

Realizing that quality education requires quality facilities and adequate resources, the school board spent many hours over the past several months in meetings and study. The board reviewed several options to develop a recommendation that would best meet the current and future needs of the Becker School District and community

The referendum questions along with other alternatives were discussed at length. Pros and cons to various scenarios were carefully examined. I am excited and optimistic about the stability and continued programming for students the Fall 2015 referendum could provide for our school district.

- Question 1 would maintain our current programs and staffing for a period of 10 years, assuming that existing funding sources stay in place. Passage of Question 1 would also avoid a budget reduction of approximately \$300,000 next spring.
- Question 2 would bring back \$150,000 of programs that have previously been reduced.
- Question 3 would provide facility maintenance and upgrades including roof replacements, new IS/PS and MS parking lots, PS/MS heat pumps, and a multi-purpose turf field for soccer, lacrosse, phy ed, and football.

The tax impact for the average valued home in the Becker School District (\$195,000) would be about \$15 per month for Question 1, \$2.50 per month for Question 2, and \$2.50 per month for Question 3. More information will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

**I recommend approving the Resolution Relating to Increasing the General Education Revenue of the School District, Approving the Issuance of School Building Bonds, and Calling an Election Thereon.**