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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEBSTER IS SEEKING APPROVAL FOR \$1.8 MILLION FOR EACH OF THE NEXT THREE YEARS FOR OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS

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Why?

- STRONG FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP HAS KEPT THE DISTRICT STABLE, BUT RISING COSTS ARE CREATING CURRENT AND FUTURE DEFICITS.
- STATE FUNDING HAS NOT KEPT PACE WITH INFLATION FOR WISCONSIN SCHOOLS.
- STRENGTHEN THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL HEALTH AND ELIMINATE THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF SHORT-TERM BORROWING.

Our Commitment

- MAINTAIN QUALITY STUDENT PROGRAMMING
- ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES

QUESTIONS ARE ENCOURAGED AND SHALL BE DIRECTED TOWARDS THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

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Shall the School District of Webster, Burnett and Douglas Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,800,000 per year for three years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2028-2029 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and facility maintenance expenses?



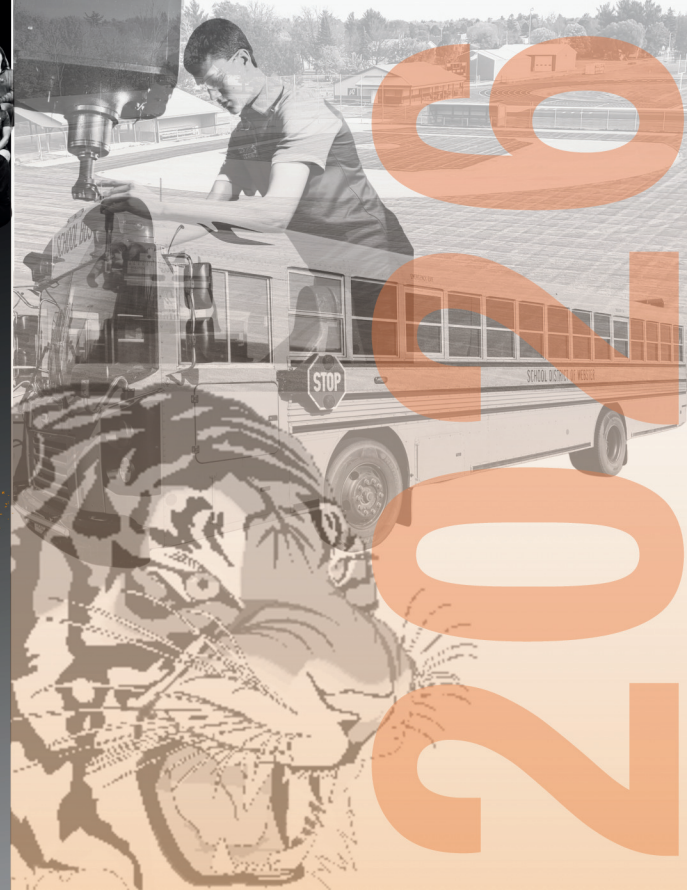
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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
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**OPERATIONAL
REFERENDUM**

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FAQ'S



WHAT ARE THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL NEEDS?

THE DISTRICT IS REQUESTING \$1.8 MILLION PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS, MAINTAIN FACILITIES, & IMPROVE FINANCIAL STABILITY. EACH YEAR, \$1.2 MILLION WOULD FUND CURRENT PROGRAMS & SERVICES, & \$600,000 WOULD GO TOWARD BUILDING UPKEEP & SAVINGS – HELPING LOWER BORROWING & INTEREST COSTS.

WHY IS THE DISTRICT PROPOSING A THREE-YEAR OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM?

A THREE-YEAR PLAN ADDRESSES CURRENT NEEDS WHILE ALLOWING TIME FOR THOUGHTFUL FUTURE PLANNING. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE DISTRICT WILL COMPLETE STRATEGIC PLANNING, REVIEW FACILITIES, & STUDY ENROLLMENT TRENDS TO GUIDE NEXT STEPS.



HOW DOES THE DISTRICT PLAN TO USE OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM FUNDS?

- REFERENDUM FUNDS WOULD BE USED TO:
- ✓ MAINTAIN CURRENT PROGRAMS & STAFFING
- ✓ ADDRESS ROUTINE BUILDING MAINTENANCE
- ✓ STRENGTHEN FINANCIAL RESERVES
- ✓ REDUCE SHORT-TERM BORROWING



HOW DOES THE DISTRICT ENSURE TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT WISELY?

THE DISTRICT USES CLEAR BUDGET GUIDELINES, INDEPENDENT AUDITS, & BOARD OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE MANAGED RESPONSIBLY & SUPPORT STUDENT LEARNING.

