WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOLS

EXCELLENT SCHOOLS » EXCELLENT COMMUNITY

An eight-year operating referendum to keep every school safe, keep class sizes small, and keep great teachers in a growing district.

WHAT WOULD IT COST THE MEDIAN HOMEOWNER?

On the ballot

~~$873/yr~~

State law requires this figure to use the maximum rate ($0.3941) and a median home average rounded up to $450,000.

What changes the real number?

- WWS projects an initial $0.3381 rate, set each year in the public budget process.
- The actual median home is about $426,700.
- A referendum is already in place, and new SEA 1 deductions and credits will lower homeowner taxes.

Projected net increase

$147.68/yr
$12.31/month

For the median homeowner ($426,700), accounting for the current referendum and SEA 1 credits.

WHY THE DISTRICT IS ASKING

$15.1 M Funding Gap

Projected 2026 gap from below-average state funding and property tax cap losses, up from $9.8M in 2022. New state caps since 2022 cost another $3.6M.

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Where WWS ranks among Indiana districts in state funding, $558 below the average per student.

2nd Lowest

Westfield's referendum funding per student compared with five neighboring districts.

HOW THE NEW FUNDING WOULD BE USED

Retain and attract highly qualified educators *Stop the talent leak with competitive pay and benefits*	**$5.5 M**
Opening new schools *To accommodate 2.6% growth since 2025, and more ahead*	**$2.5 M**
School safety *A trained school resource officer in every school, every day*	**$2.43 M**
Counselors and student supports *To address a student-to-support ratio of about 600:1*	**$2.0 M**
Rebuild reserves *Restoring the district's financial safety net*	**$1.6 M**
TOTAL PLANNED INVESTMENT	**$14 M**

ALREADY LIVING WITHIN OUR MEANS

- Restructured the central office
- Delayed or paused hiring for open positions
- Rebuilt bus routing and standardized staffing
- WHS semesters in 2027–28: ~10 fewer teaching positions
- Competitive bidding and ongoing budget review

IF THE REFERENDUM DOES NOT PASS

- Larger class sizes and more students per adult
- Fewer SROs and reduced school safety and student supports
- Hiring and salary freezes for all staff, leaving WWS more vulnerable to talent loss
- Reduced busing, including possible no-busing zones
- Educators asked to do more with less

REGISTER TO VOTE BY OCTOBER 5TH

Register, update, or check your status at:
IndianaVoters.in.gov

VOTE NOVEMBER 3RD

Public Question #3 appears on the general election ballot.

Learn more! Details and the full presentation at:
wws.k12.in.us/community/excellent-schools-excellent-community

Figures are Westfield Washington Schools estimates from the 2026 referendum presentation. Tax impact is projected; your amount depends on your home's assessed value, SEA 1 phase-in, and the annual budget approved by the WWS Board of School Trustees. The rate can never exceed $0.3941, and the referendum lasts no more than eight years.

WHAT DOES THE QUESTION LOOK LIKE ON THE BALLOT?

Voting Information:
Early voting in Hamilton County:
Begins October 6th.

