NIPPERSINK SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
INVESTING IN SAFE & RELIABLE SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY INFORMATION BRIEF • FACILITY REPAIR & FINANCING PLAN

~$27M
State-Mandated Health/Life Safety Repairs Identified

The Nippersink SD 2 Board of Education is committed to maintaining safe, modern, and reliable facilities for our students and community. Following the state-mandated 10-Year Health Life Safety (HLS) survey completed by District 2's engineering firm, the District has outlined a comprehensive strategy to fund essential infrastructure repairs across aging buildings without exhausting annual operating budgets.

PROVEN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & STEWARDSHIP

10-Year Investment Track Record: Over the past decade, District 2 has responsibly invested **$4.23 million** from regular operating funds to repair and replace critical roofing, piping, HVAC, and fire-suppression systems. Through disciplined financial management, the District has completed these continuous HLS improvements while consistently maintaining the highest Financial Recognition rating from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

STATE MANDATED HEALTH LIFE SAFETY (HLS) REPAIR CATEGORIES

Priority Level	Required Timeframe	Scope & District Status
Priority A	Within 1 Year	Fully Completed by District 2.
Priority B	Within 5 Years	Critical building mechanicals, piping, boiler & roof systems needing immediate funding.
Priority C	Within 10 Years	Long-term capital renewal and infrastructure upgrades across district facilities.

FACILITY AGE & SPECIFIC NEEDS

Aging School Infrastructure: The substantial repair need is driven by the age of District 2 facilities. Nippersink Middle School is ~78 years old, while Richmond Grade School and Spring Grove Elementary were built in the 1960s. NMS still relies on original piping and steam heating units in many classrooms.

Critical Project Scope: Required projects include replacing failing boilers and classroom heating units, repiping older NMS sections, completing remaining roof replacements, updating fire-suppression systems, and renewing electrical and structural infrastructure.

RESPONSIBLE FINANCING STRATEGY & ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

20-Year Bond Financing: Routine maintenance is funded through annual operating budgets, but the ~$27M scope exceeds annual operating capacity. To complete mandatory repairs on schedule without exhausting reserves or cutting educational programs, the Board plans to issue 20-year bonds.

No Referendum Needed: Under Illinois law for Health/Life Safety compliance, issuing these bonds does not require a ballot referendum.

Home Fair Market Value	Total Estimated Tax Impact ($27M Total)	Monthly Cost if You Escrow Taxes
$400,000 Home	**Estimated:** $411 – $450 / year	**Estimated:** $34 – $38 / month
$500,000 Home	**Estimated:** $524 – $575 / year	**Estimated:** $44 – $48 / month
$600,000 Home	**Estimated:** $634 – $685 / year	**Estimated:** $53 – $57 / month

Note: These figures are estimates based on current rates.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS & PUBLIC HEARING

Event / Date & Time	Location / School	Address & Details
Info Meeting: Sept 30 at 7:00 p.m.	Richmond Grade School	5815 Broadway Rd, Richmond, IL 60071
Info Meeting: Oct 7 at 7:00 p.m.	Spring Grove Elementary School	2018 Main Street, Spring Grove, IL 60081
Info Meeting: Oct 14 at 7:00 p.m.	Nippersink Middle School	10006 North Main Street, Richmond, IL 60071
Public Hearing: Oct 28 at 7:00 p.m.	**District Office**	4213 US HWY 12, Richmond, IL 60071 (No Referendum Needed)

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