

Referendum at a Glance

On November 3, 2020, Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) residents will vote on two school funding requests:

- Q1: renew existing funds for school operations**
- Q2: invest capital funds to improve district school buildings**



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VOTE NOVEMBER 3, 2020

What if the questions are approved by voters?

- Q1:** \$7.95 million in annual operating funds would be renewed with **no tax increase** for:
 - Academic programs
 - Technology for learning
 - Student support services
- Q2:** \$107 million in capital funds would be invested in district buildings to provide:
 - Safe and accessible schools
 - Flexible and collaborative learning spaces
 - Cost-effective schools that maximize taxpayer investmentQ2 funds would be used to build a new middle school and a new elementary school, close three aging/outdated facilities, enhance school safety and security, and address deferred maintenance and infrastructure needs.

What if the questions are not approved?

- Q1:** The district would need to make \$7.95 million in budget cuts over the next four years—impacting academic programs, class sizes, classroom materials and other student supports.
- Q2:** There will still be millions of dollars in costs for repairs and safety improvements without the benefits of new and improved facilities. Construction costs are projected to increase 4% per year, and every 0.5% increase in interest rates would increase total costs by \$6.5 million.

Quick facts:

- We currently receive and spend less per student than both the state average and the average of similar-sized districts.
- Our schools are among the oldest in the state. The average age of our schools is 66 years old—and nearly three-quarters of the schools were built before 1970.
- While we have done our best to maintain our buildings, the funding available for repairs doesn't begin to cover all the needs.

Learn more: oshkosh.k12.wi.us/referendum