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COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

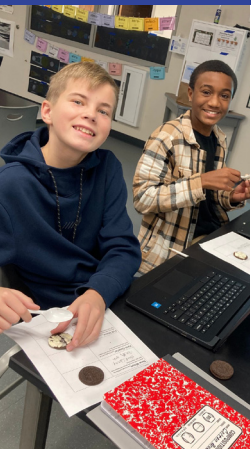
All Learners Thriving, Contributing & Belonging

APRIL 2, 2024 | REFERENDUM

340 FAIR ST
EVANSVILLE, WI 53536



2024 OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM INFORMATION



How will the operational referendum funds be used?

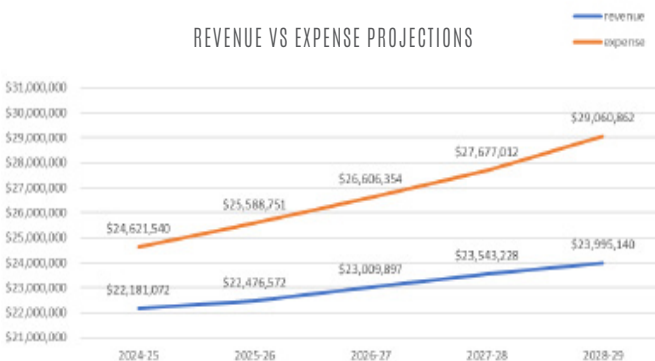
For 2024-25, the referendum is requesting \$2,700,000. Of this amount, \$2.4 million would be used to balance the budget based on current expenditures and projected increases. The remaining \$300,000 would be used to provide funds to:

- 1 RESTORE POSITIONS LOST** *(due to recent budget cuts such as elementary & special education teachers)*
- 2 RECRUIT & RETAIN HIGH-QUALITY STAFF**
- 3 PAY FOR INCREASING COSTS** *(such as utilities, transportation, and deferred maintenance)*



Why is an Operational Referendum Necessary?

REVENUE VS EXPENSE PROJECTIONS



Revenue vs Expenses

The graph highlights the gap between ECSD's anticipated revenue and expenses. Without the support of the operational referendum, significant cuts will need to be made which will negatively impact student learning.

How has the State of Wisconsin funded ECSD and other public schools over the past 15 years?



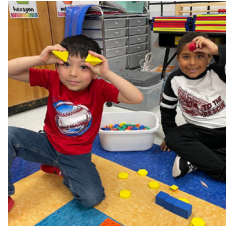
2005-2006
\$248 PER STUDENT

2023-2024
\$325 PER STUDENT



PER PUPIL REVENUE LIMIT ADJUSTMENT

- Over 60% of ECSD's revenue comes from the State of Wisconsin. The chart on the left shows the level of revenue ECSD received from the State of Wisconsin since 2005-06.
- State funding has been unpredictable and has not kept up with the level of inflation, creating an annual budget deficit.
- In July 2023 the State of Wisconsin raised the low revenue limit ceiling which provided ECSD a one time revenue increase of \$1.6 million which allowed the District to balance its 2023-24 budget.
- **The estimated budget deficit for 2024-25 is \$2.4 million.**



The amount for each year is in addition to the previous year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

PROPERTY VALUE	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<i>REQUESTED AMOUNT</i>	\$2,700,000	\$3,900,000	\$4,600,000	\$5,200,000	\$5,900,000
\$100,000	\$147	+\$81	+\$67	+\$58	+\$55
\$200,000	\$294	+\$162	+\$134	+\$116	+\$110
\$300,000	\$441	+\$243	+\$201	+\$174	+\$165

What Happens if You Vote “No” and the Operational Referendum is Unsuccessful?

- The Board will have to reduce the budget by \$2.4 million.
- 12-14 employee positions will be eliminated.
- Class size increase of 5-6 students per room where teacher reductions are made.
- Curriculum budget reduced by \$400,000-\$500,000.
- Many advanced courses that prepare students for college and career would not be sustainable.
- Quality employees may leave if salaries and benefits remain at current levels.
- Reductions in bus routes, resulting in increased ride time to and from school.



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