



WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Wisconsin funding for public schools has not kept up with inflation since 2010.



REFERENDUM PASSES



- ♦ **Staffing levels** remain consistent.
- ♦ **Teacher and staff pay becomes more competitive** with other Dane County districts.
- ♦ **Increased programming** and support for students.
- ♦ Expanded **4K and early learning**.
- ♦ More opportunities to **connect students with the trades**.
- ♦ **Maintain budgets** for programs and operations.
- ♦ SPASD property taxes would **increase for three years and remain steady or decrease after**.



REFERENDUM FAILS TO PASS



- ♦ **Significant staff layoffs** of over 10% of the district's total staff. About 182 positions would need to be cut.
- ♦ Teacher pay remains **below the Dane County average**, giving other districts a competitive edge to recruit and retain staff.
- ♦ Students learn best when taught and cared for by the best staff. **Losing staff will make it harder to support students and student results.**
- ♦ **Significant cuts** to student programming and school and department budgets.
- ♦ SPASD property taxes **would not increase**.



HOW WILL THE REFERENDUM IMPACT TAXES?

YEAR 1: For a \$300,000 home *in 2024:*

$$\text{\$30} \times \text{per } \text{\$100k} \rightarrow \text{\$300k} = \text{\$90 /year} \text{ or } \$7.50 \text{ per month}$$

YEAR 2: For a \$300,000 home *in 2025:*

$$\text{\$58} \times \text{per } \text{\$100k} \rightarrow \text{\$300k} = \text{\$174 /year} \text{ or } \$14.50 \text{ per month}$$

YEAR 3: For a \$300,000 home *in 2026:*

$$\text{\$56} \times \text{per } \text{\$100k} \rightarrow \text{\$300k} = \text{\$168 /year} \text{ or } \$14.00 \text{ per month}$$

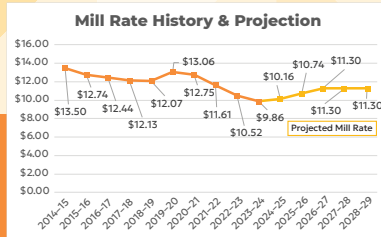
YEARS 4, 5 & BEYOND: No additional tax impact

Total tax impact after 5 years: **\$432** \$36 per month
\$8.50 per week



The referendum would let our school district have up to \$25 million more for future budgets. This does not mean we'll add \$25 million each year. We'll only use what we need. In fact, taxes have gone down over the past four years, even with a referendum in 2022.

Our mill rate has steadily decreased since 2019–2020. With a successful referendum, the mill rate is expected to increase by \$1.44 per \$1,000 of property value after a five-year phased roll-in.



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If successful, the school board is committed to not going to an operational referendum again through the 2028–2029 school year.

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