

Eisenhower News

September 2026



Our Vision: We are one community of learners, socially, emotionally, and academically inspired to persevere and reach our true potential.

Welcome back to a new school year filled with Infinite Possibilities! We look forward to learning, growing, and celebrating all that our students can achieve throughout the year.

School Hours

8:05 = Drop off for
Breakfast
8:27 = School Starts
3:05 = Dismissal

Important Dates

9/18/26
Picture Day!

Title I funding helps our school provide extra academic support, family engagement opportunities, and resources to strengthen student learning.

Did you miss our Title I Family Meeting?

Access the slideshow at this [link](#).



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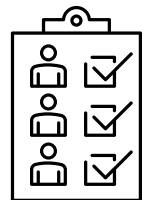
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Interested in Volunteering?

If you are interested in volunteering at Eisenhower, please reach out to the main office or your child's teacher. For the safety of our students, all volunteers must complete an application. Click [here](#) for more information and the form.

One of the best ways to support your child's learning is by making school attendance a priority. Students should arrive by 8:27 a.m. and stay through dismissal at 3:05 p.m.

Our literacy and math instruction extends throughout the entire school day, so late arrivals and early pickups can cause students to miss important learning. By being present, on time, and staying all day, students have the best opportunity to grow and achieve success. Thank you for your continued support!



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Eisenhower Elementary School

It's not too late! Please make sure to complete your annual registration in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Click [this link](#) to access.

[Resetting Password Instructions](#)

If you need assistance, please call 920-391-2420

GREEN BAY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026

OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM



The Green Bay Area Public School District (GBAPS) has built strong momentum in student growth, high-quality programs, and safe, supportive schools. To continue that progress, GBAPS is asking residents to consider a four-year, non-recurring operational referendum on the November 3, 2026 ballot. This referendum has **no new tax impact** and maintains the current voter-approved tax levy. It is designed to preserve the priorities families and community members expressed should be protected as the District manages budget pressures.

Student Growth



Strong Programs



Safe Schools



Visit gbaps.org/2026referendum to learn more about how GBAPS is improving academic outcomes, offering a diverse range of programming to meet each learner's needs, and providing safe schools.

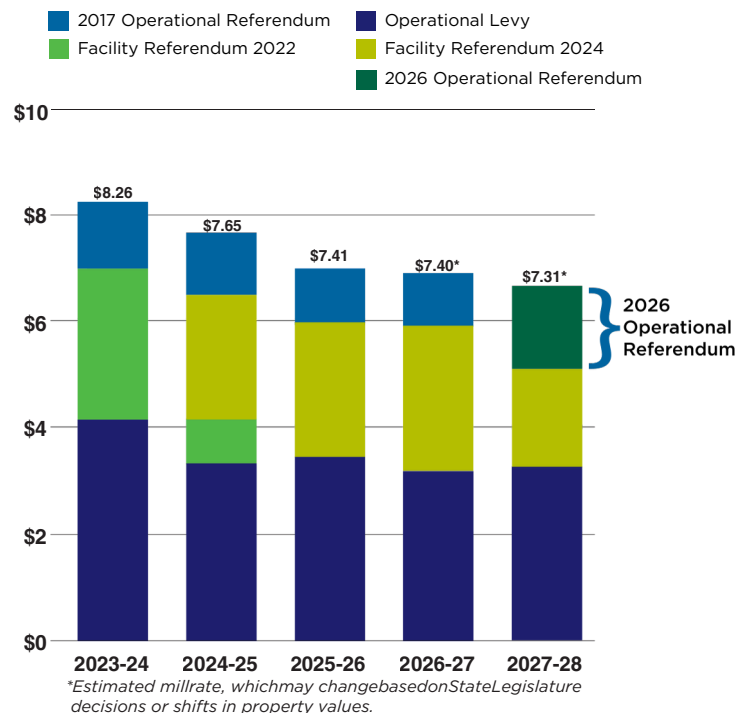
Tax-Neutral Impact, While Maintaining Community Priorities

Property taxes will not increase as a result of an approved referendum.

The 2026 Operational Referendum is a four-year, non-recurring request for additional revenue needed to **keep pace with rising inflation**. It allows GBAPS to maintain its current efforts to improve academic outcomes, keep class sizes stable, and preserve the diverse programming families and community members have said they value. **The referendum is not to add programming or expand costs.**

Rather than ask for a set amount for the life of the referendum, the District is requesting what it needs for each of the following years:

- \$29 million for 2027-28
- \$36 million for 2028-29
- \$44 million for 2029-30
- \$49 million for 2030-31



REFERENDUM FACT SHEET

Why is an Operational Referendum Needed?

2017 Operational Referendum Expires: In 2017, voters approved a \$16.5 million referendum for 10 years to keep class sizes reasonable, maintain programs, and avoid major cuts. That voter-approved funding ends after the 2026-27 school year.

State Funding Gap: For 17 years, the state has not provided a cost-of-living increase for schools. During that same period, costs for staffing, utilities, transportation, and basic supplies have steadily risen. If state funding had kept pace with inflation, the District would have roughly \$60 million more in annual revenue today.

Inflationary Pressures: Schools face the same pressures as families/community members when it comes to rising costs for electricity, heating, fuel, technology, food, and consumables, which all cost more than they did even a few years ago. These increases are not tied to new programs or expanded services, rather they are simply the cost of keeping schools open and functioning safely.

Declining Enrollment: Fewer students means less state revenue. But fixed costs do not decline at the same rate. As enrollment drops, the District must stretch fewer dollars across the same essential responsibilities, creating additional pressure on its operating budget.

What has the District done to Address Rising Costs?



School Consolidation

Closure of 7 schools
(6 buildings)



Staffing Reductions

Reduced 100+ staff across multiple employment categories through attrition and revised methodologies



Strategic Delays & Canceling Vendor Contracts

Postponed non-essential purchases, including instructional materials, ended software contracts



Operational Savings

Implemented district-wide 10% department budget reductions for three years in a row



Benefits Restructuring

Made changes to employee benefits plan to control costs



Long-Term Investment

Passed a 2024 capital referendum focused on consolidation and energy efficiency that provides operational savings

Ballot Question

Shall the Green Bay Area Public School District, Brown County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$29,000,000 for the 2027-2028 school year, by \$36,000,000 for the 2028-2029 school year,

by \$44,000,000 for the 2029-2030 school year, and by \$49,000,000 for the 2030-2031 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Learn More:

- Visit our 2026 Operational Referendum website by scanning the QR code or visiting gbaps.org/2026Referendum.
- Email: communications@gbaps.org
- Contact communications@gbaps.org or call 920.448.2025 to schedule a group presentation
- Watch your mailbox and social media for more information
- Visit MyVote.wi.gov for voter information and absentee ballot



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