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Dear Moorestown School Family,

Happy November ... it appears the change of season is once again upon us! While the leaves are truly beautiful for a few weeks, I know that very quickly after the gorgeous colors abound, the leaves turn and fall representing a lot of work. The blisters on my hands and my chiropractor can back me up on that!

Along with the natural seasons of fall, winter, spring and summer, we face seasons of change in a variety of aspects of our lives. In the school world, every year we navigate re-opening schools after summer vacation, Back-to-School Nights, holidays, marking periods, annual budgets, key events such as Prom and Graduation, and the close of school. It goes by quickly and as I age, it seems to happen faster each year.

One of the cycles that we are facing this year is a Referendum. Looking back over many years, the district has asked the community to support needs and wants through Referendum consistently every 4 to 6 years. While we constantly seek ways to be more efficient, generate new revenue, state aid, and do more with less, the district and many school districts across New Jersey are forced to consider a Referendum to accomplish a variety of goals. In my September newsletter, I shared a general overview of our Referendum at www.mtps.com/referendum and how it works with our strategic planning goals. In October, I focused on one of our priorities, safety and security, and how we have worked to navigate this challenging topic past, present and future. This month, I want to share with you our focus on **systems and sustainability**.

The Referendum details and specific costs of this work can be found on our Referendum pages listed above and, specifically, in the architect's presentation. There are also various flyers, a Q & A document and support materials to provide specific information. In the sustainability aspect of this Referendum, we are looking to maximize the up to 40% debt service aid by replacing systems at the end of cycle with newer and more efficient systems. While there are many examples, one in the Referendum is changing the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) units in the classroom and rooftops identified in need of replacement. Using the Referendum, we can replace those units at a substantial discount and gain operational efficiency because of new technologies and design. Another example is transitioning to LED lighting in our schools. Again, we can accomplish this work at a discount of up to 40% while improving the quality of the light and lessening the operational expense annually. These are win-

win scenarios... less cost to the Moorestown taxpayer, coupled with cheaper operational costs moving forward.

As stewards of our school buildings and grounds, our responsibility is to continue to physically maintain the schools, find ways to be more efficient and maximize our resources to ensure a high quality experience for our students, staff, and community.

Should you have any questions regarding the Referendum, please do not hesitate to call, email, or set up an appointment with me or email mtpsreferendum@mtps.com. The special election is **December 10, 2019**, from 2 PM – 8 PM. Polling locations will be identified in your sample ballot that will be mailed to you prior to the election. As information is available and updated, we will also post to our Referendum and district/school websites (www.mtps.com). Please save the date and vote.

Have a wonderful November and Happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful for the opportunity to serve you and your children and appreciate your support each and every day of the year.

Sincerely,

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