

School District of Rhinelander
Referendum Information
Fall 2018

MEETINGS AND KEY TALKING POINTS

Referendum Vote is November 6th.

Ballot Language

"Shall the School District of Rhinelander, Oneida, Lincoln and Langlade Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,250,000 per year beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and ending with the 2022-2023 school year for non-recurring purposes?"

Referendum Meetings:

- October 8th at 6:00 p.m. @ Rhinelander High School Library
- October 18th at 5:00 p.m. @ Pelican Elementary School Library
- October 22nd at 10:00 a.m. @ James Williams Middle School Library
- October 29th at 5:00 p.m. @ Crescent Elementary School Library

Key Talking Points:

- This is the final year of the current three year, \$5 million referendum.
- The new four year, \$4.25 million referendum replaces the current referendum beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. The new referendum will maintain current programming and staffing.
- The District's deficit is \$5.4 million on average for each of the following four years, but SDR is able to use savings from health insurance and the additional per student funding received from the state to lower the referendum amount to \$4.25 million per year.
- SDR's share of property taxes will decrease. Projected taxes will be \$10.41 per \$1,000 Fair Market Value vs. the \$11.09 per \$1,000 Fair Market Value in 2017-18.
- The state funding formula has not changed.
- The School District of Rhinelander (SDR) is one of the lowest spending school districts in the area.
- Due to new laws, SDR is limited on when it can hold a referendum; which is why this new referendum is for four years instead of three.
- SDR is still working on space issues and will continue to work on them in the coming months. The referendum funds are not going to be used to resolve the space issues, but will continue the great programming and staffing being provided to all of the children.