Reedsburg

Building the FUTURE of **Reedsburg Schools**

WHAT is on the ballot on Tuesday, October 10?

On Tuesday, October 10, community members will have an opportunity to vote on a \$32,000,000 referendum. The referendum seeks permission to use general obligation bonds to pay for improved security at all existing schools; a new Elementary School; a new transportation facility; renovations and modernizations; and furnishings, fixtures, and equipment associated with the updates.

To review the Referendum ballot question, please visit www.rsd.k12.wi.us

WHY is the District proposing this plan?

After extensive evaluation and in response to the community survey conducted in March, the district has identified various district-wide needs as a part of a long-range facility plan to address maintenance issues and aging systems. The district has considered many factors throughout the pre-referendum process. Options were assessed according to their priority.

» School Security Improvements is the district's top priority, as all of the existing buildings need improved secure entrances. School offices will be reconfigured and / or secure entrances will be added in order to better monitor and control visitor access.

» **Building Infrastructure Updates** are needed, as some building systems, including heating, cooling, electrical, and plumbing are failing. Other current building systems are approaching the end of their service life and are therefore less efficient and require ongoing repairs. Also, many of the schools' roofs and interior finishes, including flooring, ceiling tiles, lighting, and cabinetry need to be replaced. Many of these expenses are too large to address within the district's operating budget. It has been determined that the needed improvements to South Elementary School are not cost effective and therefore it should no longer operate as a public school building.

» **Elementary Capacity** at all schools within the Reedsburg city limits need to be addressed. Each school is operating over capacity creating operational challenges.

» **Minimal Tax Impact** was also considered, as the loan providing funds to build Reedsburg Area High School was paid off in 2017. This gives the community the opportunity to address the facility updates outlined in the referendum.

What is the estimated IMPACT to taxpayers?

Not-to-exceed Project Cost of \$32,000,000	Estimated Property Tax Impact		
Tax Impact: (\$0.04 per \$1,000 of property value)	Per Year	Per Month	
\$100,000 of property value	\$4.00	\$0.33	
\$200,000 of property value	\$8.00	\$0.67	
\$300,000 of property value	\$12.00	\$1.00	

September 1, 2017

School District Timeline

April 2012

» Aramark Facilities Condition Assessment Report presented

February - September 2016

» Plunkett Raysich Architects (PRA)
began Facilities Master Planning
» PRA Facilities Master Planning
Report presented

December 2016 - April 2017

» Community Facility Committee formed / meetings conducted

March 2017

» School Perceptions conducted Community Survey

April 2017

» Community Facility Committee Report presented

June 2017

» School Board formulated a resolution

July - October 2017

» Referendum Communications Team formed and informational materials in process

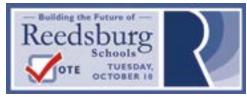
September - October 2017

» Informational meetings and school tours to be offered

October 10, 2017

» Referendum Election Day







The community, school board, staff, and administration have worked together to evaluate and prioritize the school facilities' needs identified in a comprehensive long-range plan. Below is an overview of major items proposed in the \$32 million October 10 Referendum.

	High School	Webb	Pineview	Westside	Loganville	Ironton-
Safety & Security	5011001	webb	Theview	westslue	Loganvine	Lavanc
Renovate or construct secured main entrance	*	*	*	*	*	*
Replace bleachers for safer access (railings & aisle-ways)	*					
Facilities Maintenance						
Repair and / or replace failing roofing, windows, doors, and / or finishes	*	*	*	*		
Repair, replace, or upgrade failing plumbing, HVAC, electrical systems	*	*	*	*		
Repair & replace ceiling / insulation system				*		
Replace failing flooring	*		*	*		*
Cafeteria & Kitchen improvements		*	*			
Repair, replace, and / or upgrade restrooms		*		*		
Replace lockers	*	*				
Site Improvements		*			*	
Learning Spaces					· ·	
Replace wall partitions with solid walls				*		
Renovate outdated classrooms		*				

District Facility Improvements (including enhanced security & building infrastructure updates)	\$7,650,000
New Elementary School & Transportation Facility (on new property yet to be determined)	<u>\$24,350,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$32,000,000

What is the projected debt service IMPACT?

The District made its final payment on prior referendum debt of \$2,133,018 during 2017. The average estimated 2017 Referendum debt payment is \$2,185,000, the average annual increase is \$51,982. The tax rate increase of \$0.04/\$1,000 (\$4.00 per \$100,000) of fair market property value compares the final debt payment to the average estimated 2017 Referendum debt payment.

The Referendum projects will be financed in two phases: \$10 million projected at 3.5% and \$22 million projected at 4%. Payments under this financing plan would start in 2018 and finish in 2038. Tax impact estimates have been provided by financial advisors from Wisconsin Public Financial Professionals.

How do I get more INFORMATION?

- » Watch for informational mailings to all residents
- >> **Visit** www.rsd.k12.wi.us
- » Email your questions directly to Referendum@rsd.k12.wi.us
- » Schedule a group presentation by contacting the Central Office at (608) 524-2016

Self-Guided Tours	4.7.000	All Buildings
September 11 and 12 Informational Meetings	4 - 7 pm	An Dundings
Wednesday, September 20 Sunday, October 1	7 - 8 pm 3 - 4 pm	CAL Center Fusch Center



