



Glenbard Township High School District 87

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Glenbard will seek March 2006 referendum

Voter approval would restore seven-course day

On Dec. 12, the Glenbard Township High School District 87 Board of Education approved proceeding with a March 2006 ballot question. Glenbard District 87 is turning to voters for additional revenue in order to provide students with the opportunity to take seven courses a day.

Glenbard prides itself on preparing all students for life after high school; however, budget limitations have reduced students' opportunities. Beginning with this school year, Glenbard limited all students to no more than six classes a day in order to balance its budget.

The state's new graduation requirements also affect Glenbard students' educational opportunities. The state recently mandated new graduation requirements, increasing the required semesters of language arts, math, and science. Without the increased revenue from a referendum, many Glenbard students would not be able to graduate in four years because they are limited to taking six classes per day.

Glenbard students are competing to enter the college or technical school of their choice. Universities and colleges have increasingly rigorous admission criteria, and Glenbard students who are limited to taking six courses a day are at a competitive disadvantage.

The community will be asked to approve issuing up to \$32 million in new bonds to pay off currently funded alternate revenue source bonds. This would release \$2.3 million that can be spent from the Educational Fund on instructional needs, starting in fiscal year 2006-07. The funds would be available in June 2006.

If voters approve this request, Glenbard District 87 would be able to restore the 7-course school day and be competitive with other DuPage County high schools that allow students to explore a wider range of educational opportunities. Voter approval also would allow Glenbard to increase programs that support special education and student safety.

The new bonds could increase the tax rate by 5 cents. However, it is important to note that this referendum does not address Glenbard's facility needs, accumulated deficit, increased student fees and other instructional support needs.

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