



**PROTECT OUR TRADITION
OF EXCELLENCE**

VOTE APRIL 4, 2023

EQUITY, GROWTH AND EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

Our students are leaders who challenge themselves to grow and achieve academically, pursue their passions, navigate change, learn continuously and contribute to the common good.

Our tradition of excellence depends on an operating referendum to preserve the programs and services that define Shorewood.



WHY IS AN OPERATING REFERENDUM NECESSARY?



Over 80% of Wisconsin school districts have pursued an operating referendum to cover funding needs. Without increases in state funding, a voter-approved operating referendum is the only option to increase revenue:

- To maintain the academic, arts and authentic learning experiences that prepare students for the future
- To attract and retain top-notch staff and compensate them for their skills and experience
- To build required financial reserves
- To continue to host recreational and enrichment programs that connect to our community



WHAT'S THE PROPOSED SOLUTION?



On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, residents will vote on a non-recurring operating referendum that would provide the district with an additional \$5.5 million in funding in each of the next five years.

This funding is critical to supporting our students, our staff, our community services and our financial position for future years.



PROPERTY TAX IMPACT



Good schools maintain property values.

Using a conservative approach, the property tax impact of the referendum is estimated to be \$123 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

THE BUDGET BOTTOM LINE

Even with established short-term and long-term budget balancing strategies that aim to preserve student programming and improve our financial position, the state funding shortfall will require significant reductions across the District.

Without an operating referendum, we project a gap of \$25 million over the next five years.



ELECTION DAY • APRIL 4, 2023

Learn more by scanning the QR code or visiting www.shorewood.k12.wi.us



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Learn more about the Shorewood School District's needs and the proposed solution on the ballot in April 2023. Come prepared with your questions. We hope to see you there!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023

9:00am

Shorewood High School Auditorium Lobby

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

6:30pm

Virtual

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

1:30pm

Village Center Meeting Room (Shorewood Public Library)
Following the Shorewood Women's Club Candidate Forum

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

6:30pm

Virtual

Please join us. No RSVP necessary!