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What Happens Next

As we approach the November 3 referendum, much of our conversation has focused on the needs facing United South Central Schools, the proposed plan to address them, and what the investment would mean for our community. But there is another important question worth discussing: What happens after the votes are counted?

The outcome of the referendum will determine the direction we take, but it will not change our responsibility to the students and families of USC. Regardless of the result, we must continue providing a strong educational experience while planning for the future of the district.

If voters approve the $22.9 million bond referendum, we will begin moving forward with the proposed facility improvements. Construction would not begin immediately. The next steps would involve detailed design, coordination with architects and contractors, and developing a construction schedule that works around the needs of our school. Throughout that process, we would remain focused on minimizing disruptions to learning and school activities while keeping the community informed. We recognize the significance of this investment and the responsibility that comes with it. Families, staff, and community members should know how the project is progressing, what milestones are being reached, and what to expect along the way.

If voters do not approve the referendum, we will need to make some hard decisions that will impact our students. The enrollment growth, classroom capacity concerns, and competition for available space that brought us to this point will still exist. Our teachers and staff have worked hard to accommodate these challenges, but adjustments to schedules and the use of existing spaces can only go so far. The School Board would review the election results, consider community feedback, and determine the next steps for addressing these needs. While the Board would need to reassess its options, there is no immediate solution to the space challenges facing USC. Any path forward would require careful consideration of educational needs, operational challenges, and financial implications.

In either case, November 3 will mark an important decision. The needs of our students and our commitment to serving them remain. Our school serves students today, but the decisions we make about its future will reach well beyond the current school year. We have a responsibility to consider not only what is needed now, but what will allow USC to serve students in the years to come.

As November 3 approaches, I encourage every eligible voter to review the information available, consider what each outcome would mean for our district, and participate in the election. Whatever the result, our responsibility to USC students and the community will remain at the center of the decisions that follow.

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