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Fairfax County's high-quality educational system depends not only on teachers and other school personnel, but also on the facilities where our children learn. The School Bond Referendum on this year's ballot seeks to maintain those facilities at a level that will sustain the type of education we want for our students.

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area supports the School Bond Referendum.

Over time, all building systems wear out or become obsolete. Renovations can extend the life of a school by as much as 20 years. Replacing roofs, mechanical systems, fire alarms, plumbing, lighting, laboratory equipment, and paved surfaces affects not only our children's education but also their safety.

Since 2006, Fairfax County student enrollment has increased by 11,000 pupils. The trends that drive this increase are expected to continue for the next five years. In order to offer all students the same high-quality education, this bond will increase capacity not only by starting new construction but also by adding more modular classrooms. These modules can be set up at fifty to sixty percent cost savings over more traditional structures, and they can also be relocated in the future to schools where they are needed most.

But schools are not just for students. Besides serving the community as polling places, school buildings are available after class hours and, in many cases, free of charge for regularly scheduled activities of 4-H Clubs, Scouts, homeowners associations, and various civic, cultural and religious groups. Local sports leagues also have access to school athletic facilities for their games.

Residents who would like more information about referendum projects should go to [fcps.edu](http://fcps.edu) and click on School Bond Referendum. They can also pick up the brochure *Bond Referendum Facts* at their public library.

Because of the benefits these capital improvement projects offer our students and our community, the League of Women Voters urges Fairfax County residents to approve the School Bond Referendum on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

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