



**2025**

# **Operational Referendum**

*Your vote. Their future!*

***Vote For!***

**March 15, 2025**

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# CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE & PROGRESS

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North Smyrna Elementary is on schedule to be completed in Fall 2026.

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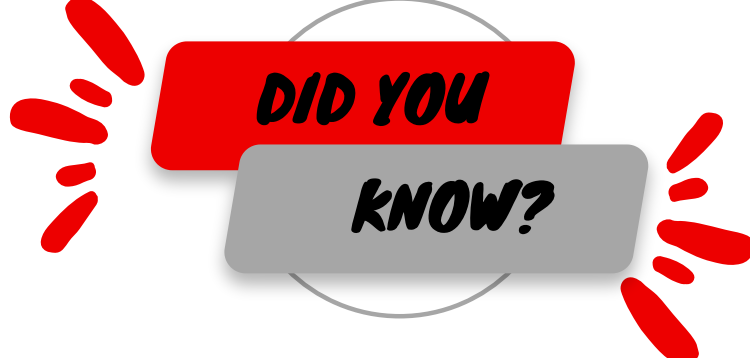


Clayton Intermediate is on schedule to be completed in Fall 2026.

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The New Intermediate School is on schedule to be completed in Fall 2027.



# TYPES OF REFERENDUM FUNDING

## CAPITAL

## OPERATING

**PURPOSE**

**Funds new construction, renovations, and major facility improvements**

**Supports the daily functions of the school district, ensuring schools run effectively**

**PURPOSE**

**WHAT IT PAYS FOR**

**New school buildings, additions, roof repairs, HVAC systems, and major structural upgrades**

**Teacher & staff salaries, safety officers, tech, classroom materials, & extracurricular programs**

**WHAT IT PAYS FOR**

**FREQUENCY**

**Typically occurs less often, only when large-scale projects are needed**

**Needed more regularly as costs rise due to inflation & district growth**

**FREQUENCY**

**IMPACT ON SCHOOLS**

**Expands or improves physical spaces to accommodate growth and maintain safe facilities**

**Helps retain and attract staff, maintain programs, and keep technology up to date**

**IMPACT ON SCHOOLS**

**KEY LIMITATIONS**

**Does not fund day-to-day operations, staffing, or classroom resources**

**Does not fund new buildings or major renovations**

**KEY LIMITATIONS**



# WHAT ARE WE ASKING FOR?

## \$5.4 MILLION

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### AVERAGE TAX OF \$277/YEARLY

BASED ON A HOME IN KENT/NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
ASSESSED AT \$300,000/70,500 \*AS OF JULY 1, 2024\*

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## \$23

THIS WOULD AMOUNT TO ABOUT **\$23** A MONTH ON A HOME  
WITH AN ASSESSED VALUE OF \$300,000 (KENT) & \$70,5000  
(NEW CASTLE) \*AS OF JULY 1, 2024

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**THIS FUNDING WILL HELP ENSURE SMYRNA SCHOOLS  
CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION  
FOR ALL STUDENTS.**



# TAX CHART

## KENT & NEW CASTLE COUNTY

| Kent County                   | New Castle County                     |                     |                      |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Assessed Value = Market Value | Current Assessed Value (Market Value) | Yearly Tax Increase | Monthly Tax Increase |
| \$100,000                     | \$23,500(\$100,000)                   | \$92                | \$8                  |
| \$200,000                     | \$47,000(\$200,000)                   | \$185               | \$15                 |
| \$300,000                     | \$70,500(\$300,000)                   | \$277               | \$23                 |
| \$400,000                     | \$94,000(\$400,000)                   | \$370               | \$31                 |
| \$500,000                     | \$117,500(\$500,000)                  | \$462               | \$39                 |

As of July 1st, 2024

# What will the money support?



## **Staffing**

Staff compensation to retain and recruit the best educators for our students



## **School Safety**

With House Bill 32 failing to make it out of committee, the responsibility to protect our schools remains on us.