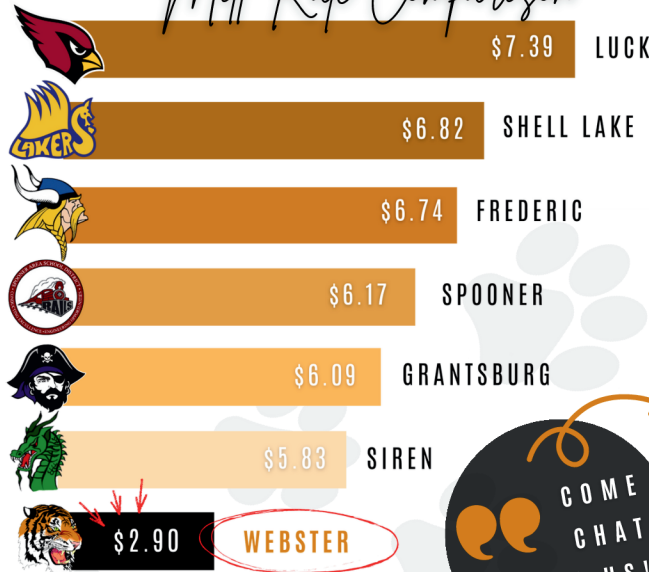


Tax Impact

PROJECTED IMPACT OF **\$56** PER YEAR ON \$100,000 HOME

PROPERTY VALUE	MONTHLY IMPACT	MAXIMUM ANNUAL IMPACT
\$100,000	\$4.67	\$56.00
\$200,000	\$9.33	\$112.00
\$300,000	\$14.00	\$168.00

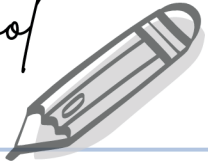
2025-2026 Mill Rate Comparison



What is a mill rate?

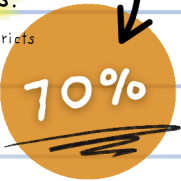
$$\text{TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY} \% \text{ EQUALIZED PROPERTY VALUE} = \text{MILL RATE}$$

Wisconsin School Funding 101



SCHOOL FUNDING CHALLENGES IN WISCONSIN ARE MOSTLY DRIVEN BY STATE POLICY, **NOT** LOCAL SPENDING DECISIONS. SINCE 1993, STATE LAW HAS **CAPPED** HOW MUCH DISTRICTS CAN RAISE THROUGH STATE AID AND PROPERTY TAXES, USING FUNDING LEVELS FROM **DECADES** AGO. THESE LIMITS HAVE **NOT** KEPT PACE WITH **RIISING** COSTS, ESPECIALLY AFTER INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS WERE ELIMINATED. AS A RESULT, **MANY** **DISTRICTS**—PARTICULARLY RURAL ONES—MUST RELY ON LOCAL REFERENDUMS SIMPLY TO MAINTAIN **BASIC EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**.

Since 2015, 70% (or 294 of 421) Wisconsin districts have conducted operational referendums.



NOTES

- WEBSTER HAS **NOT** INCREASED THE TAX LEVY FOR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES SINCE THE STATE IMPOSED REVENUE LIMITS IN 1993
- THE PROJECTED IMPACT TO THE TAX LEVY WOULD INCREASE TO THE MILL RATE \$0.56, FROM \$2.90 TO \$3.46, WHICH IS STILL ONE OF THE LOWEST IN THE AREA AND THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

NEXT UP: COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AT THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS TO SHARE FACTUAL INFORMATION AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM.

2026 February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

- 02/09 - TOWN OF SAND LAKE BOARD MEETING - 6:00;
- 02/09 - TOWN OF JACKSON BOARD MEETING - 7:00
- 02/11 - VILLAGE OF WEBSTER BOARD MEETING - 6:00;
- 02/11 - TOWN OF LINCOLN BOARD MEETING - 7:00
- 02/12 - TOWN OF OAKLAND BOARD MEETING - 7:00
- 02/16 - REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 5:00
- 02/17 - WEBSTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - 11:30
- 02/18 - TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING - 5:00
- 02/19 - SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING (MS/HS) - 5:30
- 03/02 - TOWN OF WEBB LAKE BOARD MEETING - 6:00
- 03/09 - TOWN OF DAIRYLAND BOARD MEETING - 7:00
- 03/10 - TOWN OF SWISS BOARD MEETING - 7:00
- 03/11 - TOWN OF BLAINE BOARD MEETING - 7:00
- 03/16 - REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 5:00
- 03/31 - SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING (ELEM) - 7:00

2026 March

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