



Riverdale Schools

Operational Referendum Facts

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Maintain Programs

Full day 4K, small class sizes, JH/HS course offerings, HS AP and CAPP courses, college and career opportunities, extracurricular and sporting options.



Contribute to Maintenance Projects & Transportation

Keep up the building and maintenance of the Riverdale Campus. Update current transportation fleet and recruit drivers.



Attract and Retain Employees

Be competitive in wages and benefits for all teaching, support, custodial, cook, office staff and bus drivers.

WHY RIVERDALE?



Top 20% High School in the Nation according to World News Report



Silver Level Dual Credit Recognition by Southwest Wisconsin Technical College



Top 10 Ag Program in the State of Wisconsin



DPI-Selected Mentor School for College and Career Readiness



Top 10 CESA 3 Elementary School in Math and Top 12 in Reading Achievement



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Referendum Specifics



Fiscal Shortfall

Estimated fiscal shortfall for the 2025-26 school year and beyond.



Timeline

Five year operational referendum starting in 2025-2026 and ending in the 2029-2030 school year.



Why It Is Needed?

- Insufficient Funds from the State
- Record Inflationary Increase
- ESSER Funds Ending
- Private School Voucher Increase



Purpose

Nonrecurring purposes consisting of operational costs to maintain instructional programs, staffing, technology, transportation, and facilities management.

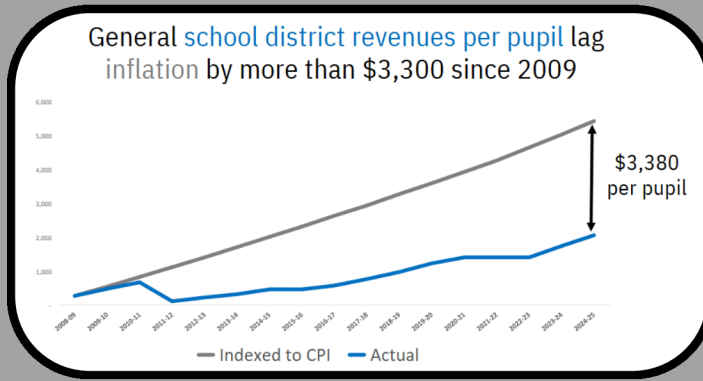


Tax Impact

PROPERTY VALUE	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000
NET TAX INCREASE	\$106	\$159	\$212
MONTHLY TAX INCREASE	\$8.83	\$13.25	\$17.66

Question

Shall the Riverdale School District, Grant, Richland, Iowa and Crawford Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$767,500 for the 2025-2026 school year, by \$767,500 for the 2026-2027 school year, and by \$1,155,000 per year beginning with the 2027-2028 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational costs to maintain instructional programs, staffing, technology, transportation and facilities management?



Adjustments Already Made

- **reduction** of an elementary classroom teacher resulting in larger class sizes
- **elimination** of two early interventionist positions
- **reduction** of full time library media specialist
- **reduction** of one full time paraprofessional support position for the 2024-2025 school year
- **reduction** of extra curricular opportunities for students (cheer, FBLA, assistant Forensics coach)
- **elimination** of early releases and moved to professional days to save transportation and student service costs, including paraprofessional support staff wages
- **reduction** of the number of full time support staff when part time positions could be filled
- **utilization** of COPS grant funding and other grant programs to supplement maintenance budget and mental health/student service programming

We Are Not Alone

24/32 CESA 3 schools went to referendum in 2024

240 school districts statewide went to referendum in 2024