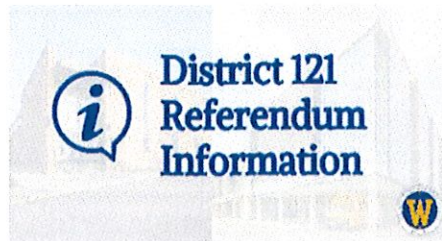


News from Business Services and Operations

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Frequently Asked Questions

As we provide informational meetings to our community regarding our revenue challenges, questions often come up that we will try to address in the newsletter over the next several months.



Question: My taxes seem high. Why does WTHS need more money?

WTHS is only one of the several taxing bodies that receive a percentage of your overall real estate tax. **WTHS also receives less per-pupil revenue from taxes than any other high school district in Lake County.**

The chart below compares these amounts to areas with nearby communities with similar household incomes, for example, on a \$300,000 home:

High School Districts	2020 Tax Rate	\$200K Home Value	\$300K Home Value	\$400K Home Value	\$500K Home Value
Grayslake High School #127	4.326821	\$ 2,881.66	\$ 4,326.82	\$ 5,767.65	\$ 7,208.48
Antioch High School District #117	3.091101	\$ 2,058.67	\$ 3,091.10	\$ 4,120.44	\$ 5,149.77
Mundelein High School District #120	2.511506	\$ 1,672.66	\$ 2,511.51	\$ 3,347.84	\$ 4,184.17
Warren Township High School District #121	2.231785	\$ 1,486.37	\$ 2,231.79	\$ 2,974.97	\$ 3,718.15

- Warren Township High School District 121 receives \$2,231.79 from property taxes.
- Mundelein Community High School District 120 would receive \$2,511.51, or approximately 13% more tax revenue annually.
- Antioch Community High School District 117 would receive \$3,091.10, or approximately 39% more tax revenue.
- Grayslake Community High School District 127 would receive \$4,326.82, or approximately 94% more tax revenue.

This revenue problem continues to be a critical challenge for sustaining the current level of programming at WTHS.

Question: How much money did the solar field save the District over the last year?

Solar production from November 2020 through October 2021 was 2,908,562 kWh. This generation accounted for 91% of all the electrical needs at the Almond Campus. It reduced the District's electrical costs by \$215,639. The District also received \$666,708 in SRECs (solar renewable energy credits) and a ComEd rebate of \$601,965, for total benefits of \$1,484,312.



Get the Facts about the Referendum Question at www.d121.org/referendum

Warren Township High School has the lowest per-pupil revenue of all of the high school districts in Lake County.



Revenue Per Pupil 2020

Lake County High School Districts	Local Sources	State Sources	Federal Sources	Total
Lake Forest District 115	\$31,419	\$806	\$190	\$32,415
Highland Park District 113	\$28,618	\$1,582	\$170	\$30,370
Libertyville/Vernon Hills District 118	\$27,345	\$1,311	\$148	\$28,804
Adlai Stevenson District 125	\$26,278	\$1,389	\$404	\$28,071
Grayslake District 127	\$19,645	\$7,544	\$280	\$27,469
Zion-Benton District 128	\$16,469	\$8,373	\$1,132	\$25,974
Antioch Lakes District 117	\$16,191	\$4,738	\$201	\$21,130
Mundelein District 120	\$16,874	\$1,903	\$376	\$19,153
Grant Township District 124	\$12,620	\$3,865	\$406	\$16,891
Warren Township High School District 121	\$12,293	\$2,840	\$400	\$15,533

On August 17, the Board of Education approved a 60-cent operating rate increase question that will appear on the ballot June 28, 2022.

A 60-cent increase would provide approximately \$13.25 million in additional revenue annually, with an estimated annual tax impact of \$200 (\$16.67 per month) per \$100,000 of a home's fair market value.