

# ***Frequently asked questions about restoring Glenbard's 7-course school day***

**Q: What is the objective of the March 21 referendum?**

**A:** To restore the 7-course school day. Students in Glenbard's four high schools could have another 50 minutes of instruction each day starting next fall and continuing into the future.

**Q: How does Glenbard's schedule compare to that of other high schools?**

**A:** Glenbard is the only DuPage high school district to limit the education of its students to six classes a day.

**Q: Why are Glenbard students limited to taking only 6 classes per day?**

**A:** There are insufficient funds to offer 7 classes per day. Additional revenue is needed to offer students another class every day. The Board of Education is committed to maintaining a balanced budget and has said providing the 7-course day is a priority.

**Q: What will I see on the ballot when I go to vote?**

**A:** Glenbard District 87 is asking the community to approve issuing up to \$32 million in 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. The following is the actual ballot wording:

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*Shall the Board of Education of Glenbard Township High School District Number 87, DuPage County, Illinois, be authorized to issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$32,000,000 for the purpose of paying its outstanding general obligation alternate bonds heretofore issued for the purposes of paying the cost of improving the sites of, building and equipping additions to or altering, repairing and equipping school buildings of said School District or issued to refund general obligation alternate bonds issued for any of such purposes?*

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**Q: Why were the current bonds issued?**

**A:** The bonds that would be paid off with this referendum were issued to pay for additional instructional space needed to meet the needs of an increased student

enrollment. Classrooms were renovated, and two field houses, an auditorium, and teacher and administrative office areas were built.

**Q: What would the March 21 referendum cost a taxpayer?**

**A:** A homeowner whose home has a market value of \$300,000 would pay \$50 more per year starting in June 2007.

**Q: What effect would these new bonds have on the tax rate?**

**A:** The new bonds would increase Glenbard District 87's tax rate by approximately 5 cents. The payment of the new bonds would remain the same over the 20-year term of the bonds.

**Q: In the two previous referendums, Glenbard sought greater tax rate increases. Why is this referendum seeking so much less than those requests?**

**A:** This referendum does not address all of Glenbard District 87's needs and therefore involves a lesser amount than was sought in earlier requests. This referendum does not address Glenbard's facility needs, accumulated deficit, increased student fees and other instructional support needs.

**Q: How can I learn more about this referendum?**

**A:** Please contact Glenbard's administration center at (630) 469-9100. Also, please attend a community open house scheduled at each of the four Glenbard high schools. Community open houses will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- *Glenbard East, Wednesday Feb. 22*
- *Glenbard North, Monday, Feb. 27*
- *Glenbard West, Tuesday, March 7*
- *Glenbard South, Wednesday, March 8*

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