



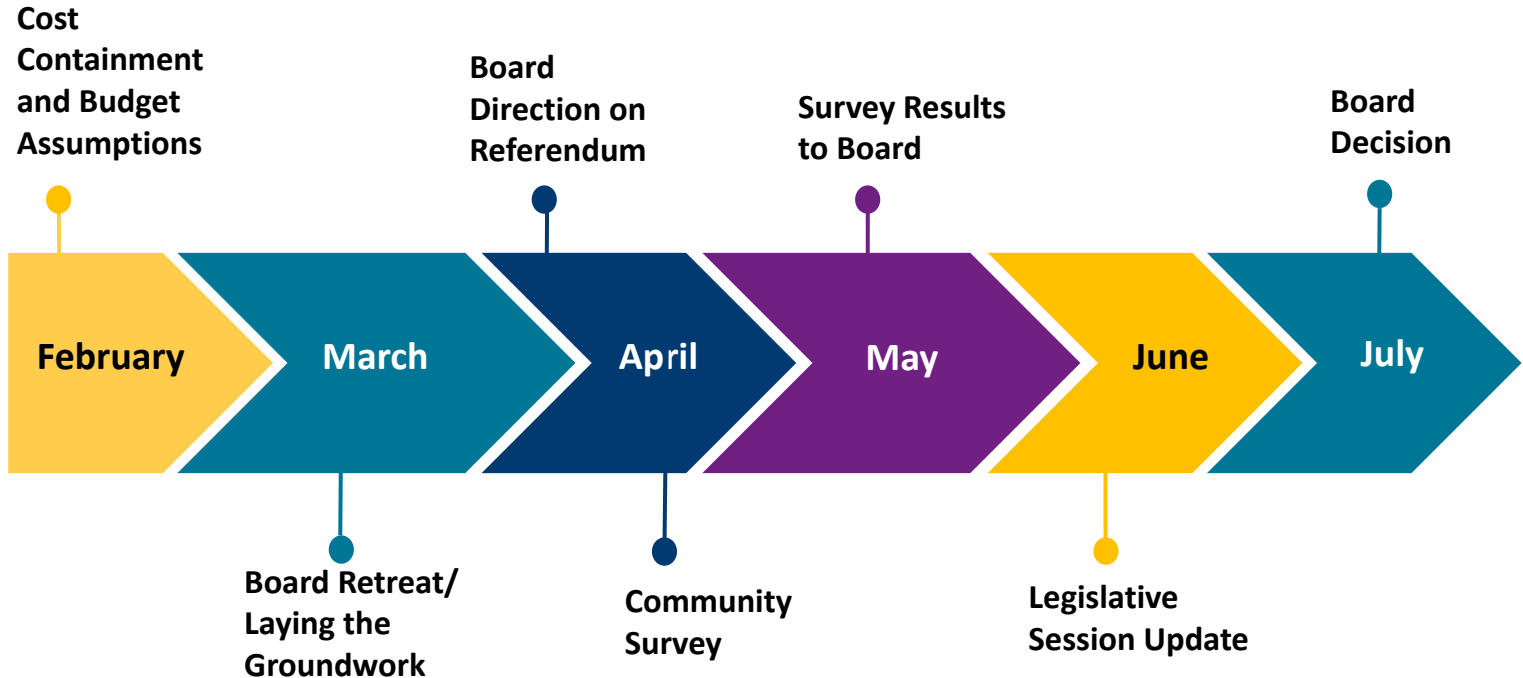
2025 Potential Referendum Review

**School Board Meeting
June 23, 2025**

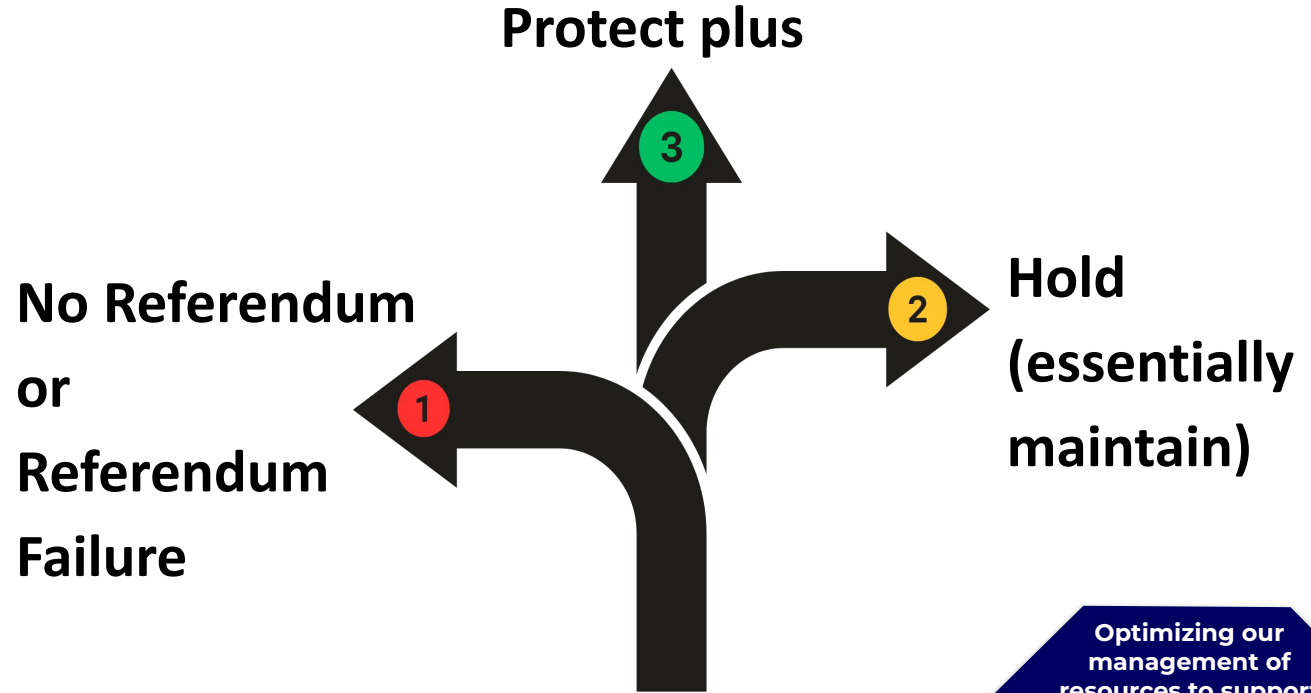


EASTERN CARVER
COUNTY SCHOOLS

Pre-Decision Timeline/Work



2025: Three Paths



Optimizing our
management of
resources to support
student learning



Engagement and Outreach



**Morris
Leatherman
Community
Survey**



Advisories



**School
Report**



**112 Online
School
newsletters
Email**



**Website
Social media**

Morris Leatherman Survey Key Takeaways

87% of respondents rate the district good or excellent

48% of respondents think the quality of education has improved over the last four years.

