FAQ & FACTS

About the Nov. 7 Special Question Vote

You may have heard or read statements or questions. We have, too.
We want to be sure you have the **FACTS** to make an informed decision.
Please see below AND our **updated FAQ online** at <u>www.jacksonsd.org/nov7</u>

OVERHEARD: The district's enrollment has gone down so I don't understand why they shouldn't be able to spend less now.



FACT: State Aid Cuts FAR EXCEED Enrollment Decreases

As presented in our budget address last April, over the past 6 years, K-12 enrollment has decreased **11.9%**, while state aid has decreased **33.1%**.

We have endured an **\$18 million loss** over 6 years and have made drastic cuts to attempt to make up the difference.

OVERHEARD: Decreased enrollment should mean we don't need additional staff.



FACT: Cutting 214 positions over the past 6 years has resulted in decreased programs and services and high class sizes.

- 82 classrooms have 30+ students.
- 246 classrooms have 27+ students
- Cuts to sports, clubs, facilities, tech

OVERHEARD: The township's 2025 reassessment is going to put more money into the district's pocket, anyway.



FACT: A reassessment does NOT result in more money for a township/district.

In a reassessment, the size of the tax "pie" remains the same. The slices are just redistributed fairly.

OVERHEARD: All of our taxes are going to go up during this reassessment.



FACT: According to the township, typically in a reassessment:

- 1/3 of properties will stay the same
- 1/3 of properties will **go down**
- 1/3 of properties will **go up**

Have ANY questions or info you want to verify? Please reach out! Attend VIRTUAL Q&A on Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. (see website for link) Email: jsd@jacksonsd.org or CALL the HOTLINE: 732-833-4618

