



WISCONSIN HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM 2017

VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 4th!

Every Child... Every Class... Every Day...

REFERENDUM FACT SHEET

REFERENDUM HISTORY

- Two years ago the electorate approved a two year referendum for \$3.250 million. The 2015 Referendum ends in June 2017.
- The District is now asking the electorate to approve another two year referendum as state funding has been reduced from \$3.9 million (2009) to a *projected* \$1.41 million (2017).
- This will be the fifth operational referendum proposed since 2009 to address the decrease in state funding. Referendums were passed in 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015.

- SAMPLE BALLOT -

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET TO EXCEED
REVENUE LIMIT
FOR NON-RECURRING
PURPOSES**

Shall the Wisconsin Heights School District, Dane and Iowa Counties, Wisconsin, be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,883,767 for the 2017-2018 school year and by \$2,227,435 for the 2017-2018 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of sustaining educational programming and operational expenses.

YES

NO

WHY ARE WE PROPOSING THIS REFERENDUM?

Quality Educational Programs

- Commitment to a quality 21st century curriculum
- Variety of curricular and co-curricular options available to all students with a no-cut policy
- Collaboration with community educational organizations
- Personalized educational experience with a family atmosphere and a low student-to-teacher ratio
- Award winning staff

Financial Stability

- Referendum dollars address yearly state aid reductions
- Allows the facilities to be safe and maintained
- Provides the District financial stability to meet the needs of the community
- Allows the District to implement several cost savings initiatives (energy conservation, deferred maintenance, and safety programs)
- Sustains a stable environment that will allow the District to better plan for the future

WHAT WILL THE REFERENDUM ACCOMPLISH?

1. The \$4,111,202 referendum increases revenue for two years
2. Demonstrates a commitment to a relationship with the community
3. Maintains current curricula and course offerings
4. Maintains educational support and technology

WHAT IS THE COST TO TAXPAYERS?

<u>Year</u>	<u>Referendum Dollars</u>	Projected referendum tax increase based on a \$200k home
2017-2018	\$1,883,767	
2018-2019	\$2,227,435	2017-18: \$72
Total Referendum.....	\$4,111,202	2018-19: \$78

MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION

For more information:

- Visit our district website at www.wisheights.k12.wi.us
- Schedule an informational presentation for your neighborhood, community group, or organization by calling the district office at 767-2595
- Attend a board meeting for more referendum information:

Monday, March 13 at 6:30 PM
 Monday, March 20 at 6:30 PM

Black Earth Elementary LMC
 Mazomanie Elementary LMC

Vote Tuesday, April 4th!

ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AT YOUR VILLAGE/TOWNSHIP OFFICE