



Operating Referendum Update

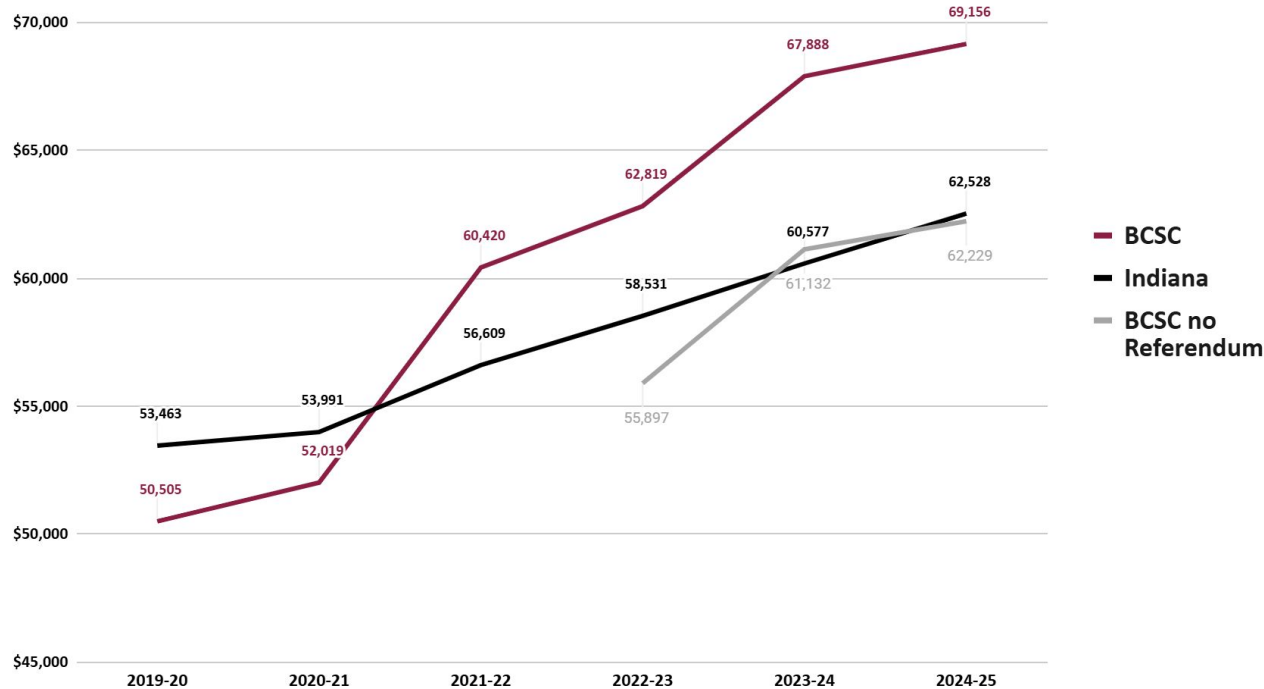
April 27, 2026



2020 OPERATING REFERENDUM

- June 2, 2020, **61.3%** of voters approved a property tax referendum rate capped at **\$0.156 per \$100** of assessed value.
- Purpose to fund efforts to retain and recruit staff and to invest in student safety and security.
- In fall of 2022, 50% of the cost of elementary STEM lab certified teachers added.
- This community investment has generated **historical student outcomes**.

Average Teacher Salary



- Indiana average teacher salary **\$62,528**
- BCSC average teacher salary w/ referendum **\$69,156**
- BCSC average teacher salary w/out referendum **\$62,229**

2020 OPERATING REFERENDUM

- Referendum updates are shared annually and posted to the BCSC website.
- 577 teachers receive referendum dollars
- 1,031 classified staff receive referendum dollars
- Recent student outcomes at a historically high level since 2020:
 - 89.4% IREAD pass rate
 - 92.4% Graduation rate

