

NOSD seeks five-year, \$1.7M operating referendum to manage stagnant per-pupil funding and projected budget deficits.

In fall 2022, the Northern Ozaukee School Board received community feedback indicating support for a five-year operating referendum - with no mill rate increase. As a result of current tax bills, the District modified their plans and would be able to **reduce the mill rate** - and the school portion of tax bills, while reallocating funds to meet essential needs.

The proposed operating referendum **would not increase school taxes** and allows the District to:

- Address **projected budget deficits**
- Maintain **current programs, student services, staffing & facilities maintenance**

Failure to address these concerns now will have consequences to District operations - please know the facts!



Key Questions Answered

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*Thank you Community Survey participants.
Your feedback matters!*

61%

of survey respondents support a referendum to maintain current programs, student services, and essential maintenance.

Attn Residents - Important Information!

District residents will have the opportunity to vote April 4 on a proposed \$1.7M operating referendum.

What residents need to know:

Q: Why is NOSD proposing an operating referendum now?

A: Increased costs for goods and services, inflation, and decades of inadequate per-pupil funding from the state have significantly impacted District operations. More than 1.75 million has been cut from budgets in recent years.

If approved, funding would maintain:

- Current programs & student services
- High-quality staff
- Essential facilities maintenance
- Flexibility to pre-pay debt & reduce interest costs

Q: How would the referendum impact school taxes?

A: With approval, funds would be reallocated and the current mill rate of \$9.41 could be reduced to \$8.99 (beginning in 2023/24). This mill rate reduction (\$0.42) equates to \$42 per \$100,000 of property value.

Q: How can residents stay informed?

A: Watch your mailbox for a special **Referendum Newsletter**, attend a **Community Information Meeting** on February 15 or March 13, 7PM, Fine Arts Center, and visit nosd.edu/referendum2023 for comprehensive budget planning presentations, survey data, and April 4 referendum facts!

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How can I learn more?



Special Referendum Newsletter
– Mailing in February!



Community Information Meetings
– You are invited!

- February 15, 2023, 7PM, Fine Arts Center
- March 13, 2023, 7PM, Fine Arts Center



Join Superintendent, Dave Karrels & Director of Business Services, Josh McDaniel
– No appointment needed!

- Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30AM, February 15 - March 29, HS Innovation Room