

# *“Building Their Future”*



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
SHIOCTON

## **2024 REFERENDUM INFORMATION**

The School District of Shiocton is asking our community two important referendum questions about our District’s future on

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

**Question 1 addresses operational needs of our schools to continue to offer and grow current programs and services.**

- This question will provide the district with needed operational funding annually for \$2,200,000 in 2024-25, \$2,500,000 in 2025-26, and \$2,700,000 in 2026-27.
- The authorization for this spending expires after the 2026-27 school year.
- If Question 1 is not approved, the District will experience a significant shortfall in necessary funds. This will likely result in the constriction of programs and offerings, as well as changes in staffing and increases in class sizes. . See **Page 2** for details.

**Question 2 proposes an investment which will improve our schools by addressing space needs, current building and site condition issues, and facility maintenance needs.**

- This question includes safe and secure school entrances, improvements to technical education, new playground equipment, new fine arts wing, new varsity gymnasium, new Shiocton Child Care Center wing, and improvements to infrastructure.

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# What is the difference between an operational referendum and a facility referendum?

Depending on the type of funding needed, a school district in Wisconsin will typically ask their communities for two different types of referendums: operational referendums and facility referendums.

## Shiocton currently has a need for both types of referendums.

An **operational referendum** asks permission from communities for the district to exceed the state-imposed revenue cap to generate funds for operating purposes. These questions help fund programs, activities, and services. Funds secured are used within the year they are received.

A **facility referendum** is a one-time referendum that asks voters for permission to borrow funds to pay for facility projects such as the elementary school remodeling, the site traffic updates, the maintenance projects, and the new athletic complex. Much like a home mortgage, a capital referendum is typically financed over an extended period, often up to 20 years. These projects are too costly for our district to do under our annual budget limitations.

## What will continue to be positively impacted by passing the operational referendum?

- Staff attraction and retention
- Curriculum and instruction
- Staffing to meet Student needs
- Programming
- Building, Grounds and Maintenance
- Transportation
- Community
- Technology Infrastructure



## What are the amounts for the operational question?

To continue to deliver and grow current programs, activities, and services, the operational referendum question authorizes the district to exceed the revenue limit by these amounts **only for the next three years**.

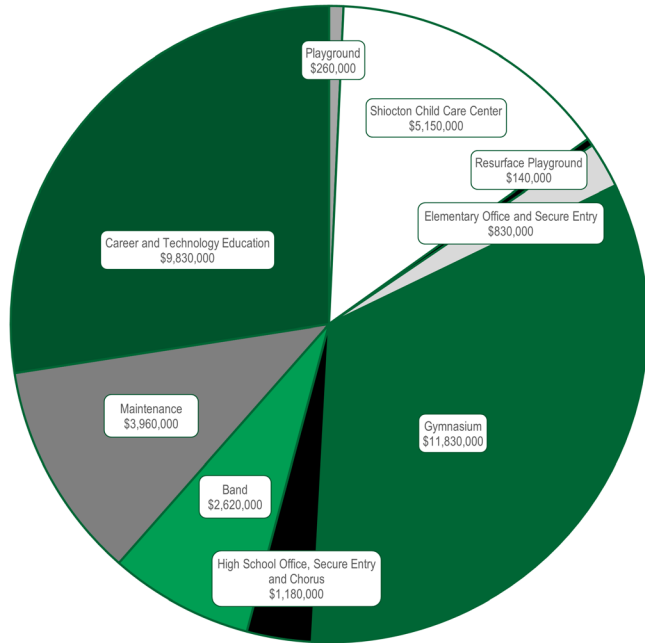


2024-2025 School Year	\$2,200,000
2025-2026 School Year	\$2,500,000
2026-2027 School Year	\$2,700,000

# What are the facility budgets?

- Budgets are based on contractor experience and current construction market.
- Budgets are reasonable with contingency for unforeseeable circumstances.
- Consideration is made for a timeline of future construction.
- All construction work will be competitively bid.
- Emphasis placed on helping the local economy by hiring **local contractors**.

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New playground equipment	\$260,000
Resurface playground	\$140,000
Elementary office and secure entry	\$830,000
Shiocton Child Care Center	\$5,150,000
High school office, secure entry and chorus	\$1,180,000
Band	\$2,620,000
Career and Technology Education	\$9,830,000
Gymnasium	\$11,830,000
Maintenance and Infrastructure	\$3,960,000
<b>Total - Capital Referendum Question</b>	<b>\$35,800,000</b>

# When will the projects be designed, bid, and built?

## Shiocton Child Care Center and Elementary Secure Entry New Addition

Design	Feb 24	Jul 24
Bidding	Jul-Aug 24	
Construction	Sep 24	May 25

## Shiocton Child Care Center Renovations and New Playground

Design	Feb 24	Oct 24
Bidding	Sep-Oct 24	
Construction	May 25	Sep 25

## Infrastructure and Maintenance Updates

Design	Feb 24	Oct 24
Bidding	Sep-Oct 24	
Construction	May 25	Sep 25

## Technical Education, Fine Arts, and Gymnasium Additions

Design	Feb 24	Oct 24
Bidding	Sep-Oct 24	
Construction	Sep 25	Aug 26

## Locker Rooms and Classroom Areas Renovation

Design	Feb 24	Oct 24
Bidding	Sep-Oct 24	
Construction	May 24 Aug 26	



# Concept Plan

- Existing
- Remodeling
- New Construction

Broad Street



COLOR INDICATES NEW CONSTRUCTION

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COLOR INDICATES NEW SPACE WITH MEZZANINE ABOVE

Pine Street



## Safe and Secure Entrances

- New school offices built at high school choir wing and elementary school by kindergarten rooms
- Entry to the school will require visitors to stop in the office prior to being admitted to any other part of the school



