers would be \$57.53, which is less than 16¢ per day. A bond is the most cost-efficient way to fund the necessary repairs and improvements, which will serve our schools and library for the next generation.

Your participation in this referendum is very important. Please vote on Tuesday, March 7 at your local elementary school.

Sincerely,

East Meadow Schools East Meadow Public Library
 Board of Education Board of Trustees

What This Bond Means to Our Community

The proposed bond would support major renovations to our schools, improve energy efficiency, support science initiatives, and restore natural grass athletic fields for school and community use.

Average Annual Cost to the Taxpayer = \$57.53 per year (less than 16¢ per day)

The proposed bond would fund major repairs and upgrades to our public library to support additional programs and services, improve energy efficiency and security systems, and increase opportunities for students and patrons.

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For less than 16¢ per day for the average taxpayer, our schools will be well-equipped to support our rigorous curriculum and athletic program, and our library will continue to be a vital source of services for our students and our community into the 21st century.

Scope of Work Included in the Bond



Replacement of leaking and inefficient roofs is included in the proposed work.



Fields worn from overuse will be replaced with multiuse natural grass fields at East Meadow High School and W.T. Clarke High School.



The REACH Room at W.T. Clarke High School, which is used to support special education life skills instruction, will be renovated.



The proposed bond will support science initiatives districtwide.

East Meadow School District – Scope of Work

- Replace roofs districtwide as needed.
- Install more energy-efficient, digitally controlled air handling and ventilation equipment districtwide as needed.
- Upgrade heat generating systems districtwide as needed.
- Upgrade HVAC to address capacity issues due to increased technology, air conditioning and safety projects.
- Replace playground at Meadowbrook.
- Install air conditioning in lunchrooms and all-purpose rooms districtwide.
- Support science initiatives districtwide.
- Install pilot solar program with lobby display boards at EMHS and Clarke HS.
- Install water filtering fountains/ bottle filling stations districtwide.
- Renovate REACH Room (special education life skills room) at Clarke HS.
- Renovate music rooms at EMHS and Clarke HS.
- Install energy-efficient walk-in refrigerator units at EMHS and Clarke HS.
- Install new multisport natural grass field, new track with curbs and drainage, new bleachers, bathrooms with concession stand/ storage and replace six tennis courts at Clarke HS.
- Install new multisport natural grass field for field hockey, football and lacrosse, new natural grass soccer field, new natural grass softball field, renovate natural grass practice field for field hockey, football and soccer, track renovation, renovate concession stand/storage and replace eight tennis courts at EMHS.
- Install new multisport natural grass field at Woodland for field hockey, football, lacrosse and soccer.



Rendering of East Meadow Public Library proposed reading courtyard.



Rendering of East Meadow Public Library transformed entry and new addition.



East Meadow Public Library proposed floor plans.

East Meadow Public Library – Scope of Work

- Add new 250 tiered seating community room on east side of library.
- Add an outdoor reading garden.
- Create an entry plaza, with outdoor seating.
- Create additional quiet study and group study rooms in both Adult and Children's areas.
- Expand Children's Room, adding study rooms and a family restroom.
- Renovate large group conference room and create Makerspace multipurpose room on the lower level.
- Regrade and reconfigure parking lot to address flooding problem in the southeast corner, and to dissuade people from avoiding the traffic light.
- Improve energy efficiency with LED fixtures, window replacement, HVAC units and buildingwide management controls.
- Replace 30-year-old oil tank with energy-efficient gas-fired boilers.
- Install new Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant elevator.
- Increase the electrical service into the building.
- Update the burglary and fire alarm systems.
- Abate hazardous material: removing asbestos floor tile, pipe insulation.
- Ensure that spacing around shelving units is ADA compliant.

Smart Financing Benefits Taxpayers

Total Cost of the Proposed Bond

School District Portion	\$44,244,720
Public Library Portion	\$14,603,806

TOTAL \$58,848,526

Average Annual Cost to the Taxpayer \$57.53 Per Year (Less Than 16¢ Per Day)

Funding the Work

- The district and public library will take advantage of their strong credit rating and current interest rates.
- The district will be retiring previous bond debt. By funding the work through a bond instead of the district's annual budget, this will benefit our taxpayers. The library has no current bond debt.
- Additionally, the district is eligible to receive an estimated 58 percent state reimbursement for the cost of most or all of the school projects. This obviously benefits the same taxpayers, who pay both the school and library tax.

