



# 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

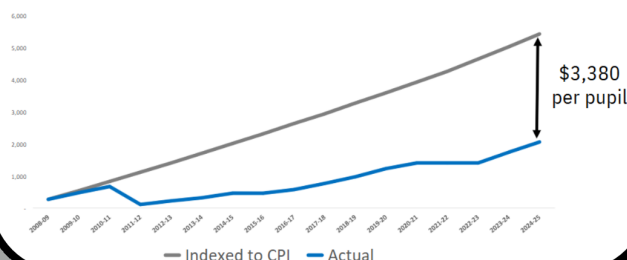
PROPERTY VALUE	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000
NET TAX INCREASE	\$106	\$159	\$212
MONTHLY TAX INCREASE	\$8.83	\$13.25	\$17.66

# 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?



General school district revenues per pupil lag inflation by more than \$3,300 since 2009



# 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**