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Greendale Voters Approve \$33.8 Million Facilities Referendum

Greendale, WI (November 6, 2018) – Voters in Greendale approved a \$33.8 million facilities referendum on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The “unofficial” results are 5,242 YES to 2,614 NO. Greendale Schools asked the community to invest up to \$33,800,000 for District-wide facilities improvements representing an annual tax increase of 93 cents per \$1,000 of property value. Detailed planning and design will begin immediately for the projects approved by district residents.

The referendum approved work on the Greendale Schools’ academic base plan improvement projects in all five of the District’s school buildings. Those improvements will focus on:

- Increasing School Safety and Security
- Improving Learning Environments
- Creating Flexible and Adaptable Workspaces
- Improving Building Efficiency and Sustainability

“The Greendale Board of Education, in concert with the school administration and the community worked diligently for the past few years to plan carefully for the future of educating the children in Greendale Schools,” said Dr. Gary Kiltz, Greendale superintendent. “We are pleased that the solutions in the academic base plan put forth on the ballot are supported by the electors in the Village.”

Kiltz added, “We are grateful to all of the community members, parents, and staff members who provided input throughout the facility planning process. We will continue to make the community aware of the projects as they proceed as we work together to create best possible learning environments to match our community’s strategic priorities and high expectations for our schools.”

Work at Greendale Middle School would be completed during the summer of 2019 according to preliminary plans. Construction work at all three elementary schools and GHS is projected to be underway during the 2019-2020 school year, beginning with site work and the installation of new HVAC systems in time for the 2019-2020 school year. Work in these four buildings is projected to be completed for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year.

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Greendale Schools and its construction partners are committed to maintaining safe learning environments and site access throughout the process. When possible, work will take place when school is not in session and at all times, work areas will be separated from the student areas to maximize safety and security for the students and staff. Project updates will be shared with staff, parents, and the broader community on a regular basis.

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ABOUT GREENDALE SCHOOLS:

Established in 1938, Greendale Schools is home to more than 2,700 students. The District prides itself in providing an outstanding education for all students from Kindergarten through twelfth grade at Greendale High School, Greendale Middle School, and three elementary schools (Canterbury, College Park and Highland View). Greendale Schools, in partnership with students, families, and the community, is committed to developing leadership, creativity, and educational excellence. By creating multiple opportunities for learning, each student's unique abilities are developed to achieve success and contribute positively to our global society.