



Dear Barrington 220 Community,

First and foremost, I want to say thank you. On March 17 registered voters in the Barrington 220 community overwhelmingly passed a \$147 million bond referendum, which will greatly impact the future of our schools. The ballot question was approved by more than 60% of voters.

Especially over the past couple of months, when our nation and our community have faced unprecedented challenges, it has been amazing to see the Barrington area stand behind our schools. Whether it's helping deliver meals to students in need, or teachers participating in car "parades" through students' neighborhoods to brighten their day, we have shown we are all stronger when we come together.

The March 17 vote was the culmination of a three-year community engagement process, which involved collaboration and feedback from parents, students, teachers, administrators, Board of Education members, community members, and architects, about the future of our schools. Thanks to the collective hard work and dedication, along with your community support at the polls, Barrington 220 will be able to:

Barrington 220 One of Nation's "Best Communities for Music Education"



The Barrington 220 School District has been named one of the nation's "Best Communities for Music Education" by the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Foundation. Barrington 220 is

one of just 19 school districts in Illinois to receive the designation, for its outstanding commitment to provide music access and education to all students. To qualify, Barrington 220 answered questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, and program support. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the Univ. of Kansas.

All Barrington 220 elementary students participate in general music classes. In middle school, about 300 students are in music classes and music related co-curricular activities such as musical productions, and jazz band. At BHS, about 400 students are enrolled in music classes including band, orchestra, and choir. Some high school co-curricular programs include the BHS spring musical and summer musical, a capella groups, Instrumental Ensemble Club, marching band, and jazz performances.

"Music Education provides students with a 21st -century skill set that sets them up for future success," said Brigid Tileston, Barrington 220 Director of Fine, Visual, and Performing Arts. "Through music education students develop skills in the areas of creativity, collaboration, leadership, and communication. All of these skills are necessary in an ever-changing and interactive world."

- Significantly enhance safety and security at every school.
- Better prepare our students for a successful future.
- Protect the community's investment in our school buildings by repairing things like roofs, windows, electrical systems, plumbing systems, heating, and air conditioning.

We have already started working with our architects and engineers to develop detailed timelines, project plans, and preliminary drawings. Construction will likely begin in the spring of 2021 and will happen in phases over several years. The community will be able to keep up to date on the progress by visiting our website, www.barrington220.org

Thank you again for your support in making sure Barrington 220 remains a destination school district in the years to come.

Stay well,

Dr. Brian Harris
Superintendent of Schools