



BRUCE SCHOOL REFERENDUM

April 6, 2021



REFERENDUM AMOUNT & TIMELINE

- The current referendum for the Bruce School District runs through the 2020-2021 school year
- The new referendum will start with the 2021-2026 school year



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- \$400,000 for 5 years
- An equal amount as the current referendum

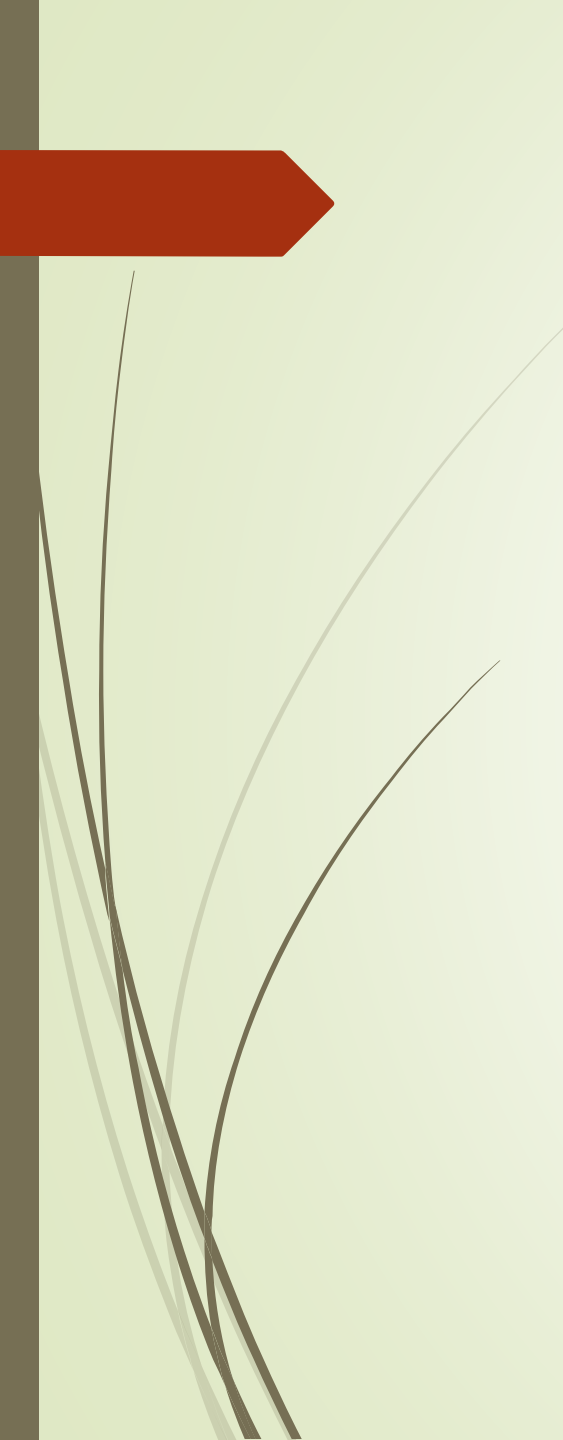


AFFECT ON TAXES

- 0.1156 for every \$1,000 of value
- Increased taxes:
 - \$75,000 home = \$8.67 yearly
 - \$100,000 home = \$11.56 yearly
 - \$125,000 home = \$14.45 yearly
 - \$150,000 home = \$17.34 yearly

MILL RATE HISTORY FOR RUSK COUNTY

Year	Bruce	Chetek- Wey.	Flambeau	Ladysmith
2020-2021	7.85	8.55	8.76	11.56
2019-2020	8.32	9.87	7.51	11.80
2018-2019	8.73	10.45	10.33	13.81
2017-2018	10.16	10.71	10.64	14.01
2016-2017	10.22	10.11	10.80	14.83



**EVERYONE who owns property in the
State of Wisconsin,
no matter where they live,
pays taxes for the
educational system, county, local
municipality, and technical college.**

REVENUE LIMIT HISTORY FOR RUSK COUNTY (Per pupil spending)

	Bruce	C-Wey.	Flambeau	Ladysmith
2020-2021	10,000	11,871	10,637	10,766
2019-2020	9,700	11,692	10,458	10,587
2018-2019	9,428	11,517	10,283	10,375
2017-2018	9,428	11,517	10,283	10,375
2016-2017	9,408	11,517	10,283	10,375



CURRENT REFERENDUM USES

- Roof Repair
 - Window & Door Replacement
 - HVAC system upgrades – Annual maintenance
 - Tuck Pointing
 - LED Lighting
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CURRENT REFERENDUM USES

- Purchase a new bus annually & 2 vans
- Technology upgrades continue – wireless access increased & purchase of new computers, 1-to-1 computers access at school for K - 12, new server and smartboards.



CURRENT REFERENDUM USES

- Distance Learning Upgrades, PolyCom purchase
- Maintain curriculum offerings
- Digital HVAC controls
- Water Treatment systems
 - Water is safe to drink!



NEED FOR REFERENDUM DOLLARS

- Continue yearly maintenance projects
- Transportation needs – purchase bus yearly & cameras in buses, driver education van
- Technology upgrades – infrastructure, wireless access school-wide, and computer purchases
- Projects to ensure the safety of our students
- Ongoing curriculum & assessment updates



BRUCE SCHOOL SAVINGS SINCE 2016 REFERENDUM PASSED

- Cash in Lieu of Insurance – 12 participants currently – save \$96,000 per year
- Member of a Health Insurance cooperative – We had an increase in premiums, but are less in a large group.
 - Switched to a high deductible HSA plan



BRUCE SCHOOL SAVINGS SINCE 2016 REFERENDUM PASSED

- Short-Term Borrowing – Established line of credit borrowing, have not had to do short term borrowing in 7 years – save \$20,000 per year.
- Refinanced Unfunded Liability – save \$15,000 per year paid off in Spring of 2020.
- LED Lighting – The installation of LED lighting in over 50% of the building saves \$500/month on electricity
 - The custodial staff installed the lights to save on labor and continue the project until completed.



**WE'VE GOT
A GREAT SCHOOL**



2019-20 STATE REPORT CARDS

- Bruce Elementary School – Meets Expectations
- Bruce Middle School – Significantly Exceeds Expectations
- Bruce High School – Meets Expectations
- Bruce School District – Exceeds Expectations



OTHER STATEWIDE RECOGNITION

- ▶ Bruce Middle School – Wisconsin School of Recognition 15 years in a row.
- ▶ Bruce Elementary School – Wisconsin School of Recognition 6 years in a row



**Our school is
important for our
future!**