



Building a Better D23

April 1, 2025 Referendum Update

D23 Board of Education Meeting – January 9, 2025





Agenda

- Update on Eisenhower Project Planning
- Update on Communication Strategies
- Discussion of Construction Design (CD) Options

Eisenhower Project Update

- MWRD - Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
- ComEd - Electrical Service
- CAGE - Civil Engineers

Communications Strategies Update

- Community Survey
- Community Forums/Eisenhower Tours
- Informational Mailings
- Opportunities to Engage

Construction Design Options

Wait Until April to Proceed

100% CD's – April – Mid-August

Out to Bid: 8.12.25

Bid Opening: 8.29.25

BOE Approval: ASAP in September 2025

Construction Start: ASAP in September 2025 (assume winter conditions)

Building Open: September 2026

Proceed to 75% CDs Pre-Referendum

75% CDs – January – Mid-March

100% CDs – April – Mid-June

Out to Bid: 6.25.25

Bid Opening: 7.16.25

BOE Approval: ASAP in July 2025

Construction Start: Late July/Early August 2025

Building Open: September 2026

Construction Design Options

Wait Until April to Proceed

Pros

- Pre-referendum cost: \$0
- No risk of loss
- No impact to Fund Balance calculation
- Funding from successful referendum

Cons

- Winter conditions projected at \$200,000-\$300,000
- Potential for less competitive bids later in the season

Proceed to 75% CDs Pre-Referendum

Pros

- No winter conditions impact and more competitive bids projected
- Reimbursed with successful referendum
- Impact to bids: \$0
- No impact to Fund Balance calculation

Cons

- Pre-referendum investment: \$150,000
- Risk of loss if referendum is unsuccessful
- Funding from Capital Projects fund

Board Deliberation and Discussion