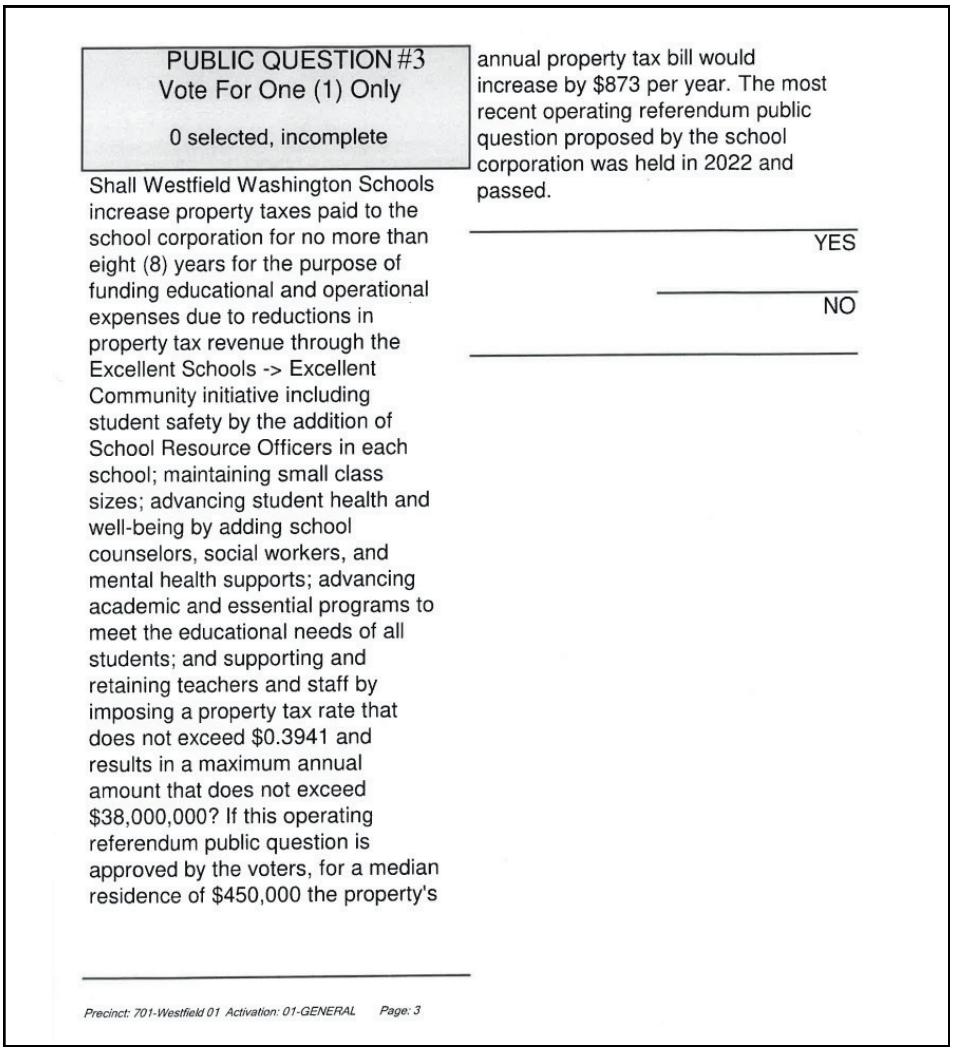
Westfield early voting sites:
Open October 21st.

To register, update, or check your voter registration status, visit:
IndianaVoters.in.gov.

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BE ENGAGED.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.



PUBLIC QUESTION #3
Vote For One (1) Only

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Shall Westfield Washington Schools increase property taxes paid to the school corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of funding educational and operational expenses due to reductions in property tax revenue through the Excellent Schools -> Excellent Community initiative including student safety by the addition of School Resource Officers in each school; maintaining small class sizes; advancing student health and well-being by adding school counselors, social workers, and mental health supports; advancing academic and essential programs to meet the educational needs of all students; and supporting and retaining teachers and staff by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed $0.3941 and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed $38,000,000? If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of $450,000 the property's annual property tax bill would increase by $873 per year. The most recent operating referendum public question proposed by the school corporation was held in 2022 and passed.

YES

NO

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PROJECTED IMPACT OF $0.3381 TARGET RATE

Assessed Home Value	Current Monthly Impact $0.17	Monthly Impact at Projected $0.3381	Net Monthly Increase $0.3381	Net Annual Increase $0.3381	Projected Residential Annual Credit	Net Annual Impact Minus Credit	Net Monthly Impact Minus Credit
$250,000	$17.17	$34.50	$17.33	$207.95	$122.45	$85.50	$7.13
$300,000	$21.42	$42.84	$21.42	$254.17	$151.25	$102.92	$8.58
$350,000	$25.67	$50.73	$25.06	$300.75	$180.06	$120.69	$10.06
$400,000	$29.92	$58.85	$28.93	$347.16	$208.87	$138.29	$11.52
$426,700	$32.19	$63.18	$30.99	$371.94	$224.26	$147.68	$12.31
$450,000	$34.17	$66.97	$32.80	$393.56	$237.68	$155.88	$12.99

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Referendum Info

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