



REFERENDUM SUMMARY

2017

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

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR / RANDY FREESE

Dear Community,

This past month the Board of Education decided to ask the community for additional revenue to maintain school programs and services for the next two years. This request, similar to the past four two-year referendums, is due in large part to a continuing trend of state support not meeting inflationary operational costs. Also similar to past referendums, the request will be for two years only (non-recurring) with the additional funding expiring on June 30, 2019.

The referendum will be on April 4, 2017 as part of the spring local and state elections.

The District is requesting additional funds of \$1,883,767 for 2017-18 and \$2,227,435 for 2018-19.

The projected tax increase for a \$200,000 home is \$72 in 2017-2018 and \$78 in 2018-2019.

This will be the fifth operational referendum proposed since 2009 to address the decrease in state support.

Referendums were approved in 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015. The community most recently approved a two-year referendum of \$1,425,000 for 2015-16 and \$1,825,000 for 2016-17.

The Board of Education has purposely elected to run referendums every two years because doing so affords enhanced accuracy in terms of forecasting budgetary needs. It is expected that referendums will continue until the state funding system better addresses educational costs.

Informational sessions are scheduled for **Monday, March 13 at 6:30 pm at the Black Earth Elementary School** and **Monday, March 20 at 6:30 pm at the Mazomanie Elementary School**. Information is also available on the district website at www.wisheights.k12.wi.us.

District staff is available to provide an informational presentation for your neighborhood, community group, or organization. A presentation may be scheduled by calling the District Office at 608-767-2595 or contacting Randy Freese at rfreese@wisheights.k12.wi.us.

Please vote on April 4th. Absentee Ballots are available at your Village/Township office.