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# Riverdale Schools

## Operational Referendum

### Facts



### 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.

## INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 26  
5:00 p.m. RES Library  
6:15 p.m. JH/HS  
Room 101

Tuesday, March 11  
10:00 a.m.  
Avoca Village Hall

Friday, March 14  
10:00 a.m.  
Muscoda Kratochwill  
Building

Thursday, March 27  
6:00 p.m.  
Blue River Gym

Thursday, March 6  
5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.  
RES Room 173

Thursday, March 13  
10:00 a.m.  
Blue River Gym

Tuesday, March 25  
6:00 p.m.  
Avoca Village Hall

Friday, March 28  
10:00 a.m.  
Muscoda Kratochwill  
Building

## 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



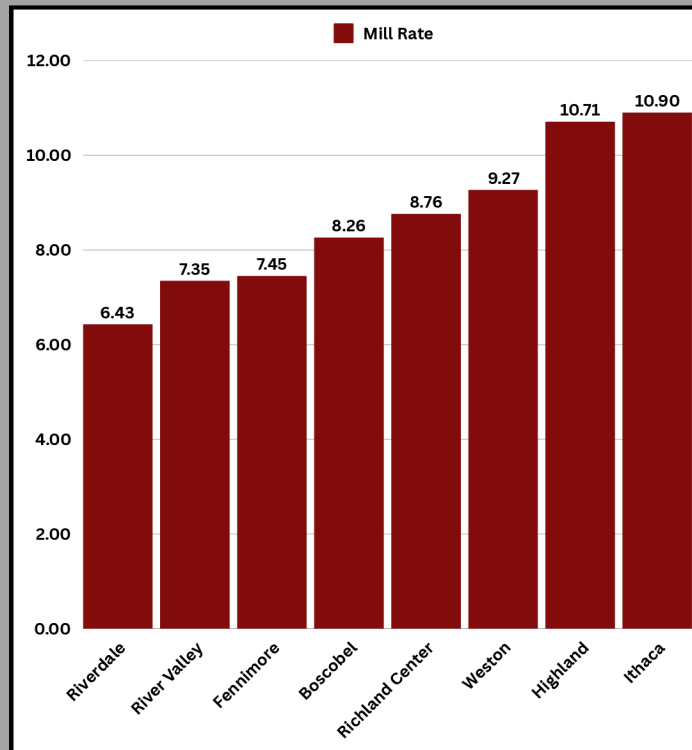
## Purpose

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



# Tax Impact

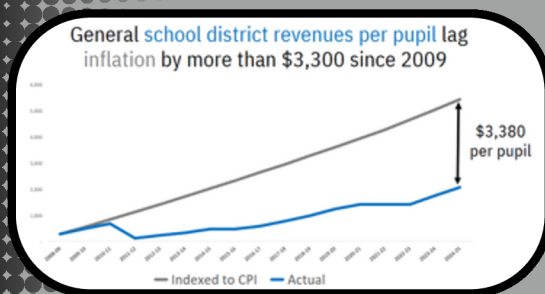
PROPERTY VALUE	\$100,000
NET TAX INCREASE	\$106
MONTHLY TAX INCREASE	\$8.83



# We Are Not Alone

24/32 CESA 3 schools went to referendum in 2024

240 districts statewide went to referendum in 2024



# 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

# 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?