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The Smyrna School District Board of Education would like to take the opportunity to provide some further clarification on a question that has repeatedly been asked concerning our upcoming referendum. Why are we still going for a referendum if the Town of Smyrna doubled the town tax? The Town of Smyrna and the Smyrna School District are two entirely separate entities. We do not share financial resources. We generate and collect our tax revenue separately, and the increase in taxes by one does not provide a financial benefit to the other. The increase in tax rate by the Town of Smyrna is for their budgetary needs and has no connection to past, current, or future referendum of the Smyrna School District.

The Board is happy to announce that we are moving forward with an impact fee study for future growth within the boundaries of our school district. We are also looking forward to working with the Town of Smyrna and the Town of Clayton to implement the recommendations for this study, once completed. Hopefully this process will reduce the district's financial requests of our current taxpayers in the future. We are thankful that the leadership in both towns are willing to work with us on impact fees moving forward.

We would also like to remind everyone that there is a final town hall, referendum presentation, on June 4th in Clayton Intermediate School at 6pm. We encourage you to come out and have your questions answered or have a conversation with members of District leadership. If you are unable to attend in person, we will have links available on our website and Facebook to join virtually and submit questions. If these options don't work for you, please reach out to us via email SmyrnaComms@smyrna.k12.de.us so we can provide you with the information you need to make an informed decision on June 6th.

The students would not have the opportunities that they do without the backing of a strong community. Every one of you is a stakeholder in the education of students in the Smyrna School District. Thank you for all you have done and all you continue to do in helping us provide the best future possible for each and every student.

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