



REFERENDUM FACT SHEET

VOTE NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Delayed Facility Projects, Energy Efficiency & Student and Community Safety

Address delayed maintenance and facility projects including window replacements, HVAC upgrades, emergency generators, roof replacements, and pedestrian safety signs.

\$43.4 million



Secondary School Upgrades

To improve the educational experiences for secondary students upgrades are needed to high school and middle school buildings, which include fine arts, physical education, and athletic areas.

\$48 million



Playground Improvements

Replace four older playgrounds at Aldo Leopold, Baird, Jackson, and Kennedy, while also making them ADA accessible with rubberized surfaces. In addition, add ADA accessible equipment to playgrounds used by Sullivan and Danz elementary schools.

\$1.2 million



Why a Referendum Now?

- All District debt will be paid off at the end of 2022, including the 2017 referendum.
- Delayed and deferred projects become more costly over time, both in labor and supplies.
- The District's \$3.5 million maintenance budget is unable to keep pace with the District's facilities needs, and increasing the budget would remove resources from the classroom.
- The District will be able to pay back the referendum bond in 2-3 years.



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Survey Results Show Support for Referendum Projects

In April of 2022, 3,432 survey respondents expressed the following:

84% support addressing delayed/deferred facility projects	83% support improving renovations to classrooms, auditoriums, etc.	70% support improving locker rooms, weight rooms, tennis courts, athletic fields, etc.	67% support adding artificial turf to Preble and West High Schools	84% support replacing older playground equipment	82% support adding ADA accessible equipment and rubberized surfaces to playgrounds
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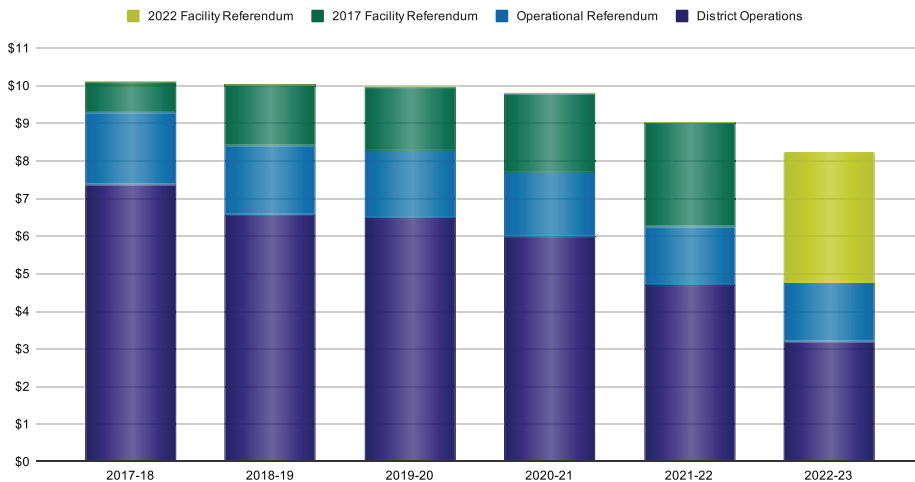
Understanding the Financial Impact of the Referendum

The District has historically structured its debt to allow for future borrowing, without having to increase the mill rate/tax rate. The mill rate multiplied by each \$1,000 of a homeowner's fair market value, determines how much in taxes the homeowner will pay towards Green Bay Area Public Schools. In 2016 prior to the

passage of the 2017 referendum, the mill rate was \$10.16. In 2021, the mill rate was \$9.03.

The District is financially positioned to reduce the mill rate, even if the referendum for \$92.6 million is approved. The proposed mill rate of \$8.24 is the lowest mill rate since 1984.

Proposed Mill Rate of \$8.24 if Referendum is Approved



What Happens if the Referendum Fails?

- The proposed projects would continue to be delayed/deferred.
- Failure of the referendum would require a significant mill rate increase in order to address future facilities and/or operation needs.
- Preble and West High Schools would continue to coordinate with the other high schools and community partners to use their outdoor facilities.

**\$92.6M REFERENDUM
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LOWEST MILL RATE SINCE 1984
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IMPROVED STUDENT
EXPERIENCES**



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