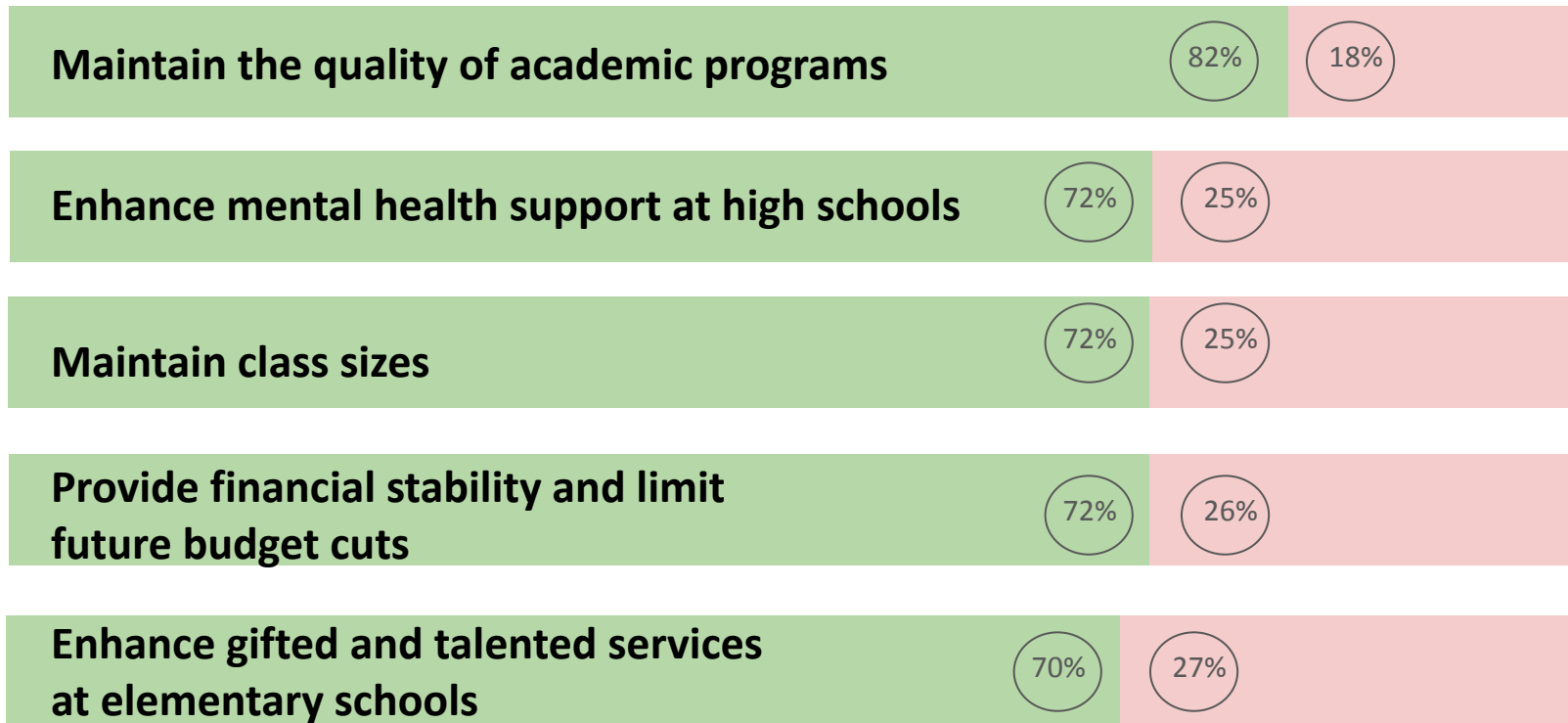
Respondents have high trust in district's financial management and believe they receive a good value from their investment in local schools.

The fiscal credibility of the district is outstanding.

68% of respondents would support a referendum to protect their investment in local schools with no further information.

When asked about the \$742/pupil amount specifically, by a 69%-31% majority, residents support the operating levy. **Strong support outnumbers strong opposition by over two-to-one.**

Messages That Resonate



Tax Impact


Options			
Additional Revenue Per Pupil Unit		\$500.00	\$742.71
Estimated Increase in Operating Referendum Revenue		\$4,890,000	\$7,263,704
Estimated Net Increase in Total Revenue <i>(Includes Equity Revenue)</i>		\$4,508,580	\$6,882,284

Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Taxes for Referendum Only* Taxes Payable in 2026			
		Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
	\$100,000	\$37	\$3	\$56	\$5
	150,000	56	5	83	7
	175,000	65	5	97	8
	200,000	75	6	111	9
	250,000	93	8	139	12
Residential	300,000	112	9	167	14
Homesteads,	350,000	131	11	194	16
Apartments,	400,000	150	12	222	19
and Commercial-	450,000	168	14	250	21
Industrial Property	500,000	187	16	278	23
	600,000	224	19	333	28
	700,000	262	22	389	32
	1,000,000	374	31	555	46
	2,000,000	748	62	1,110	93

Tax Impact

2019

Tax Impact



ESTIMATED MONTHLY TAX IMPACT*	
Q1: Operating levy	\$22
Q2: Bond	\$14
Q3: Security and technology levy	\$0
TOTAL:	\$36
	PER MONTH

* Based on average home value of \$350,000

2021

	TAX IMPACT	
\$150,000 home value	\$8/month	\$97/year
\$250,000 home value	\$13/month	\$161/year
\$375,000 home value	\$20/month	\$242/year
\$500,000 home value	\$27/month	\$323/year
\$750,000 home value	\$40/month	\$484/year

2025

	TAX IMPACT	
\$200,000 home value	\$9/month	\$111/year
\$350,000 home value	\$16/month	\$194/year
\$500,000 home value	\$23/month	\$278/year
\$700,000 home value	\$32/month	\$389/year
\$1,000,000 home value	\$46/month	\$555/year

Staff Recommendation



Based on community feedback, identified financial needs, and the ability to invest in strategic priorities that improve student outcomes, **staff recommend the board consider approval of a \$742/pupil operating levy on the November 2025 ballot.**

Post-Decision Timeline/Work

