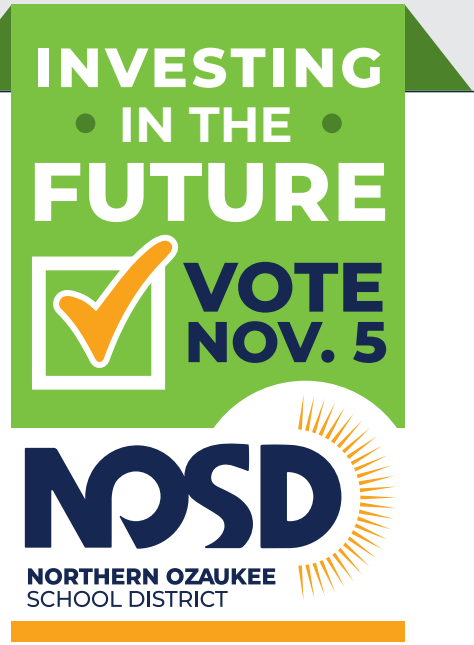


NORTHERN OZAUKEE OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM - FALL 2024

Why is a referendum necessary?

After years of right sizing and strong fiscal management, **NOSD is facing a significant budget deficit**. All Wisconsin schools are subject to a revenue limit, which limits the amount of money they can raise through state aid and property taxes. As a result, **NOSD does not receive enough revenue to adequately fund programs and services needed for students**. This is a common challenge for school districts across our state resulting in over 300 of the 421 Districts passing an operational referendum to fund operations.

We are facing these challenges largely due to **factors out of our control**, including **decades of insufficient state funding, inflation, rising operational costs, and unfunded mandates**. This means **the district absorbs increasing costs** with limited financial support from the state.

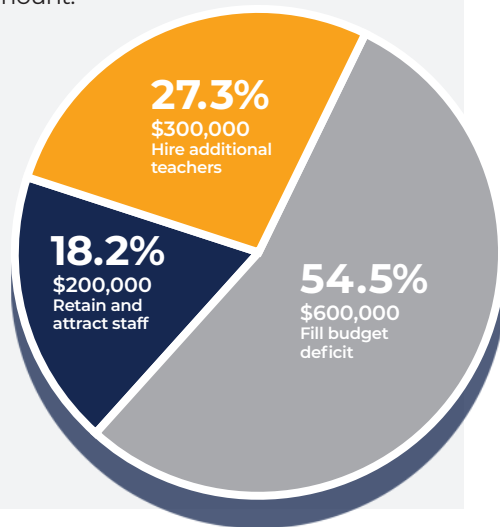


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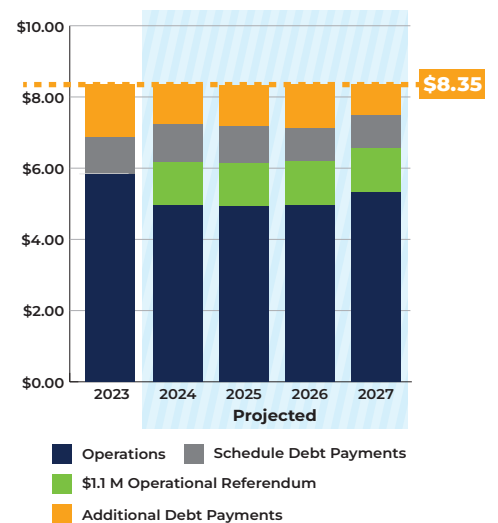
- As a result of feedback received from voters, the total amount over four years was reduced by \$2,400,000.
- Removed the cost to update the track and maintenance shed from the money requested.
- Increases in current and projected student enrollment allowed for a reduction in the requested amount.

How will the money be spent:

- Hire a total of three additional teachers to address very large class sizes at OES and OMS.
- Fill the budget deficit to maintain current staffing needed to run day-to-day operations of the school.
- Retain and attract high quality teachers and support staff.



Tax Impact:



The school board plans to **keep the school portion of the tax bills the same** over the next four years. If the referendum is approved, this will be done by reducing early debt payments and reallocating the funds for operational purposes.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?



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Attend an informational meeting

- Mon., Oct. 7, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.**
NOSD Innovation Room & Virtually through Zoom
- Wed., Oct. 16, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.**
Facebook Live on NOSD's Facebook Page
- Wed., Oct. 23, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.**
NOSD Innovation Room & Virtually through Zoom
- Mon., Oct. 28, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.**
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