

Dear Wilmot Community

The School Board of Education has placed a **facility (bond) referendum on the April 1, 2025 ballot** for \$22,900,000 to address building needs that we cannot complete within our annual budget. We will do our best to inform the community of the project needs and solutions between now and April 1.

Due to the District paying off debt this year, if voters approve the referendum, **there will be no estimated tax mill rate increase, and taxes will still drop.**

OUR STUDENTS. OUR COMMUNITY.



WILMOT UNION HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY REFERENDUM

Facility and educational needs have been assessed and prioritized, some of the proposed solutions include:



MODERN LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

- Expanding **Tech Ed Metals** shop to accommodate our growing program
- Modernizing the **FACS Culinary and Home Economics Labs**
- Upgrading **Technology in all classrooms** with new monitors, improved data cabling, and relocated electrical power to **enhance teacher mobility and student engagement**
- Renovating District Office and CNA area to **add a Daycare**, including **outdoor play area**
- Replacing outdated **stage/theatrical lighting** and sound systems.
- Upgrading Fieldhouse A/V and lighting to enhance sound quality
- Updating **Library and school furniture** and painting corridors to **improve the student environment**



SAFETY & SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Updating **main door secure entrance sequence** for improved visitor control
- Expanding the **fire protection** sprinkler system
- Replacing dated **cameras** and added additional needed cameras
- Improving **door card access system**, and installing door contact sensors.
- Addressing egress compliance
- Replacing the **PA system and clocks**
- Upgrading **emergency lighting** in the theater



BUILDING & SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Repair roof** and replace sections
- Replace **boilers and HVAC**
- Updating **electrical and IT systems** for functionality and efficiency
- Update VCT **flooring** in key areas.
- Repair **exterior structure** including tuckpointing and masonry repairs
- Upgrades and maintenance to **sidewalks and parking lots including ADA access**
- Sports complex improvements to: **Track, Tennis, Baseball and Softball** including synthetic turf installation
- Updating stormwater systems and landscaping

**LEARN
MORE**

INFO NIGHTS
Presentation & Tour
WUHS Library 6 pm

**FEB
24**

**MAR
12**

COFFEE TALKS
Hosted by Dr. Plourde
Cup O' Joe 5-6:30 pm

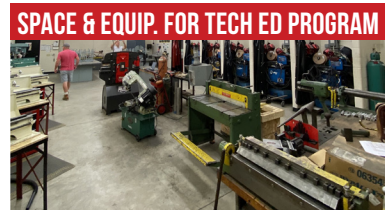
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THE NEEDS

In the summer of 2023 a comprehensive facility analysis was conducted to determine short and long-term facility needs. The board of education carefully reviewed the findings coupled with community feedback to determine the highest priority projects. Some of these needs are shown below:



ON THE BALLOT

Facility (bond) referendum question that will be on the ballot April 1, 2025

Shall the Wilmot Union High School District, Kenosha County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$22,900,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project at the High School and Panther Sports Complex consisting of: classroom modernization; renovations, including for technical and family and consumer sciences education; renovations for new community daycare center; district-wide safety and security improvements, capital maintenance, building infrastructure and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

VISIT
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- Find your polling location
- Register online to vote by Mar. 12th
- Early in-person voting begins Mar. 18th
- Request Absentee Ballot by Mar. 27th

WILMOT UNION HIGH SCHOOL BOND QUESTION ON BALLOT

TUESDAY, APR 1st

POLLS OPEN 7AM - 8PM

You can register to vote at polling place on election day with WI I.D. and proof of residency such as a utility bill.

TAXPAYER DATA

Why go to referendum now?

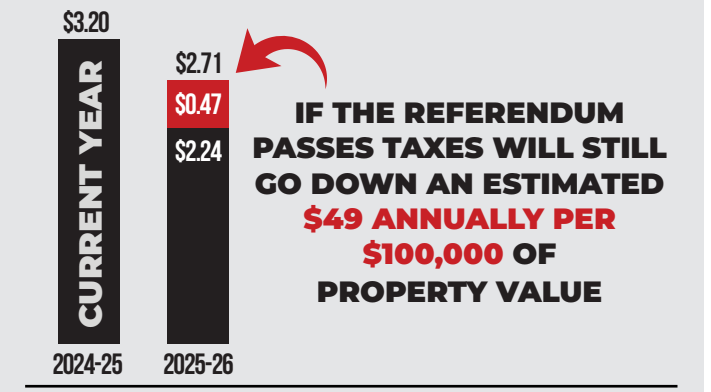
- The District has selected only the **highest priority projects that are overdue or need to be addressed immediately to meet our facility and student needs.** These needs will not go away, and only get more expensive due to inflation and potentially higher interest rates.
- Due to the District paying off debt this year, property taxes will drop next year. The board of education has elected to ask for the referendum in April because **the community can pass it and still see taxes decrease substantially.**
- If the district were to wait a year or longer, an approved referendum would result in a property tax increase and our needs would not go away.

Due to debt being paid off, if the 2025 referendum passes, our tax mill rate will still decrease.

estimated tax impact

\$0

WILMOT UNION HIGH SCHOOL PROJECTED TAX MILL RATE IF \$22.9 MILLION REFERENDUM IS APPROVED



■ = Existing Mill Rate ■ = Proposed Referendum

Assumptions: Mill rate based on 2024 Equalized Valuation (TID-OUT) of \$3,740,650,473 with annual growth of 1.00% thereafter. Assumes a single-phase borrowing approach amortized over 20 years at a planning rate of 4.75%. Illustration shows the operational portion of the total mill rate will remain at current levels. Future State funding decisions will impact this rate each year.