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Dear Colts Neck K-8 Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your family are having a positive start to the new school year. I am excited to see our students return to full time in person instruction, and I am looking forward to welcoming your family to Colts Neck High School in the future. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about the Freehold Regional High School District Referendum that will be on the ballot on Election Day, November 2, 2021.

The Freehold Regional High School District is a model of efficiency, spending on average \$3,500 less per pupil to educate our students, yet the district is still being cut \$30 million in state aid under Senate Bill 2 (S2). As a result, this November we will have a referendum on the ballot. This referendum focuses specifically on critical and urgent items that need to be addressed. The scope of work for the \$14.46 million referendum includes roofing replacements and paving projects at each high school. This work needs to be completed, the question for residents is how the work will be funded. If voters approve the referendum, this critical work will be completed at a discount, as the state of New Jersey will be responsible for 40% of the cost. If voters reject the referendum, this work will still need to be completed. That means 100% of the cost for this required work will come from our annual budget, with a missed opportunity for extensive state funding of the projects. As parents of future Colts Neck High School students, this referendum work directly impacts our building and will help us provide your students with a safe and healthy school environment when they transition to high school.

For more information or further explanation please see my [Back to School Night](#) video, or the following websites:

[Freehold Regional High School District Referendum Website](#)

[Advocating for our Students: S2 Overview](#)

Thank you for taking the time to review this information, and please feel free to reach out to me anytime via email bdonahue@frhsd.com, or by phone at 732-761-0190 ext 1001. I hope that everyone has a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Brian Donahue, Ed.D.
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