

**CAESAR RODNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT
REFERENDUM ELECTION
OCTOBER 17, 2015**

AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE BONDS

The Caesar Rodney School District is seeking authorization to issue bonds in the amount of \$27,805,700 for Major Capital Improvements. The bonds are to be financed through an increase in property taxes.

The bonds represent 32% of the total cost of \$86,892,700 for construction, additions and renovations, which include:

- Renovation and addition to Caesar Rodney High School to include a separate ninth grade academy
- Addition to McIlvaine Early Childhood Center
- Construction of a new elementary school due to capacity issues and growth
- Major repairs and mandatory compliance upgrades at all schools

VOTE FOR ONE (1)	
FOR issuance of bonds and additional tax to fund current operating expenses	<input type="radio"/>
AGAINST issuance of bonds and additional tax to fund current operating expenses	<input type="radio"/>

AUTHORITY TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAX TO FUND CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES

To support these projects and ongoing district operations, the Caesar Rodney School District is also seeking to increase the current expense rate each year over the next five years as follows:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
0.33	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.41

Per \$100 of assessed property value

This increase is to provide funding for programs such as, but not limited to, the following:

- Support our school security and student safety initiatives
- Maintain our elementary and middle school Immersion program
- Maintain our 9th grade Academy and Success Academy
- Maintain student programs and services that have been affected by the loss of state and federal funds
- Provide up- to- date technology for greater STEM opportunities
- Maintain our band, arts, chorus, music, performing arts and athletic programs at both Middle and High School level.
- Support for curriculum and professional development
- Support the increased costs related to school operations