OPERATING REFERENDUM GOALS

- Great Teachers & Classified Staff
- Safe Schools
- Strong Student Outcomes

GREAT TEACHERS & CLASSIFIED STAFF

Columbus East Science Department

Staff Outcomes

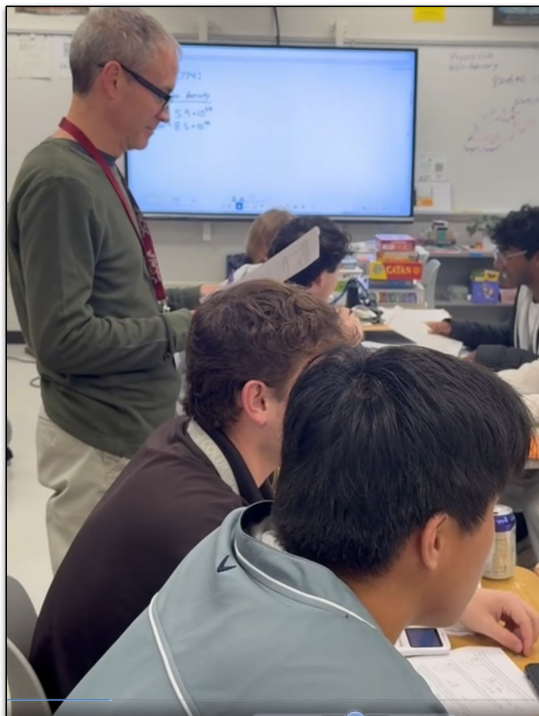
- 1 Department Chair
- 9 Science Teachers
- 1 Science TA
- 103 years of BCSC experience
- ~ \$45,000 in referendum funds

Student Outcomes

- 28.7% increase in Advanced Placement & Dual Credit scores
- Highest number of science courses in the state (17 course offerings)
- Science in action with experienced teachers (FL Keys, Falls of Ohio, IU Cadaver Lab, State Forensics Lab)



GREAT TEACHERS & CLASSIFIED STAFF



Columbus North Math Department	
Staff Outcomes	Student Outcomes
• 1 Department Chair • 14 Math Teachers • 215 years of BCSC experience • ~ \$112,000 in referendum funds	• ~61% increase in Advanced Placement Math Course Enrollment for 2026-27 compared to 4 years ago • SAT Math average score above State, National, & Global averages • 2025-26 Indiana Math League State Champions • 2023 Math Academic Super Bowl State Champions

GREAT TEACHERS & CLASSIFIED STAFF

3rd Grade Parkside Elementary Team																	
Staff Outcomes ● 4 Teachers ● 1 Primetime TA ● 73 years of BCSC experience ● ~ \$36,000 in referendum funds	Student Outcomes ● IREAD increase of 13.4% points since 2020-21 ● Prediction of 95% in 2026																
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SAFE SCHOOLS

- 6 School Resource Officers
- 5 Student Safety Officers
- 100% trained by National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO)
 - Law Enforcement Officer
 - Public Safety Educator
 - Informal Counselor/Mentor



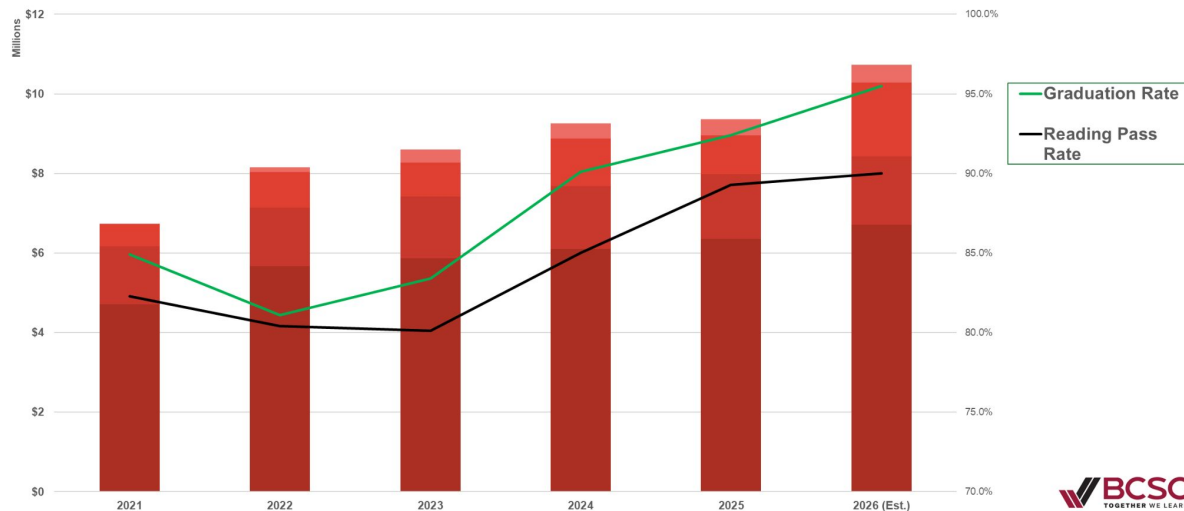
SAFE SCHOOLS



- 81 Bus Drivers
- 800 years of experience
- 90% retention of bus drivers for past 3 years
- ~111,000 in referendum funds

GREAT TEACHERS, STRONG STUDENT OUTCOMES

BCSC Operating Referendum Investments & Results



This community investment in BCSC through the 2020 Operating Referendum has led to the following outcomes:

- 94% Teacher retention
- 89.4% IREAD pass rate
- 92.4% Graduation rate

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