

MANITOWOC PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING REFERENDUM FACT SHEET



VOTE APRIL 3!



PROUD OF OUR PAST, PRESERVING OUR FUTURE

On April 3, 2018, residents in the Manitowoc Public School District will vote on an operating referendum seeking up to \$3.5 million annually, for three years, to maintain existing programs, fund capital and technology needs and retain quality staff. If approved, the referendum would help all schools and students with little to no tax impact.

»» **PROUD PAST**

We are proud of our rich traditions and our continual progress to provide a first-class K-12 education for our local youth. We are moving in the right direction - adding rigorous new courses and extracurricular opportunities and building strong relationships in our schools.

»» **PRESERVE FUTURE**

But the lack of reform to state funding formulas and revenue limits threatens to roll back our progress, deepen our deficit and force cuts to existing staff and programs. Without renewal of an operating referendum, which voters approved in 2015, MPSD won't be able to maintain current programs and services. Some district revenues have increased but costs are outpacing the gains.

»» **THE NEED**

Referendum would help ALL schools, ALL students

If successful, the referendum funds will be used to:

Maintain current programs and educational opportunities

- Offer a wide range of academic courses, programs and services for all students to engage and inspire all learners to thrive in a global community
- Provide our graduates 21st Century workforce development skills
- Offer youth apprenticeships and other on-the-job training opportunities in partnership with local businesses and post-secondary educational institutions
- Protect class sizes

Maintain and update district facilities and technology

- \$10 million in capital improvements needs over the next five years across all schools
- \$1.2 million in technology needs, including access points for robust classroom Internet

Continue to attract and retain highly qualified staff

- Provide employee training and development, as well as competitive wages and benefits

***SEE TAX IMPACT
REVERSE SIDE***

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»» LITTLE TO NO TAX IMPACT

Mill rate would increase 21 cents in first year, then decrease to 10-year low

The proposed question will allow for a decrease in school property taxes over the three year period, with the first year seeing a 2.65% increase followed by -2.01% and -1.63% in years two and three.

The school property tax rate will drop to historically low levels – to \$7.95 per \$1,000 of equalized value – the lowest in 10 years. The last time the school tax rate was under \$8 was in 2009-10 when it was \$7.52.

ANNUAL SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

School Year	Tax Rate*	Tax Rate Change	\$100,000 home**	\$150,000 home	\$200,000 home
2017-18	\$8.04				
2018-19	\$8.25	+ 21 cents	+ \$21	+ \$31.50	+ \$42
2019-20	\$8.09	- 16 cents	- \$16	- \$24	- \$32
2020-21	\$7.95	- 14 cents	- \$14	- \$21	- \$28

* School Property Tax Levy Rate is per \$1,000 of equalized value
 ** City of Manitowoc average home value is \$108,000

The MPSD takes pride in being fiscally responsible as a low spending school district for the past 24 years. Manitowoc’s property tax rate of \$8.04 per \$1,000 of equalized tax value remains the lowest in Manitowoc County and is in the bottom 10% in the state of WI. The county average is \$9.55 and the state average for K-12 districts is \$9.79. MPSD’s \$9.198 per pupil cost ranks 417 out of 422 districts in Wisconsin.

If the referendum passes, the district still will have a projected \$1.2 million shortfall, for which budget adjustments will be made. However, if the referendum fails, that deficit will rise to \$4.7 million and require the district to cut staff and programs. About 80% of the district’s budget is staff salary and benefits. A \$4.7 million deficit would translate to 30 full-time staff members – administrators, teachers, support staff, custodians and food service.

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1 of only 14 WI school districts with International Baccalaureate diplomas



1 of just 4% of districts nationwide named Best Communities for Music Education



3 MPSD schools Named WI Title 1 Schools of Recognition



Dozens of LHS students exploring careers via Youth Apprenticeships



New courses developed with Manitowoc County Home Builders Association

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