EDGAR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REFERENDUM UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2021

Message to the Edgar Community from the Superintendent

The Edgar School District is pursuing a three-year operational referendum in the April 6, 2021 election. If passed, this recurring referendum will be for $350,000 for the 2021-22 school year, $350,000 for the 2022-23 school year, and $100,000 (for a total of $800,000) for the 2023-24 school year and thereafter.

In December, Edgar School District sent a survey to area residents to gather feedback on three proposed options for an operational referendum. The average response rate for an external survey is 10-15 percent. The District received an impressive 19.6% response rate, with more than 85% of respondents recommending the District pursue one of the proposed options.

The highest scoring selection was Option 2, adding $800,000 to the levy over a three-year term. This option includes addressing much-needed maintenance projects while still preparing for 21st-century learning needs. The Board of Education agreed with these findings and passed a resolution at their January 20 meeting to pursue a three-year operational referendum.

The District has set up a referendum webpage so the community can follow our progress throughout this process. I urge you to visit **www.edgar.k12.wi.us/referendum** to listen to a recording of our recent community meeting, review proposed projects, and learn more about the estimated tax impact.

As a District, we remain committed to fulfilling our mission of providing a safe and positive environment and continuous improvement for all students, staff, and community members. We encourage you to review the information, contact the District office with any questions, and vote on April 6!

Sincerely,

Cari Guden
District Administrator

For more information on the 2021 April referendum, visit **www.edgar.k12.wi.us/referendum.**

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TAX IMPACT & SCOPE OF WORK

The average estimated tax impact of approving the operational referendum is shown in the chart below.

Property Value	Tax Impact
$100,000	$20/year
$150,000	$30/year
$200,000	$40/year

The following lists highlight areas included in the scope of work:

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

- Peform annual roofing updates.
- Replace failing carpet tiles in LMC and Band Room.
- Properly abate and remove asbestos flooring.
- Install paint booth in shop area to improve indoor air quality issues.
- Update lighting fixtures from the 1960s.
- Update cabinetry in the west wing from the 1970s.

OPERATIONAL NEEDS

- Improve salary and benefits package.
- Secure staffing to increase high school electives and technology support.
- Fix three city blocks of curbing, gutters, and sidewalk on Birch Street.
- Restore field trips and maintain co-curricular programs.

For more details on proposed projects and to utilize a customized tax impact calculator to estimate your individualized tax impact, visit **www.edgar.k12.wi.us/referendum**.

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