## **New Middle School**

Support programming and extracurricular activities for our new middle school



## **Technology**

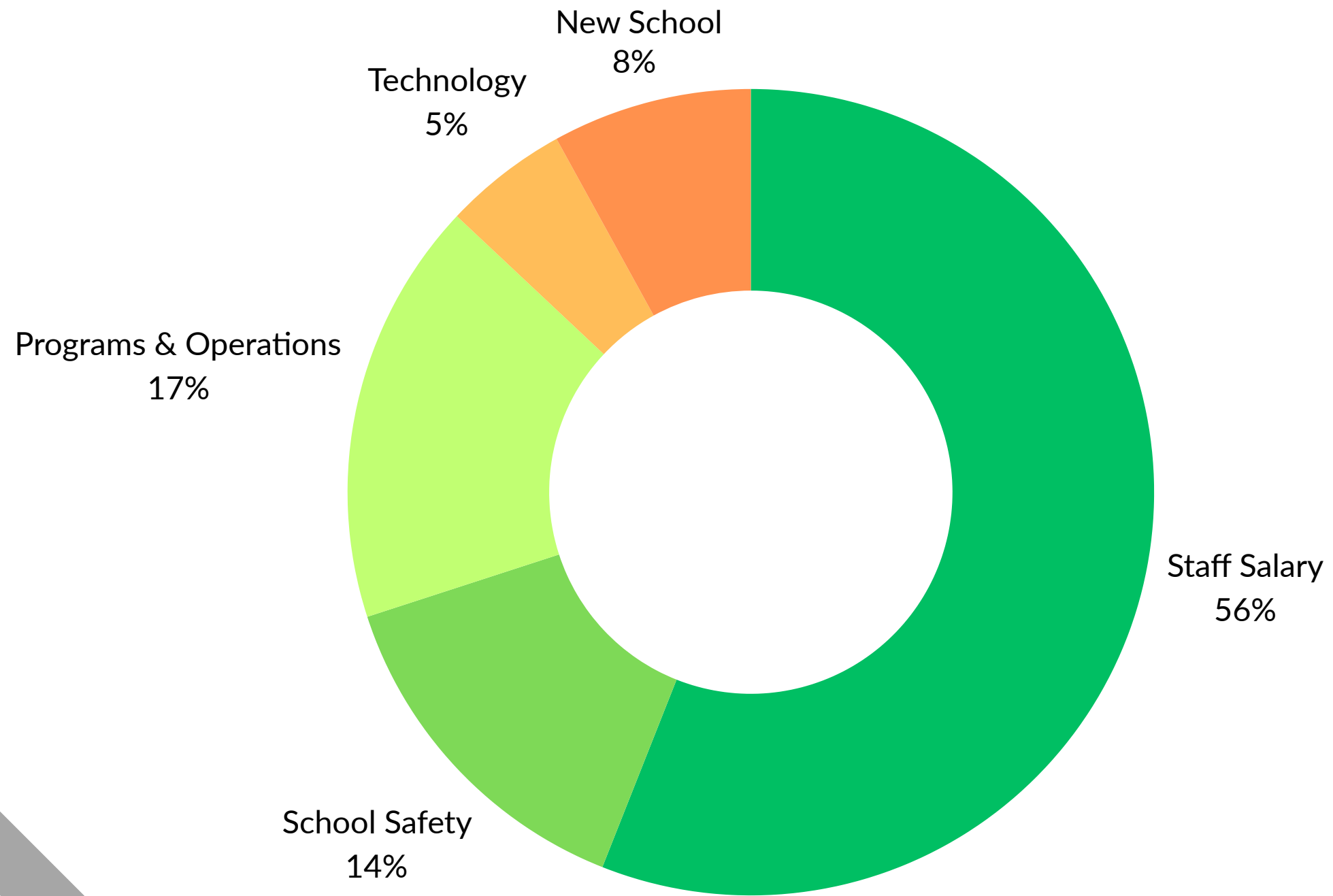
Enhance students instructional technology materials & keep promise of one device for each student



## **Programs & Operations**

Provide band uniforms and other program enhancements for students. Counter rising costs of consumable goods, utilities, and other necessities for day-to-day operations

# Spending Breakdown



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When schools succeed, communities thrive. Well-funded schools not only enrich our children's future but increase property values, making it a smart choice for homeowners and potential buyers alike."

