# MLSD Referendum 2017 -- Coffee Chats

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#### MLSD Referendum 2017: Building the Schools Our Students Deserve

Community Partners

Dear Community Members,

Board of Education

We are currently in the process of evaluating our long-term facility needs with a focus on curricular enhancements for technology-rich classrooms and improved arts facilities. The proposed referendum project also includes the creation of a state of the art field house, improvements in school security and creation of revenue generating programs. It is our hope that this study will result in a successful referendum to improve and expand our facilities. Our anticipated date for a public vote on the referendum is April 2017.

Please use this website to learn more about the project we are considering, follow the work of our Steering Committee, and find ways that you can become involved in our work. I appreciate hearing any feedback that you may have on any aspect of the project. In fact, please consider joining me for a small group discussion on our proposed referendum. All meetings will be limited to 6 participants and will be held in the Board of Education Office at 400 Boulevard. I will provide a 20 minute broad overview of the project and reserve 40 minutes for your specific questions. Click here to access the e-vite to schedule your time.

## What is the Referendum Process?

#### **Engagement**

Educators, BOE, and Administrators meet with architects about a vision for our students

#### Collaboration

Steering committees are formed and input is sought to improve architect's first draft

#### Communication

With a final proposal completed, committees educate voters on the costs and benefits of referendum

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### **MLSD Referendum Timeline**

#### **Winter 2016**

Architects present drafts based on meetings with educators

#### October 2016

Final plans with costs sent to NJDOE to determine state funding

2015-2016 School Year

2016 - 2017 School Year

#### Spring 2016

Engage with community by forming committees and sharing perspectives

#### **Summer 2016**

Survey community and have committees send the architects final revisions

#### **April 2017**

Community members vote on referendum

## **Neighborhood Chat Agenda**

It is much appreciated for those who can take the time to learn about the referendum and share their perspective to help drive our plan. Of course, much thanks to the hosts for their hospitality!

- School Administrators & BOE Members describe the process & timeline while sharing the vision for the referendum
- Community members share their thoughts and suggestions





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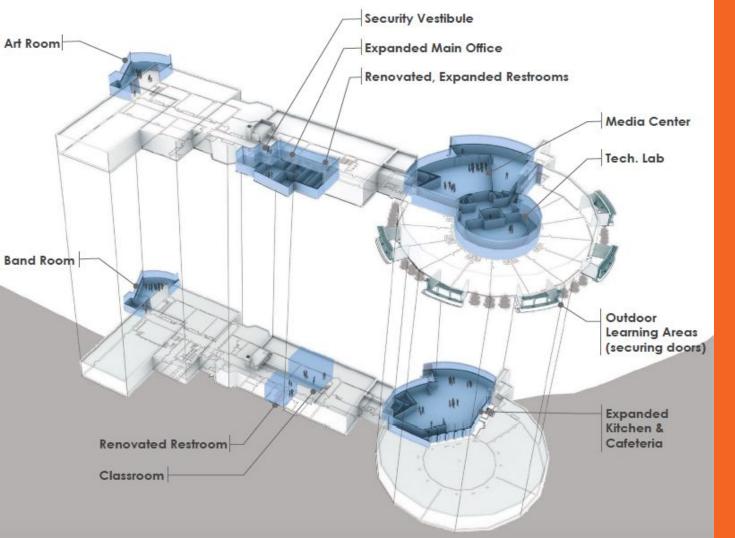
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Room 332...

