

Plum City 2022 Referendum

Fast Facts

WHAT WILL VOTERS BE DECIDING?

The 5-year operating levy approved by voters in 2016 has expired. Another operating levy is needed to *re-establish school finance strength* & student programs for three years. Community support this April would avoid major reductions that would otherwise need to be considered in the Spring of 2022.

“Our core mission is to provide a strong educational opportunity for all of our children while being fiscally responsible and accountable to our community” – Erin Clare, School Board President

The question on the **April 5th** ballot is:

Question 1 – Operating Referendum:

Shall the School District of Plum City, Pierce and Pepin Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,000,000 for the 2022-2023 school year, by \$1,100,000 for the 2023-2024 school year, and by \$1,200,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of facility maintenance and operational expenses?

WHY IS THERE A REFERENDUM?

While our District continues to cut costs, it is difficult to maintain the services and programming our students currently receive. This referendum seeks public funding now in order to prevent:

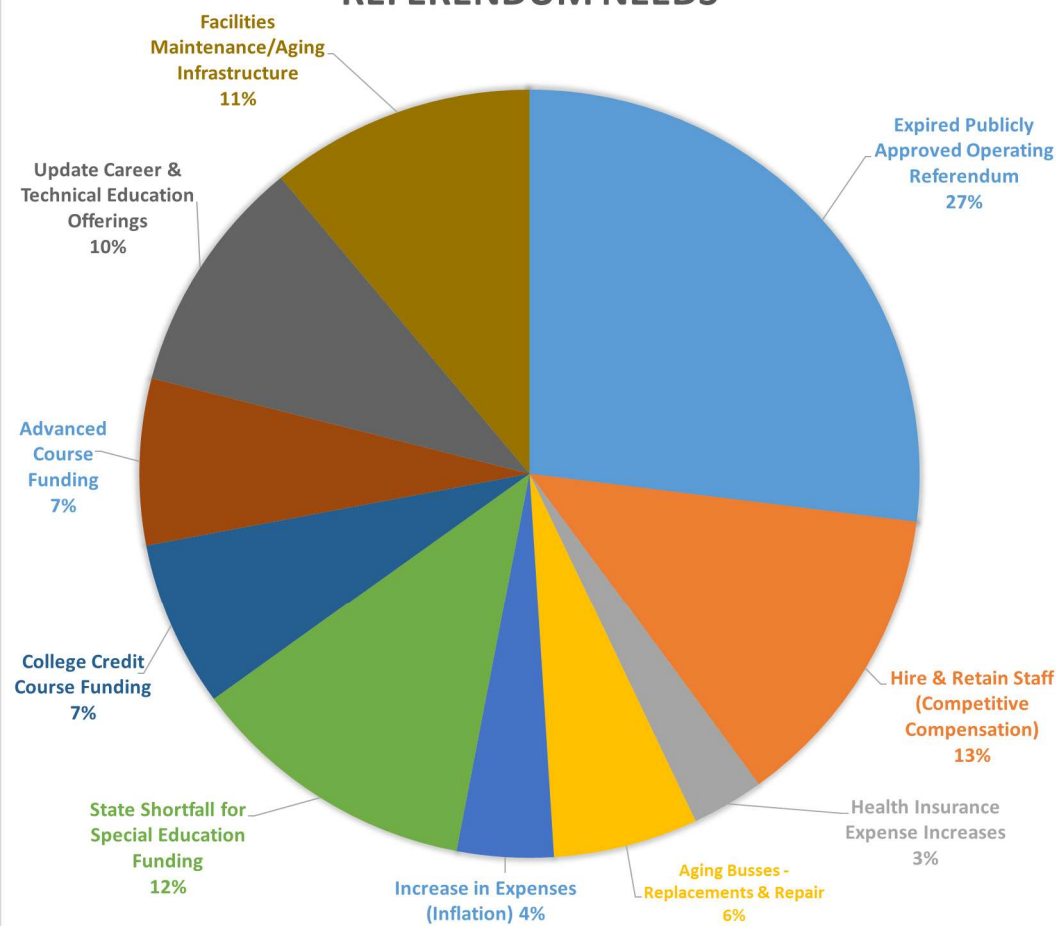
- Dramatic Reduction of Services from the Plum City School District
- Loss of teacher & staff jobs
- Reduction of high school academic electives (e.g. Tech Ed & Art)
- Elimination of emotional support services
- Decrease co-curricular activities (eg: sports, arts)

PLUM CITY SCHOOL FUN FACT:

The Plum City School District spends less per student than school districts of similar size while providing greater educational opportunities.



REFERENDUM NEEDS



...**Supplement** state funding that has failed to keep up with inflation and increasing educational expenses

...**Address** the need to maintain and improve the academic opportunities for all students

...**Benefit** our students to ensure proper support of the whole child (academic, social & emotional needs)

...**Avoid** major budget reductions, which would impact needed educational programs and services

HOW DOES IT IMPACT TAXES?

A successful **Operating Referendum** would impact taxes as shown below:

Year (Pay)	Mill Rate	Impact (\$) per Month
2022	\$8.55	
2023	\$10.95	\$20.00
2024	\$10.95	\$20.00
2025	\$10.95	\$20.00

Home Value @ \$100,000
Avg Home @ \$144,000 Tax Impact = \$28.80/MTH
Home Value @ \$200,000 Tax Impact = \$40.00/MTH

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE REFERENDUM FAILS?

- Dramatic Reduction of Services within the Plum City School District
- Potential loss of Roughly 60 Local Jobs which will adversely Impact the Plum City Economy
- Previous Multi-Million Investments will be for Naught
- Taxpayers will continue to Pay Taxes, at the Same or perhaps at a Higher Rate, to another School District

PLUM CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

VOTE April 5th

WHERE & WHEN TO VOTE?

Vote Tuesday, April 5th
Polls are open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

- On Election Day, vote at your local voting location. Visit election website noted below for help.
- Vote early by absentee ballot at your Municipal Clerk's Office or myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Vote-Absentee-By-Mail
- EARLY VOTING BALLOTS AVAILABLE AFTER MARCH 15TH!

Visit:
elections.wi.gov/voters
for more information on:

- Registering to vote
- Election Day voting
- Other ways to vote
- What's on your ballot

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