

# MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Update on Community Investment/Bond Proposal**

For almost a year, the Montclair Public Schools District has been working to present a community investment/bond proposal for voter approval at the Annual School District election on November 8, the same time as the General Election. This proposal is designed to address very significant school facility needs regarding health and safety, code requirements and educational adequacy. We are awaiting notice from the NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) as to how much of the proposal will be deemed eligible for state school facilities aid. We have met all timelines for requests of information and have asked the NJDOE to provide their response by August 26. Once we have their decision on aid, we will prepare the question as it will appear on the ballot and have it approved at the September 7 Board of Education meeting. Provided we have the NJDOE's response by the end of next week, we will be on schedule for the bond proposal to be on the ballot in November.