9 periods,5 teachers,4 subjects



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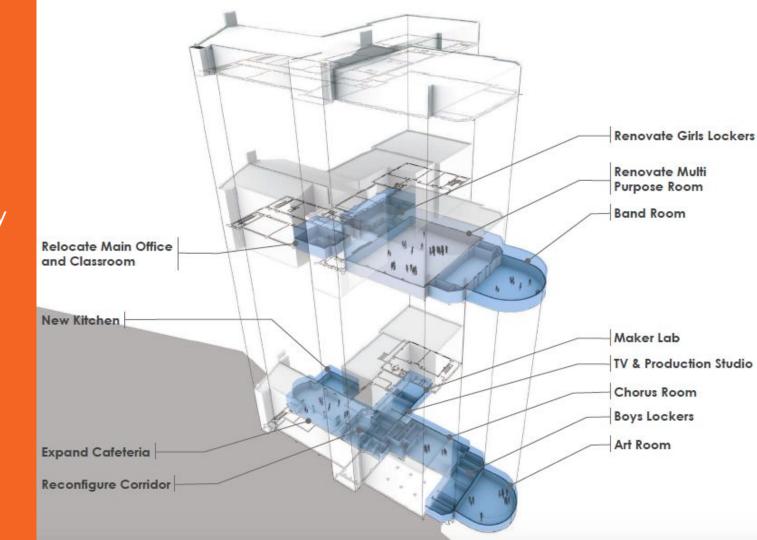
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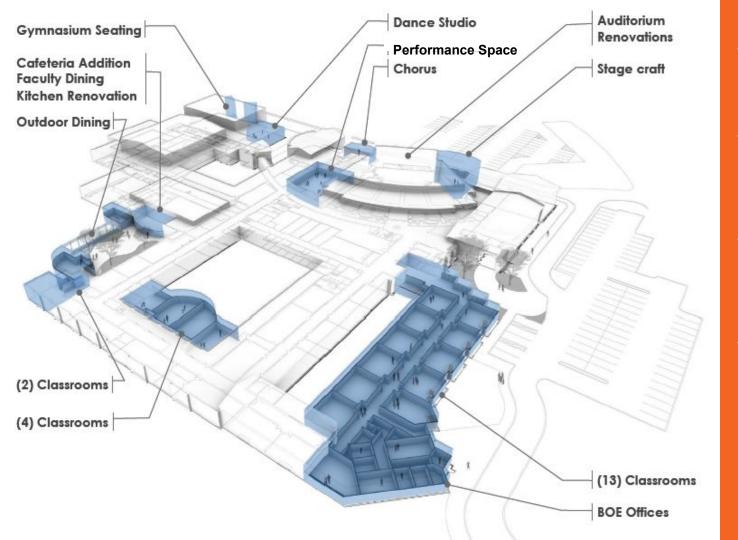
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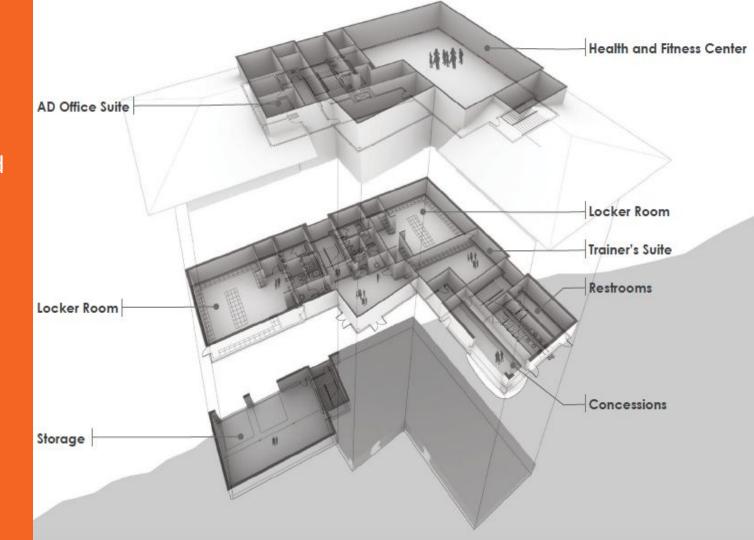
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Why bring the BOE Offices here?

How will it be more secure?

Why do we need a field house?

What changes are needed to build the field house?



## **Opportunity for Community Input....**

Let us know what you think even before the district-wide surveys are sent out

