

## Referendum Fact Sheet

### Winnebago Community Unit School District #323

On March 20, 2018, community members of Winnebago Community Unit School District #323 will vote on a building-bond referendum question, which focuses on critical items mandated by the Health/Life Safety process.

#### What is Health/Life Safety?

The ISBE defines the code as “minimum standards for public school facilities which will protect the health, safety and general welfare of the pupils, school personnel and others who use them.” Winnebago Community Unit School District #323 faces significant needs to comply with safety, security, & infrastructure standards, but without the necessary funding.



**Please vote  
on  
March 20,  
2018**

#### What will the bonds be used for?

- ✓ Asbestos Abatement
- ✓ Repairing unsafe bleachers and flooring
- ✓ Structural & interior reinforcement
- ✓ Replacing failing mechanical systems
- ✓ Repaving/Repairing pavement

#### How will this impact my taxes?

- ✓ If the building bonds are approved, Winnebago Community Unit School District #323 community members can expect a 23-cent tax rate decrease on bond proceeds versus current rates due to a final payment in November on a previously existing bond.

#### What are the long-term benefits of updating aging facilities & infrastructure?

- ✓ Enhances safety & security
- ✓ Extends useful life of aging or inadequate systems
- ✓ Improves efficiency & effectiveness
- ✓ Increases occupancy comfort & control
- ✓ Advances the working & learning environment

**If you wish to learn more please attend our Bond Referendum Community Forums on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m. or Thursday, January 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Cafetorium.**