

HELLO YORKVILLE!

Dear Yorkville School District Residents, On January 16, 2023 the Yorkville Board of Education (Board) voted unanimously to place two referendum questions on the ballot for the Tuesday, April 4, 2023 election. The Board is asking community

members to voice their opinion and vote.

Q1 The first question on the April 4 ballot is a **Capital (Bond) Referendum** asking voters to consider up to \$12.1 Million for maintenance.

Q2 The second question on the ballot is an Operations Referendum asking voters to approve additional funding (\$900,000) above the annual revenue limit to maintain things like class sizes, programs, and student services. Teacher recruitment and retention and ongoing maintenance needs would also be addressed. Funds secured are used within the year they are received.

FACILITY ASSESSMENT

In October and November of 2022, over 50 members of our Board of Education, Administration, Staff and Teachers participated in the facility assessment process. Facilitated by Nexus Solutions, a firm specializing in assessing school facilities, our team produced a comprehensive report to the Board that was utilized to make informed decisions for the future of the Yorkville School. The assessment focused on seven distinct areas of the Yorkville School, which included mechanical systems, electrical systems, technology systems, exterior maintenance, interior maintenance, special educational spaces, and the site.

From now through April 4, the District will provide as many opportunities as possible to share the rationale behind this decision, the impact on property taxes, maintenance items, and operations affected. Stay tuned for more communications as well as opportunities for questions and answers.

If you have any questions or comments, please email me at mark.rollefson@yorkville.k12.wi.us.

Sincerely, Dr. Mark Rollefson, Superintendent

REFERENDUM SOLUTIONS

Key needs that the proposed referendum seeks to address, include:

Q1 CAPITAL REFERENDUM



ENERGY & MAINTENANCE

- HVAC & Boiler retro-commissioning
- Plumbing, including Replacement of the 1965 sanitary sewer- to eliminate frequent backups
- Building maintenance including replacement of flooring, ceiling, doors, cabinetry, single-pane window replacement, brick and concrete repair, select exterior doors
- ADA Accessibility Upgrades including 1965, 1991 toilet rooms
- Rec./Maint./Storage Addition



TECHNOLOGY & ELECTRICAL

- Electrical service upgrades and 1959/65 panel replacement
- Phone System/ PA system/ Card Access/ Camera system/ Sound System upgrades to improve safety



SITE SAFETY & PARKING

- Reconfiguration of car drop off and pick up loop to improve traffic flow and safety
- North, East, Courtyard, & Basketball pavement maintenance and reconstruction
- ADA accessibility improvements
- Drainage corrections



HEALTHY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

- Installation of a Molybdenum Filtration
 System for safe drinking water
- Special education classroom(s) remodeling
- Classroom unit ventilator replacement 1959 furnace conversion, addition of AC
- Asbestos abatement
- ADA Ramp to replace undersized lift
- Outdoor classroom for STEM and club



Q2 OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM

OPERATIONAL NEEDS

- Attract and retain needed staff
- Optimize learning environments and maintain class sizes
- Fund increasing costs for needs such as transportation, utilities, technology, curriculum, etc.



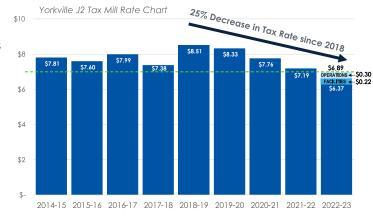
This mailer is intended for Yorkville JT #2 School District Residents.

WHY GO TO REFERENDUM NOW?

- Due to State aid decreases, prioritized needs cannot be addressed within annual budgets.
- Needs have been prioritized based on extensive <u>feedback from the community and staff</u>, resulting in a long-term plan to address our facility needs.
- Because of ongoing management of the District's finances, the <u>District has reduced tax</u>
 <u>rates by over 25% over the last five (5) years</u>. The District is able to address key priorities
 funded by the proposed operational and capital referendums, while <u>keeping the tax rate</u>
 <u>below 21-22 levels</u>.
- Waiting one (1) year to complete the proposed maintenance and remodeling work could increase costs by over \$800,000

FINANCIAL

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ESTIMATED TAXPAYER DOLLARS

Approval of both the capital + operational referendum would result in an annual estimated tax increase of \$52.

OR **\$4.33 per month** for every \$100,000 of property value over the current tax rate.

Q1 CAPITAL Q2 OPERATIONAL

\$1.83 + \$2.50 = \$4.33 per month/ per \$100,000 value

JOIN US: REFERENDUM INFO NIGHTS Learn about our needs, take a tour and get your questions answered.

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THURS MAR 2

MAR 15

6:00 PM

TUES MAR 28

Have coffee with Dr. Mark Rollefson and get your questions answered.

18621 Washington Ave. MAIN OFFICE

FEB MAR

COFFEE TUESDAYS @ 9:00 AM



