

# Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District Press Release



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## Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District to Hold Operational Referendum

Chippewa Falls, WI - On January 10th, the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District Board of Education unanimously approved a set of resolutions to hold a non-recurring, three-year operational referendum on April 2nd, 2024. The referendum aims to raise \$2.5 million per year for three years to sustain educational quality and prevent imminent cuts that would harm student outcomes.

After careful financial analysis, the District has exhausted its ability to reduce costs without negatively impacting instruction, enrichment programs, staff retention, and facility maintenance. To avoid over \$7.5 million in cuts over three years, the Board proposes a temporary referendum projected to cost our taxpayers five cents per thousand of assessed value on their properties. "The District has responsibly managed budgets for over 30 years without needing additional community support," said Superintendent Jeff Holmes. "But state funding limits combined with rising inflationary pressures mean we must now ask taxpayers to invest in protecting the outcomes and experiences that make our schools centers of excellence."

The funds secured through the April 2nd vote would go solely toward preserving successful academic instruction/interventions, mental health services, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, staff compensation and training, building maintenance, safety measures, and other core offerings.

The District welcomes input from residents leading up to the vote. Please stay tuned for more information in the days leading up to the referendum questions and direct questions to Superintendent Holmes or Business Manager, Chad Trowbridge, using the contact information provided on any of the District's informational materials and website locations.

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