



Glenbard Township High School District 87

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Glenbard seeking public input following defeated referendum

The public is encouraged to share their ideas about how Glenbard Township High School District 87 should proceed in the wake of the defeated April 5 referendum. The Board of Education will solicit public feedback during a session at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 25, in Glenbard North High School.

Board of Education president David Brown announced the special session during the board's April 11 meeting. The session will precede the board's regular meeting at Glenbard North, 990 N. Kuhn Road in Carol Stream.

On April 5 voters defeated Glenbard's Educational Fund tax rate increase request. Without the additional revenue the referendum would have provided, Glenbard cannot balance its budget nor eliminate its \$27.2 million accumulated deficit. Glenbard also cannot reduce class size, increase graduation requirements, address students' reading deficiencies, or deal with much needed facility needs,

The Board of Education has approved several cost cutting measures to balance the district's budget. Brown reiterated on April 11 that the board's pledge for next year is a balanced budget. Last month the board approved the release of 15 full-time staff members and 14 part-time staff members and the resignation of 8 full-time staff members due to registrations for the 6-course day.

Among the cost-cutting measures the board has approved are: limiting students to taking 6 courses a day rather than 7; reducing the co-curricular program; reducing administrative personnel at each of the schools and the district office; removing the purchase of computers from the 2005-06 budget; and increasing the driver's education fee by \$100, bringing the fee for 2005-06 to \$300.

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