



NOBLESVILLE
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DID YOU KNOW THAT NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS FUNDING IS EXPIRING?

We've been able to grow and maintain academic excellence and care for students because of the referendum dollars we receive.

Noblesville residents will vote this fall on a school referendum proposal to continue funding.
Learn more about the referendum on the next page.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS EXCELLENCE

- National recognition for STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) for the ninth year in a row
- National recognition for music education for the twelfth year in a row
- National and state recognitions for student journalists
- State recognitions for engineering and biomedical students
- 99% graduation rate
- Indiana school safety leader
- Forbes Magazine Top Employer in America
- State's largest high school internship program
- 34 real-world career pathways including engineering, medical, construction, welding, IT
- University partnerships saving families thousands of dollars/year in college tuition avoidance
- Over \$6 million earned in scholarships by the Class of 2026



REFERENDUM 2026

Noblesville voters have approved school referendum funding since 2010 to provide high-quality academics and student services.

REFERENDUM FUNDING SUPPORTS:



SCHOOL SAFETY



COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS



STEM EDUCATION



TEACHER RECRUITMENT & RETENTION



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES



APPROPRIATE CLASS SIZES

Referendum funding currently provides approximately \$25 million annually (20% of the district's operating budget) and **this funding expires at the end of 2026.**

Residents will vote this fall on a proposal to continue funding existing programs and services.

Without referendum funding, schools will face major cuts in teachers, safety, academic classes, counselors, buses, career development, arts, music and many other programs for students.

HOW MUCH WOULD THE NEW SCHOOL REFERENDUM COST ME?

The average annual increase over all eight years for the proposed referendum is about \$1.88/month for a \$350K home.


\$1.88
PER MONTH



CHECK the referendum calculator to find what you're paying now and what you would pay going forward.



YOUR BALLOT QUESTION WON'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY

Voters this fall will see school referendum ballot language that's legally required to read a certain way. It will say that the referendum will increase taxes by \$955/year. But, this doesn't tell the whole story and **residents will not see this large increase.** Why?

- Residents have already been paying a portion of these costs for the existing referendum.
- The 57-cent rate noted on the ballot is not expected to be used. Noblesville Schools has already committed to a 38.5 cent rate for 2027.
- New property tax legislation means savings for homeowners.

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS?

- ATTEND** a community meeting (schedule on website)
- EMAIL** Dr. Hile at dan_hile@nobl.k12.in.us
- VISIT** our website for FAQs and calculator

FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE

Noblesville Schools is committed to financial excellence and transparency.

- Decreased school tax rate for the last seven years
- Reduced millions of dollars in costs through staffing reductions, freezing salaries, vendor negotiations, and operating efficiencies
- Highest credit rating of any school district in the state
- Facility updates funded through bonds (loans) with no increase to the tax rate and no use of referendum dollars
- Launched financial education and transparency site Dollars & Sense



THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

Why do Luke Kenley, Chris Jensen, Chuck Goodrich, Janet Leonard, Kurt Meyer, Kathy Richardson Williams and several other community leaders think Noblesville Schools is the Heart of the Community?

WATCH the Heart of Our Community video here. >



"Thank you to Noblesville Schools for preparing me to succeed"
~ Abby Pittman

WE LOVE TEACHERS!

Quality teachers are the number one factor in student learning. Due to the teacher shortage, keeping good teachers in Noblesville has become increasingly competitive. We're happy to share that we've reduced our rate of teachers leaving the district by 50% over the last five years, bringing our number of teachers we keep each year to 93%! *(The national average is 78%.)*

This significant increase happened thanks to several factors including:

- Competitive salaries funded through referendum dollars
- Professional learning time
- Appropriate class sizes/workloads
- New teacher mentoring program
- Employee mental health and wellness support
- Regular employee check-ins to ensure staff feel valued and supported

1. Congratulations to Hinkle Creek Elementary kindergarten teacher Kristina Trusty on being named Noblesville Schools District Teacher of the Year and a top 10 Indiana Teacher of the Year finalist.

2. Congratulations to Noblesville High School's Director of Bands Eric Thornbury on being named Indiana High School Music Educator of the Year.



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Congratulations to the Noblesville Schools Hall of Fame Class of 2026! Chris Beaver, Sally Crow, Fred Farley and Bruce Hitchcock will be celebrated at a formal induction ceremony this fall. The Hall of Fame honors individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service, support, accomplishments or contributions to Noblesville Schools.



◀ **NOMINATE** now
for the Class of 2027



The Hall of Fame courtyard is located between the Noblesville Schools Community Center and Beaver Stadium.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP

Dr. Dan Hile serves as the top executive for Noblesville Schools, leading all district operations and staff. This year, he was also elected president of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents.

For the second year in a row, the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees is one of only five school boards in Indiana recognized as exemplary by the Indiana School Boards Association. Additionally, Christi Crosser, Stephanie Lambert and Misti Ray earned the highest level of exemplary individual board member distinctions for their professional development accomplishments. Dr. Joe Forgey already reached the highest level of individual distinction in 2022, and board member Bret Richardson is currently working towards this individual recognition for future years.

VISIT the “leadership” section of noblesvilleschools.org to learn more about Dr. Hile and board members, and to access board agendas, minutes and policies.



(L-R) Dr. Dan Hile, Dr. Joe Forgey, Misti Ray, Christi Crosser, Bret Richardson, Stephanie Lambert

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

- Follow Noblesville Schools on social media
- Sign up to receive our monthly digital publication In the Know
- Explore noblesvilleschools.org to learn more about curriculum, finances, school news and leadership
- Attend school events and performances
- Invite Dr. Hile, or a member of his team, to attend your event and share what’s happening in Noblesville Schools
- Host a student intern
- Volunteer to be a mentor under the “community” area at noblesvilleschools.org
- Apply for our Miller Ambassadors community leadership experience
- Support the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation and our parent teacher organizations
- Attend school board meetings or watch online
- Sponsor, donate or advertise with Noblesville Schools



QUESTIONS?

Contact your child’s teacher, school principal or district leadership with questions about Noblesville Schools. You can find emails and phone numbers for staff and leaders at noblesvilleschools.org.

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IN THE KNOW

To stay up-to-date on school news throughout the year, please sign up for our monthly email newsletter In the Know with this QR code or at noblesvilleschools.org.



YOU’RE INVITED

We welcome the public to join us at many of our events. Thank you for your support of our students!





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Noblesville Schools is the largest employer in town and a central piece of our community, impacting property values, economic development, quality of life, the future workforce, and much more.

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS?

