

Swallow's Pathway to a Referendum



Strategic Initiatives

Ad Hoc Finance Committee

The 2023-2024 School Board appointed a committee to dig into the Swallow Finances.

- The name of the committee is the Swallow Ad Hoc Finance Committee.
- The committee consisted of 12 members from varying backgrounds, including parents, school board members, and community participants.
- Baird Financial partnered with the committee to identify cost-saving measures and develop a long-term financial plan.
- Because of the committee work and responsible financial management, Swallow was able to delay the referendum for an additional two years.
- Ultimately, the committee recommended that an operational referendum will be necessary to maintain the district's stability and continue providing the exceptional student experience that our community values. The operational referendum is essential to maintaining the high level of academic rigor and support that will help us remain the best in the State of Wisconsin.



Swallow School has officially been recognized as the #1 district in the state of Wisconsin for the second consecutive year!

This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and community. Reaching the top is an accomplishment staying there takes commitment, and that's exactly what we've shown.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on upholding high academic standards, supporting our staff, and creating enriching opportunities for each student. Like many school districts in Wisconsin, we must now consider an operational referendum. This is essential to maintaining the high level of academic excellence that our community expects and our students deserve.

Thank you for being part of what makes Swallow School exceptional. The best is still to come.



Here is the slide deck from the Ad Hoc Finance Comm.



70% of School districts in WI have gone to referendum. This is because the funding model established in 1998 has not kept up with inflation.



Please join Swallow budget presentations

June 10th at 7:30 am
July 14th at 7:30 am
August 18th at 5:00 pm

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Referendum discussions and planning are actively underway. We are currently working to finalize a timeline, identify the most effective ways to share information with our community, and gather as much feedback as possible to inform our next steps ahead of November 2026. Over the last ten years, Swallow has identified and implemented almost **1.2 million** dollars in savings to keep costs in line with unfavorable demographic trends, and State funding that has not kept up with educational needs.

