

Investing in the Future

of the Mequon-Thiensville School District

OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM



On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, our community will vote on a proposed \$26.4 million non-recurring operational referendum. If it's approved, the referendum would expire at the end of the 2028 school year.

Like many across Wisconsin, our school district faces financial challenges. Inflation, healthcare costs, and the expense of maintaining our schools have outpaced the limited funding we can generate due to state-imposed revenue caps. This gap has forced the District to consider difficult choices, including staff reductions, larger class sizes, and program cuts - none of which reflect the vision for our public schools that has been shared with us by community members.

The referendum offers a solution. If passed, it will help maintain staffing levels, class sizes, and essential programs like fine arts, athletics, and more.

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

These funds would not be used for new buildings or major projects, but for the everyday operations that keep our schools strong.

An approved referendum would enable MTSD to:

- ✓ Balance the budget without tapping into reserves.
- ✓ Develop a competitive compensation system for teachers and higher starting wages for support staff members to aid in the recruitment and retention of high-quality educators.
- ✓ Manage healthcare costs.
- ✓ Protect our AAA bond rating.



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Did You Know?



MTSD has already made substantial cuts, including \$2.75 million in the last four school years alone. While we're proud of our financial discipline, we worry about negative impacts to our schools and students over the long term if this trend continues.

Make a plan to vote!



ELECTION DAY:
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

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