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As the 2016-17 school year is underway in Marlboro Township, we are reminded of the urgent need for improvements to infrastructure.

Unfortunately the district cannot accomplish these improvements in the regular operating budget due to the 2% budget cap on the local tax levy. Given this restraint, it is very difficult to fit projects of this magnitude in and annual operating budget without compromising the excellent academic program that our students deserve.

The board of education annually approves a building and grounds budget that includes maintenance and capital projects to be completed that year. An approved Long Range Facility Plan is updated periodically as well.

Although the school district maintains our buildings diligently, the projects included are long term improvements. **Therefore, a necessary referendum has been planned so the board of education may proceed with voter approval.**

The needed projects would bring district school buildings up to current standards for efficiency, safety, and comfort in the most economical manner.

Fortunately, the State of New Jersey still offers significant debt service aid that will minimize the costs of the proposed upgrades to taxpayers. The proposed referendum considered the most cost-effective approach by taking advantage of low interest rates, retiring debt, and state debt service aid.

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Thank you for your continued support of our school district. Please remember to vote on November 8.

Sincerely,  
The Marlboro Township Board of Education