



# REFERENDUM KEY FACTS

## DEAR YORKVILLE

### Dear Residents of the Yorkville School District,

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.

From now through April 4, the District will provide as many opportunities as possible to understand 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](mailto:mark.rollefson@yorkville.k12.wi.us).

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mark Rollefson, Superintendent

## LEARN MORE: REFERENDUM INFO NIGHTS

Please join us at any of the following events and learn about our needs, take a tour and get your questions answered.

Location: 18621 Washington Ave. Union Grove | LIBRARY

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6:00 PM

WED  
MAR  
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TUES  
MAR  
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7:00 PM

## COFFEE WITH MARK TUESDAYS @ 9:00 AM

Have coffee with Dr. Mark Rollefson and get your questions answered. Location: 18621 Washington Ave. | MAIN OFFICE

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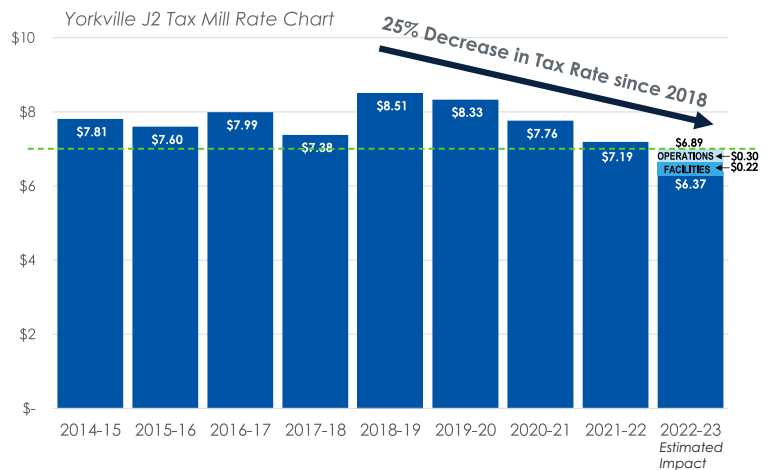
[YORKVILLE.REFERENDUMFACTS.ORG](http://YORKVILLE.REFERENDUMFACTS.ORG)

## 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.

## FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

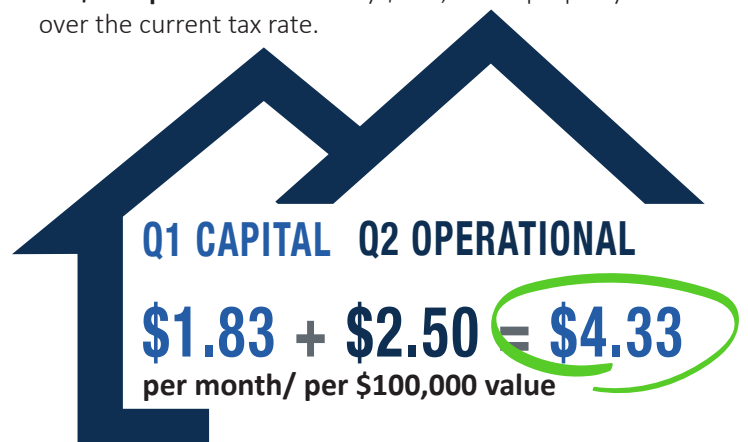
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## ESTIMATED TAXPAYER DOLLARS

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.



# THE REFERENDUM SOLUTIONS

Our key needs that the proposed referendums seek to address, include:

## Q1 CAPITAL REFERENDUM



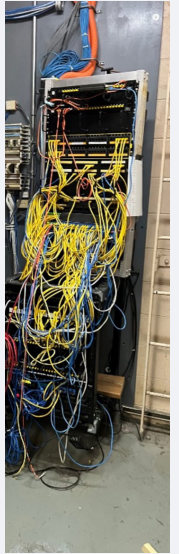
### ENERGY & MAINTENANCE

- Retro-commissioning of existing HVAC and boiler
- Flush valve replacements
- Replacement of the 1965 sanitary sewer- to eliminate frequent backups
- Interior & exterior lighting upgrades
- Flooring, ceiling, interior door, and classroom cabinet replacements
- 2007 gymnasium wood floor refurbishment
- Single-pane window replacement for efficiency and comfort
- Brick and concrete maintenance to repair cracking, sealants, and rusting
- Select exterior door and hardware replacement
- Accessibility upgrades to 1965 and 1991 toilet rooms
- Receiving, maintenance and storage addition to eliminate deliveries on playground



### TECHNOLOGY & ELECTRICAL

- Main electrical service upgrades – replacement and upsizing for AC
- Replace original 1959/1965 electrical panelboards to improve reliability
- Replace older electrical outlets and install additional outlets for needs
- Phone system replacement and public address system upgrades
- Data and wireless system upgrades
- Upgrades to card access system and CCTV camera system
- 2007 gymnasium sound system upgrades



### 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 to bus loop/North entrance and transformer
- Drainage corrections



### HEALTHY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

- Installation of a Molybdenum Filtration System for safe drinking water
- Special education classroom(s) remodeling to accommodate changing needs
- Classroom unit ventilator replacement and the addition of air conditioning
- Conversion of Furnace Installed in 1959 for efficiency and air conditioning
- Asbestos abatement
- ADA Ramp to replace undersized lift
- Outdoor STEM classroom opportunities
- Outdoor club related opportunities



## Q2 OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM

**ATTRACT AND RETAIN NEEDED STAFF**

**OPTIMIZE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AND MAINTAIN CLASS SIZES**

**FUND INCREASING COSTS FOR NEEDS SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, CURRICULUM, ETC.**

**ADDRESS ONGOING MAINTENANCE NEEDS NOT ADDRESSED VIA THE CAPITAL REFERENDUM**

## 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 feedback from the community and staff, resulting in a long-term plan to address our facility needs.**
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