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## Wise Words from Local Realtors

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As a realtor, I can tell you great schools equal great value. Investing in education directly impacts property values, making your home not just a place to live, but a sound investment."

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# SUMMARY

The Smyrna School District is committed to providing a safe, high-quality education for all students and this operational referendum is essential to achieving that goal. Passage of the referendum provides the district the funds needed to:



- **Recruit and retain talented teachers**
- **Enhance School Safety**
- **Support current and future programs/extracurricular activities**
- **Improve instructional technology for students to keep the promise of one device for each child**
- **Support rising operational costs**



## SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

121 South School Lane,  
Smyrna

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## SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL

700 Duck Creek  
Parkway, Smyrna

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## CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

86 Sorrento Drive,  
Clayton

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## SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

123 Rabbit Chase Ln,  
Smyrna

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## KENTON RURITAN CLUB

249 Main St, Kenton

# Voting Information

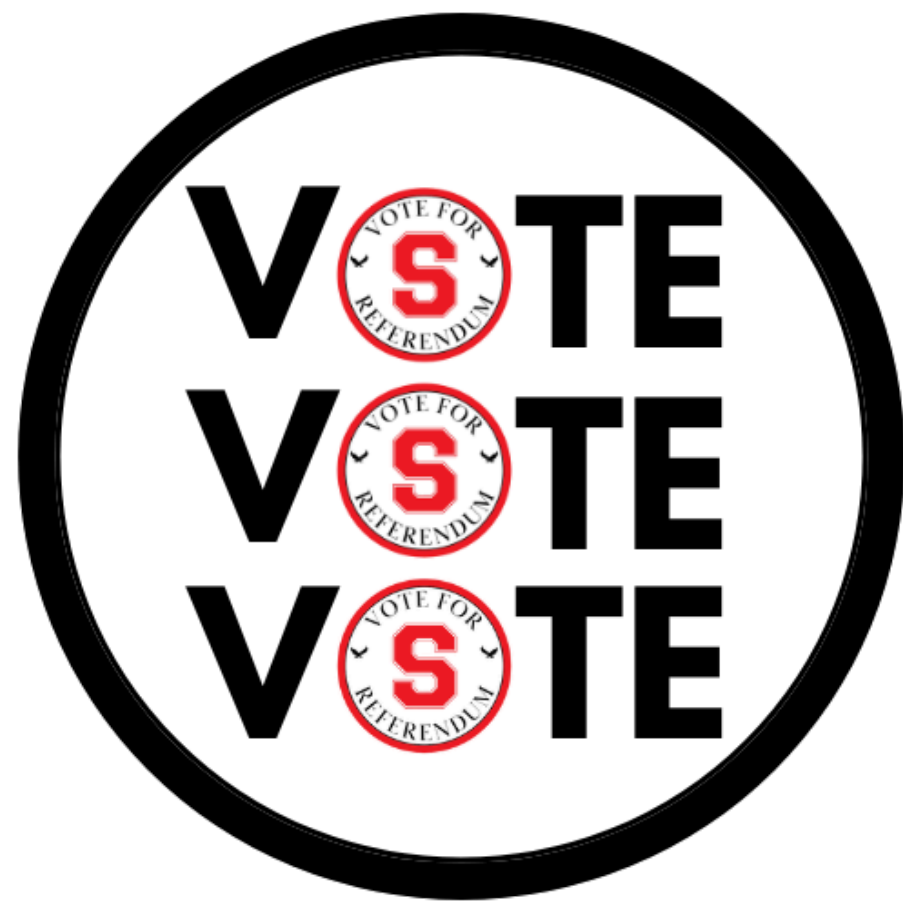
**Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 7:00 AM**  
and will remain open until **8:00 PM.**

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## QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE

- **Must be a citizen of the United States and Delaware**
- **Must be 18 years of age or older**
- **Must be a resident of the Smyrna School District**
- **You do **NOT** have to be a registered voter or a property owner for purposes of a general election**

# Questions?



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