## Technical Education

- Build three new shops for auto and engines, woods, and metals with a new technology center for engineering and fabrication
- Existing woods shop becomes construction trades shop with outdoor construction yard

## Playground

- Replace main play structure
- Add ADA compliant seating
- Add walking path for less ambulatory
- Add additional play structures
- Replace swings



## Gymnasium

- New varsity gym with two full-size courts, court lines for all sports including pickleball and badminton, and ADA compliant seating for 800 with space for portable bleachers for an additional 200
- Remodel existing space for two girls and two boys locker rooms

## Fine Arts Wing

- New wing for band room, practice rooms, and storage adjacent to existing space remodeled for choir room
- Choir and band adjacent to each other with improved acoustics
- Larger spaces to accommodate growing programs



## Shiocton Child Care Center

- Eight new child care rooms with new child care office
- Parents will check in and pick up at child care office with secure entrance
- Three existing rooms remodeled for child care use
- Child care space separate from school

# What impact will these projects have on my Shiocton Schools tax rate?

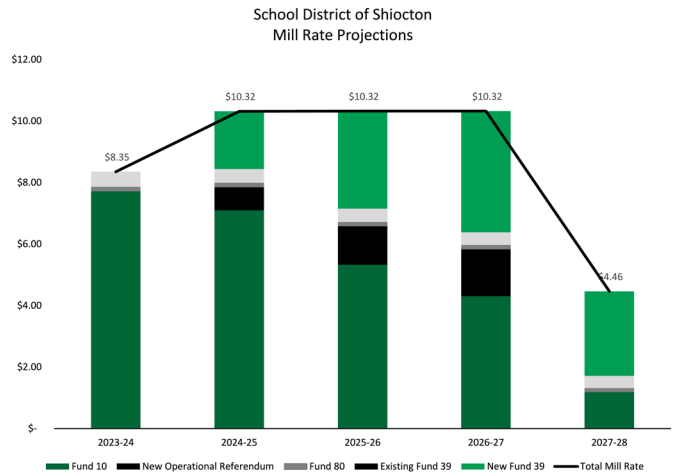
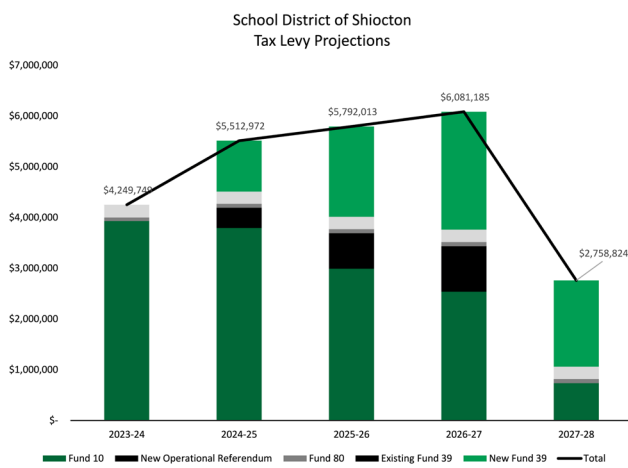
Similar to the 2018 building referendum, the District expects to be able to capitalize on its solid financial base in order to earn a AA bond rating. This will result in reduced financing charges.

The District expects mill rates to be stable over the course of the referendum, including the next three years at a rate of \$10.32.

Dating back to 2018-2019, a portion of the District's funding goes to private schools eligible via the voucher program; that loss in funding requires a property tax increase. State Statutes require a direct deduction from funds provided to public school districts, whose only recourse to recapture those funds is to place a equal tax back on the district's tax payers.

The graphs below indicate the impact our capital and operational referendum questions will have on our community's tax levy and mill rate over the next four years.

## Tax Levy Projections (with Capital and Operational) Mill Rate Projections (with Capital and Operational)



## What is the impact on different property values?

Average Tax Rate Impact over 2023-24 (per \$1,000 Fair Market Property Value)	Average Tax Impact over 2023-24 per \$100,000 Property Value per Year	Average Tax Impact over 2023-24 per \$100,000 Property Value per Month
<b>\$1.97</b>	<b>\$197</b>	<b>\$16.42</b>



## What about my neighbor who has a farm?

Agriculture is a big part of our school district community. It is important to understand the impact of this referendum accurately. Assessed value of agricultural land is based on its use in agriculture, rather than its fair market value, which is how most homeowners see their assessments. Assessed value of agriculture land tends to be significantly lower than fair market value. Guidelines and further land use value information and explanations can be found on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue website.

# How can I find out more information?

**Attend one of our upcoming information sessions.**

Wednesday, January 24th - 6:30PM @ Shiocton School LMC  
Monday, January 29th - 6:30PM @ Town of Ellington Town Hall  
Wednesday, January 31st - 6:30PM @ Town of Bovina Town Hall  
Wednesday, February 7th - 6:30PM @ Town of Maine Town Hall  
Wednesday, February 14th - 6:30PM @ Shiocton School LMC

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## What Will the Ballot Say?

### QUESTION 1

Question Number I: Shall the School District of Shiocton, Outagamie County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,200,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, by \$2,500,000 for the 2025-2026 school year and by \$2,700,000 for the 2026-2027 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of ongoing operational expenses necessary to maintain the educational programs of the District?

### QUESTION 2

Question Number II: Shall the School District of Shiocton, Outagamie County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$35,800,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a District-wide school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of additions, including for technical education, a gymnasium, band and choir, a child care center, district offices and safe and secure entrances; renovations, capital maintenance, building infrastructure, systems and site improvements, including playground equipment and updates; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

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