

# School District of Wabeno Area

## Referendum Information

Our community values quality schools, educational programming and highly effective teachers for our students!

### Why is the district proposing an operational referendum?

The State of Wisconsin has imposed student revenue limits for school districts throughout the state, which means our school district must go to referendum in order to maintain the programs we offer to our students. The cost of providing the best possible education to our students has continued to increase due to inflation. Other reasons for this referendum:

- Expand and maintain educational opportunities for our students
- Keep facilities in great condition for community members and student use
- Changes in demographics and student enrollment



### What will the referendum pay for?

- Current educational programs and services for all students of our school district.
- Curriculum materials to support student learning.
- Maintain our school buildings and grounds.

### What will the referendum cost?

If approved by voters on April 4th and beginning with the 2017 tax bill, the mill rate will increase from \$5.88 to \$6.85. By doing a five year referendum for \$1,600,000 a year, the tax increase will occur the first year and stay around the same the remaining four years. If question two regarding the Fab Lab also passes the mill rate will be \$7.22 the first year of the referendum (2017-2018) and drop down to \$6.83 the following year (2018-2019).

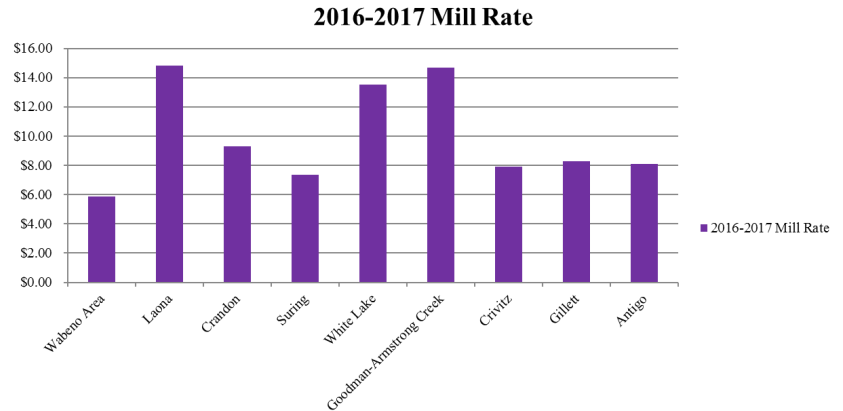
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Property Value	Current (2016-2017) Total School Tax Base	Proposed tax increase from (2016-2017)	Proposed (2017-2018) Total School Tax	Monthly proposed increase	Daily proposed increase (using 30 days per month)
\$100,000	\$588	\$97	\$685	\$8.08	27 cents
\$150,000	\$882	\$146	\$1,028	\$12.17	41 cents
\$200,000	\$1,176	\$194	\$1,370	\$16.17	54 cents

## What will happen if the referendum does not pass?

If the referendum does not pass, the district will have options: another referendum this fall, staff reductions, cuts in extra-curricular activities, fees for food service programs or dissolution. Remember, if the district dissolves, your taxes do not disappear. You will pay taxes at the mill rate of the new district where your property is located. Currently, the mill rates of our neighboring school districts are higher than the mill rate would be in our district with the referendum. The following charts provide mill rate information for Wabeno as well as surrounding school districts.

School District	2016-2017 Mill Rate
Wabeno Area	\$5.88 (\$6.85 with a passed referendum)
Laona	\$14.82
Crandon	\$9.30
Suring	\$7.37
White Lake	\$13.52
Goodman-Armstrong Creek	\$14.71
Crivitz	\$7.92
Gillett	\$8.31
Antigo	\$8.09
Appleton Area	\$9.06
Green Bay	\$10.16



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## What are we asking the taxpayers for in the referendum?

- Question one – This is a five year referendum for \$1,600,000 per year. This will increase the mill rate from \$5.88 to \$6.85 (Which is still less than neighboring school districts.)
- Question two-This is a one year referendum asking for \$300,000 to build a fabrication lab. This will increase the mill rate from \$5.88 to \$7.22 for only the first year of the referendum.

**If you would like more information, please contact the district administrator, school board members or review the referendum informational link on our school district website @**  
**[www.wabeno.k12.wi.us](http://www.wabeno.k12.wi.us).**

**Thank you for your continued support of the School District of Wabeno Area! Remember to vote on April 4th, 2017!**