

Shawano School District

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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We Are Shawano Proud

Shawano Proud isn't just a social media hashtag—it's a testament to what makes our school district unique. It symbolizes our pride in our students, staff, and community. We're proud to offer the most extensive range of curricular and co-curricular activities in Shawano County and to have award-winning schools filled with award-winning students. Below are some of the remarkable accomplishments that make us #ShawanoProud.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STAFF!

Jeremy Hodkiewicz, SCHS Tech Ed Educator, recognized as NEW Manufacturing Alliance Tech Ed Teacher of the Year

Steve Stomberg, SCHS Educator was honored as a Hometown Hero, at the state capital in Madison

Educator of the Year recipients:

- Wendy Esch - SCHS
- Craig Pynenberg - Hillcrest/LEADS
- Mellissa Reed - Olga Brener
- Mike Homan - SCMS
- Jeremy Hodkiewicz - SCHS

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS!

Boys Wrestling Bay Conference Champs for six consecutive years

Girls Wrestling landed at 3rd of 34 Teams @ Invite Tournament

Payton Skalitzky, Regional Spelling Bee champ

Morgan Evans, SCHS Sophomore, elected to WI State FBLA Officer Team

Destination Imagination Team competed at the Global Competition

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Conference Winners went to Nationals

SkillsUSA State Competition Winners went to Nationals. **Baelyan Putz** won the National Championship in Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair.

LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING!

These achievements highlight the diverse opportunities available to our current and future students, but we can't stop here. We need our community's continued support to keep the momentum going.

How can you help? Please cast an informed vote on the Shawano School District referendum question this November. It focuses on three essential areas: maintenance projects, academic spaces, and outdoor and athletic facilities.

Learn more about the referendum inside!

SHAWANO SCHOOL DISTRICT
VOTE NOV. 5
REFERENDUM 2024

REFERENDUM NOVEMBER 2024

Maintenance Projects | Academic Spaces | Athletics Complex

Shawano School District Seeks Voter Approval of $51.23 million Referendum

The Shawano School District Board of Education approved that a $51.23 million capital referendum be placed on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot. **A successful referendum will support three critical areas:**

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

UPDATED ACADEMIC SPACES

OUTDOOR SPACES & ATHLETICS COMPLEX

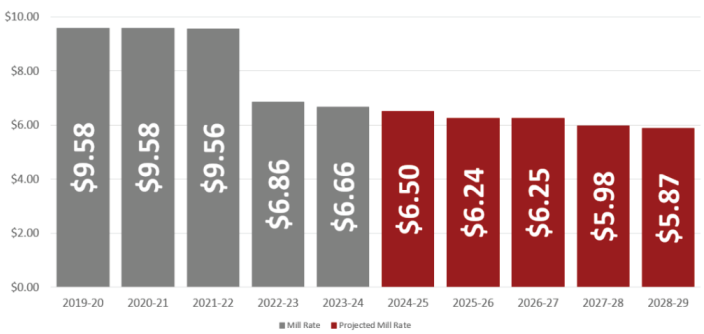
See page 3 (right) for additional proposed project details.

Zero Tax Impact
of an Approved Referendum

Previous debt will be paid by the end of 2024-25 school year. If approved, debt for the proposed projects begins in the 2025-26 school year. As a result, there is NO projected increase to the school tax mill rate (the amount from taxpayers per $1,000 of property value).

A successful capital referendum will have ZERO projected increase to the school tax mill rate.

Shawano School District Property Tax Mill Rate History & Projection with an Approved Referendum



Please Join Us
Community Information Meetings

All residents of the Shawano School District are invited to learn more about the capital referendum. The district is hosting informational sessions on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 17
5:30-7 PM, Shawano Community High School

Thursday, October 3
5:30-7 PM, Shawano Community High School

Monday, October 14
10:30 AM-Noon, Shawano Community High School

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Learn More About the Referendum
To learn more about the referendum, including a complete list of proposed projects, FAQs, and more - scan the QR code or visit **shawanoschools.com**

Proposed Referendum Projects

If the community approves the Shawano School District's capital referendum in November, funds will be used to support improvement projects in three critical areas:

Maintenance Projects

Shawano Community High School

- **HVAC Repair/Replacement** and add a humidification system to protect/prolong the life of the equipment
- **Update all lighting to LED** and update controls for energy efficiency
- **Add security to open areas**
- **Parking lot/driveway** and reconfigure parking/traffic flow
- **Replace pool deck,** chemical storage, update pool equipment
- **Relocate outdoor lighting**
- **Athletic spaces:** Create a track and field area, repair/update athletic fields, install new bleachers.

Shawano Community Middle School

Critical roof repairs to protect the investments in the building until a long-range plan for the Middle School is concluded for implementation 2031.

Olga Brener Intermediate

- **Replacements** include boiler, casework, main electrical panels, and air handling units in the commons
- **Repair broken curbs and pavements**
- **Update lighting to LED**

Hillcrest Elementary

- **Update lighting to LED**
- **Replace water heater, fire alarm panel, sealants**
- **Repair broken curbs and sidewalks**

Updated Academic Spaces

Shawano Community High School

- **Expands technical education classrooms and storage;** modernizes the area for equipment safety, meet high-demand courses, and adds new industry skills.
- **Relocate and modernize the family and consumer science area** to support career preparation such as food service and hospitality industry.
- **Update academic classrooms** with new lighting, technology infrastructure, and replaces 27-year-old furniture.
- **Expand music classrooms**, improves acoustics, and adds equipment storage.
- **Repair the auditorium** lighting, sound equipment and booth; replaces seating, improves acoustics, and creates a permanent orchestra pit.

Olga Brener Intermediate

- **Acoustical repairs** to classrooms in high-traffic locations.
- **Relocate District Office** to Olga Brener, making space at the High School for needed academic areas.

Hillcrest Elementary

- **Underutilized indoor area** converted into student activity center, appropriate for our youngest students.

Outdoor Spaces & Athletics Complex

High School Athletic Complex

Existing Field Needs Replacement
The existing grass main football and soccer field needs to be replaced in 3-5 five years. It has reached the end of its useful life due to natural wear and tear, compaction of the soil from continual use, and poor drainage.

Why Install New Bleachers?
The bleachers have been removed under the recommendation of the district's insurance company due to deteriorating conditions. Rental bleachers are brought in for sporting events, adding personnel costs and rental fees.

Construct New Track & Field at the High School.
The track was never moved to the existing high school since it was constructed 27 years ago. The current track at the Middle School needs replacement due to deterioration and lack of restroom facilities. If successful, Middle and High School events will be hosted at the High School. The district has decided not to invest in replacing the track at the Middle School which is the district's oldest facility and remote from the largest users of the track.

It's Not Just a Football Field... The Complex is Open to All

A synthetic field can be used for marching band, physical education, community events, walking the track, and more. Installing a new field causes no downtime for students. A grass field would necessitate no home events for two years.

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Shawano Schools Seeks Referendum to Support Facilities

The Shawano School District Board of Education is seeking community approval of a $51.23 million capital referendum on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot.

A successful referendum will support:

Maintenance Projects | Updated Academic Spaces | Outdoor Spaces & Athletics Complex

Here is how you can learn more about this important decision:

Know How (and where) to Vote
Find answers to your general voting questions

myvote.wi.gov

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