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High Point Regional School District

Referendum Date: December 13, 2005

Total Referendum: \$10,239,858

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In September 2005, voters rejected a referendum proposal to expand and renovate High Point Regional High School. Determined to resolve its overcapacity issues, the district decided to present a second referendum in December.

Zander Consulting began helping the district with its referendum communications program by devising an advertising campaign to generate awareness of and interest in the referendum. This campaign focused on promoting the district's high-quality education and fiscal responsibility. Another tool used to help spread the word about the referendum was the formation of a key communicators group. Open houses and tours were held to show voters the need for expansion. Printed materials such as newsletters, fact sheets, and flyers were created along with a district website.

Rather than presenting voters with a single, comprehensive proposal like the September 2005 referendum, the district decided to reorganize the work into two proposals. Proposal 1 included construction of new classrooms, renovations to existing classrooms, and upgrading several building systems. Proposal 2 called for renovations to the auditorium and refurbishment of the woodshop.

The High Point Regional referendum presented quite a challenge, primarily because there was a large, well-established "vote no" group within the district. Another issue was that two of the five sending communities had school-related questions on the ballot the same day as High Point. This caused confusion for some voters. Adding to that confusion was the fact that the finance period for the bond was restructured in an attempt to lessen the overall financial impact to taxpayers.

Although the project team worked diligently to overcome these difficulties, both questions failed.

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A Message From Your Superintendent

Dear Parents and Community Members:

High Point Regional High School is a proud member of the High Point Regional School District. The district is committed to providing a high-quality education for all students. The district is currently in the process of reviewing the district's long-term plan for the future. This plan includes a proposal for a \$10,239,858 referendum to expand and renovate High Point Regional High School. The referendum will allow us to address our overcapacity issues and provide a better learning environment for our students.

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Quick Facts-Building Expansion & Facilities Upgrade Plan 2005

What is included in the plan?

The proposed building expansion and facilities upgrade plan includes the following:

- 19 New Classrooms
- 10 New Classrooms
- Renovate five existing school classrooms to create six general classrooms
- Renovate auditorium including seating, ventilation and air conditioning, sound system
- Upgrade technology (new equipment)
- Upgrade security and communications systems (cabling, networking)
- Upgrade kitchen and cafeteria systems

Why a building expansion and facilities upgrade now?

Students enrollment at High Point High School has been growing steadily over the past several years. The increasing enrollment and facility upgrades are needed to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students.

With a maximum capacity of 1,227 students, High Point High School is currently at 1,100 students. The district is currently in the process of reviewing the district's long-term plan for the future. This plan includes a proposal for a \$10,239,858 referendum to expand and renovate High Point Regional High School. The referendum will allow us to address our overcapacity issues and provide a better learning environment for our students.

Student Enrollment History and Projections High Point Regional High School

Year	Enrollment
2000-01	1050
2001-02	1100
2002-03	1150
2003-04	1200
2004-05	1250
2005-06	1300

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High Point Regional - Fall 2005 - Your Community's Future

New Vote Date December 13

Revised Facilities Expansion & Upgrade Plan

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The Facts are Clear-Get the Facts and Make an Informed Decision

For more information, visit our website at www.hprhsd.org or call us at (973) 875-7205.

Restructured Proposals and Financing Options Lower Tax Impact

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