



April 4th REFERENDUM No Tax Rate Increase

Mill rate remains at \$10.16/\$1,000 assessed value



SAMPLE BALLOT

Question I

“Shall the Green Bay Area Public School District, Brown County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$16,500,000 for the 2017-2018 school year and for each of the succeeding 9 school years thereafter, for non-recurring purposes consisting of: maintaining educational programming and class sizes; and retaining staff?”

- Yes
 No

Question II

“Shall the Green Bay Area Public School District, Brown County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$68,250,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a district-wide school building and facilities improvement plan consisting of: reconstruction of Baird Elementary School; additions, renovations and improvements to increase capacity, to provide safe and secure entrances and offices at multiple elementary schools, and to improve instructional, support and community service spaces; renovations and improvements for fine arts facilities; and acquisition of related furnishings, fixtures and equipment?”

- Yes
 No



$\$16.5M + \$68.25M$
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VOTER INFORMATION

- Early voting begins Tuesday, March 21 and ends Friday, March 31
- Polls are open April 4th from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Photo ID is required to vote - learn more at <http://bringit.wi.gov>

Learn More:



Call: 920-448-2101 Visit: www.gbaps.org/referendum Email: communications@gbaps.org

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VOTE on Tuesday, April 4!



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Public School District**
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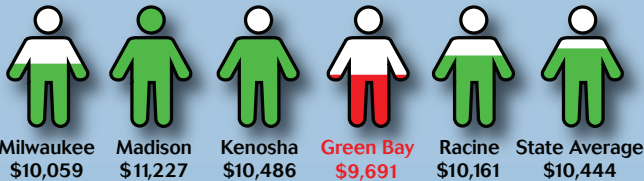
QUESTION #1

OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM: \$16.5M (10-year)

- The District is seeking \$16.5M in additional revenue above its current revenue limit
- The District's revenue limit is 7.5% or a total of \$16.5M per year below the state average
- An operational referendum allows the District to maintain educational programming and class sizes, and retain staff

Revenue Limits Per Student Compared to State Average

Largest five school districts in Wisconsin, 2014-15 per pupil revenue



Source: Legislative Fiscal Bureau

Why now?

- Six years of little to no increase in the revenue limit
- Revenue has been outpaced by inflation
- \$21M in expenditures has been cut or deferred in the last two District budgets

QUESTION #2

FACILITIES REFERENDUM: \$68.25M

The facilities referendum addresses:

- Capacity needs at elementary and middle schools; includes building a new Baird Elementary School on the existing site, which increases capacity from 296 to 600 students
- Safe and secured entrances at elementary schools
- Adequate and appropriate spaces for community partners (e.g., Oral Health Partnership, mental health services, etc.), the Fine Arts pathway and the District's project-based charter school - John Dewey Academy of Learning

What happens if the referendum fails?

The District will be required to cut \$18M to balance the 2017-18 budget. The District would need to do the following:

- Reduce educational programs, services and course offerings
- Increase class sizes
- Reduce 150 staff District-wide which will impact all employee groups

District Moving in the Right Direction

The District has been working to transform education in our public schools. An \$18M deficit threatens the progress the District has made to ensure all students are college, career and community ready.

90%
of last year's graduates that attended the UW-System were prepared for the academic rigor of college

95%
4-year graduation cohort rate - 2% increase

Award-Winning
personalized pathways developed with community partners

13,000
technology devices deployed for student use

100+
ways for students to earn college credit

88
Golden Apple Award recipients