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### **The Reedsburg Community Has Voted and the Referendum Passes**

*Building the Future of Reedsburg Schools – #FutureofReedsburgSchools*

**Reedsburg, WI – (October 10, 2017 - 9:15 PM)** – The results are in for the School District of Reedsburg’s \$32 million Referendum. It has been approved! Reedsburg community members had a strong showing on Tuesday, October 10, with 2363 voters making the decision and with 1 provisional ballot yet to be counted. 70.25% percent voted ‘yes’ to the Referendum with 29.75% percent voting ‘no;’ according to unofficial\* election results.

“We have a truly amazing community filled with people who care deeply about the future of our schools,” says Tom Benson District Administrator. “Thank you for being involved in the process and for your support of the education of the school children in our community!”

Benson adds, “The next steps are exciting as we take the input again from the community and staff members to put this Referendum plan into action.” The timeline for the Referendum projects are: Building renovations to begin in June 2018. The new elementary school construction timeline proposes design and site selection in November 2017 through March 2018, bidding in April 2018, construction starting in May 2018 and welcoming students in August 2019.

Further Benson states, “The School District of Reedsburg will again need community input on the decision to purchase land to build the new 3-5 Elementary School along with the new Transportation Facility.” A number of sites for the new elementary school are being considered and further information will now be gathered. Then, voters will have the opportunity at a special meeting to consider approval of a specific property for the site of a new school building.

Stay tuned to the district website ([www.rsd.k12.wi.us](http://www.rsd.k12.wi.us)) and various social media channels as the building of the future of Reedsburg schools story continues. Questions can be directed to District Administrator Tom Benson by calling (608) 524-2016 ext. 2006 or by sending an email to [referendum@rsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:referendum@rsd.k12.wi.us).

\* Election results will remain unofficial until the Board of Canvassers meets on Tuesday, October 17 at 8:45 a.m.

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