

## REASONS TO VOTE **NO** FOR THE D87 REFERENDUM

- **WILL COST TAXPAYERS \$312 MILLION** - D87 asking taxpayers to approve a \$183 million referendum on March 19. D87 will also be spending an additional \$129 million of tax money over the next 10 years for a total of \$312 million of resident money.
- **THE COMMUNITY CANNOT AFFORD HIGHER TAXES** - From the D87 Facility Plan Survey conducted in October 2023 – 77% of the community agreed that “People like me can’t afford higher property taxes, no matter how good the cause.”
- **WILL NOT HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON LEARNING** - D87 is failing our students and the administration has admitted that this money will not have a direct impact on learning. Yet as of last year, only 40.2% of D87 students met or exceeded S.A.T. standards in English Language and only 37.5% of students were successful in Mathematics.
- **WILL COST TAXPAYERS THOUSANDS** - Referendum will cost average home owner in Glen Ellyn over \$300/year or \$6000 over the lifetime of the bonds. Tax calculator found here: <https://www.glenbard87.org/referendum-tax-estimate-calculator/>
- **DOES NOT ADDRESS DISPARITIES BETWEEN SCHOOLS** - D87 plans to make almost the same updates to all four high schools without addressing the disparities that already exist.
- **COLLABORATIVE SPACES ARE NOT NECESSARY** - D87 is asking for money to build big, open collaborative spaces in the schools, but has no plan for what they will actually do with these spaces.
- **MILLIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SPENT** - D87 has already spent over \$170 million of taxpayer money in the last 15 years fixing up the schools. This includes replacing the turf fields, tennis courts and field house floor at Glenbard West just this past year.
- **SCIENCE LAB ALREADY UPDATED AT WEST** - The plan includes updates to all science labs in the District, yet less than 10 years ago D87 spend millions building a new science wing onto Glenbard West.
- **D87 BOARD ARE NOT GOOD FISCAL STEWARDS** – High interest rates and high inflation in the economy make this a reckless decision by the Board.
- **SAFETY SHOULDN’T BE A BARGAINING CHIP** - D87 has spent over \$170 million in the last 15 years and is sitting on over \$100 million in cash. Safety and security improvements should have been prioritized within their current budget.