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Dear Community Members:

Indian Prairie School District (IPSD) 204 seeks your thoughts and recommendations on a funding proposal to address its highest-priority facility and operating needs, without a net tax rate increase.

Here are the details:

- ✓ **All of the District’s schools need safety and security upgrades, including secure entry vestibules.** Many of the schools also need new roofing; the replacement of outdated, inefficient mechanical, plumbing, HVAC, and air quality systems; and other important repairs and upgrades.
- ✓ **IPSD 204 also seeks to add more mental health professionals.** Given the rising demand for mental health services, the District seeks to add more counselors and other mental health professionals.
- ✓ **Furthermore, the District would like to add more teachers to reduce class sizes.** IPSD 204’s student-to-teacher ratio is 26:1, which is higher than all of its peer districts and the State average of 21:1.
- ✓ **Fortunately, IPSD 204 has long-term debt that is about to be paid off.** Consequently, a voter-approved 37-cent limiting rate referendum—which would fund the District’s highest-priority unmet facility and operating needs—would NOT require a net tax rate increase.

IPSD 204 has worked hard to live within its means. In fact, the District’s current operating expense per pupil is \$15,524, which is well below the State average and that of our peer districts. Each of our peer districts spends at least \$1,900 more per student, with some spending considerably more, like Naperville 203, which spends \$3,314 more per student.

Nothing is set in stone until we hear from you, our district residents. A public opinion survey will be mailed to you later this spring. The District will also be hosting community information meetings to discuss the funding proposal, with dates, times, and locations posted on our website at www.ipspd.org. Look for the “Safer, Stronger 204” link.

These are your schools. It’s up to you to decide how we best maintain, protect, and improve them.

Respectfully,

Dr. Adrian B. Talley
Superintendent

Laurie Donahue
Board President



Learn more at www.ipspd.org/SaferStronger204 or scan the QR code.



ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF IPSD 204’S FUNDING PROPOSAL



Improving safety and security



Reducing class sizes



Adding mental health professionals



Maintaining academic excellence and accountability



Enhancing building efficiency, saving taxpayer dollars



Ensuring every student has access to a quality learning environment



Reducing costly and disruptive emergency repairs



Extending the useful life of existing facilities



Protecting property values