

## **Explanatory Text for Ballot Question**

The following concise explanatory text has been prepared by the Town Clerk pursuant to Sec. 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes, and is intended to not advocate either the approval or disapproval of the referendum question. This question was approved by the Common Council on July 3, 2017, with final approval or disapproval by referendum vote to be held in conjunction with the municipal election on November 7, 2017. This explanatory text will be furnished to each applicant for an absentee ballot and will be made available for public distribution and at the polling places. The full text of the appropriation and bonding ordinance, as approved by the Common Council, is on the City website at [www.middletownct.gov](http://www.middletownct.gov) and on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the City and Town Clerk, City Hall, 245 DeKoven Drive, Room 110, Middletown, Connecticut during the City's regular business hours.

### **The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:**

“Shall the \$87,350,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the planning, design, construction, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a new Middle School to be located at the current Woodrow Wilson Middle School site on Hunting Hill Avenue, including a minimum State reimbursement rate of 56.43% for the project, pursuant to the ordinance adopted by the Common Council on July 3, 2017, be approved? YES NO”

The City of Middletown wishes to rebuild the Middle School to be located at the existing site on Hunting Hill Avenue. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$87,350,000 with an expected useful life in excess of thirty (30) years. The City of Middletown is applying to the State of Connecticut for school building grants to offset part of this project and expects to receive grants of approximately \$46,800,000, equaling approximately 56.43% of the eligible costs of the Project. The construction of the Project shall not commence unless on or prior to August 31, 2018, the Common Council receives from the State a final grant commitment notification of the Project approving a State reimbursement rate for the Project of at least 56.43% of the eligible costs.