



# Glenbard Township High School District 87

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## **Glenbard board pledges commitment to 7-course day**

The Glenbard Township High School District 87 Board of Education has publicly pledged its commitment to restoring the 7-course school day if voters approve a March 21 referendum request.

On Feb. 6 the board unanimously adopted a resolution expressing its intent regarding the March 21 referendum.

The resolution states, in part, "Now, therefore, be it unanimously resolved that if the proposition is approved by the voters, the Board commits to the Glenbard school community and taxpayers that the academic class option, which allowed students to enroll in a seven-course school day, will be restored beginning with the 2006-07 school year and continuing for the foreseeable future to the extent permitted by law." All board members signed the resolution.

On March 21 voters will be asked to approve issuing up to \$32 million in bonds to restructure a portion of Glenbard's outstanding bonds. The money would be used to pay off current bonds, thereby freeing up \$2.3 million each year to staff the 7-course day. With the community's support, Glenbard students could have another 50 minutes of instruction each day starting next fall and continuing into the future.

Tom Voltaggio, chairman of the board's Finance and Facility Committee, said the bond payment is structured as a fixed payment. The payment would remain fixed from the beginning to the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the bond's term. There is no back loading and no end-run, he said. The bond payment schedule is consistent with the district's past practice when issuing bonds, Voltaggio said.

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