

# JAGUAR NATION

ASHWAUBENON SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2023



## Message from Superintendent Weyers

Dear Ashwaubenon Students, Staff, and Families:

The Ashwaubenon School District has earned a reputation for academic excellence and innovation throughout its rich history. Our staff continues to provide an educational environment that is innovative, responsive and focused on ALL students achieving at their full potential. In fact, our students consistently rank in the top 25% in Wisconsin.

We've also been working hard to control costs. The District property tax mill rate is 15% below the Wisconsin State average for K-12 districts, and one of the lowest in Northeast Wisconsin.

(Mill rate is the tax burden per \$1,000 of property value, which provides a fair comparison between districts of differing sizes.) We are extremely proud of this combination of high performance coupled with responsible spending.

While we are pleased with our past success, there are challenges ahead. State funding has not kept up with increasing costs. Without any change in state funding, the Ashwaubenon School District will face significant budget shortfalls.

We strongly encourage all of our residents to join us at two upcoming community informational sessions so that you can fully understand the 'Why' behind the referendum on Tuesday, April 4th. The two informational sessions are on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at Pioneer Elementary, and Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at Cormier Early Learning Center. Both meetings are from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

We have created a special edition to our Winter Jaguar Nation in order to provide you with the information to help you understand the proposed upcoming referendum.

With Unity,  
Kurt Weyers

## REGISTER TODAY 4K & 5K REGISTRATION

**\*NEW STUDENTS ONLY**

Children who are age 4 (for 4K)  
and age 5 (for 5K) by Sept. 1, 2023  
can enroll.

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School District  
**OPEN ENROLLMENT**  
**FEB 6TH**  
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**APR 28TH**

Apply Online By  
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[ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/families/open-enrollment.cfm](https://ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/families/open-enrollment.cfm)



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# 2023 ASHWAUBENON SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM



## Why A Referendum?

The Ashwaubenon School District, along with all Wisconsin school districts, is dealing with a current State budget that did not give districts the ability to increase their budgets to match inflation. With the cost-of-living increase of 4.7% in 2022 and continuing to increase, ASD faces extreme challenges with balancing future budgets.

## What Are We Asking?


On April 4th, we are asking Ashwaubenon residents to vote on a \$3.9 million referendum, over the next 5 years, for a total of \$19.5 million.

If the state provides additional funding to ASD, then the School Board has committed to reduce the amount.




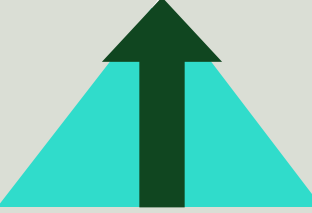
## What Happens if the Referendum Fails?

The District would be faced with making major budget cuts that would greatly impact student learning.

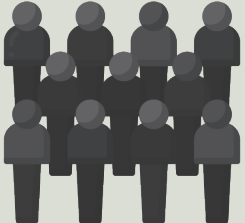



Staff Reductions






Increased Class Sizes





Reduced Course Offerings and Fewer Athletic and Extracurricular Activity Offerings

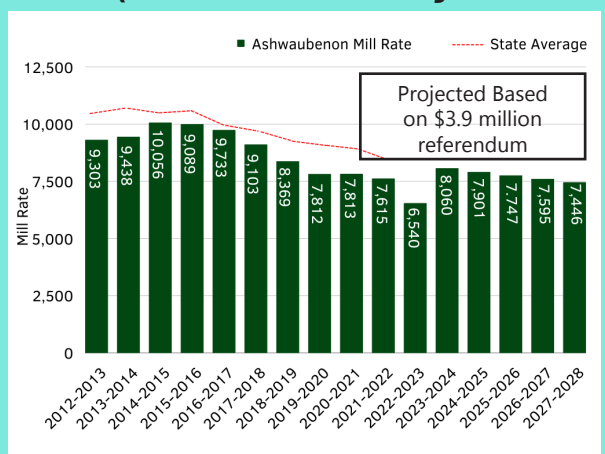


Delayed or Reduced Building Maintenance, Technology Updates/Upgrades and Curricular Updates

To learn more about the Ashwaubenon School District Referendum 2023 and how school funding works, watch us at: <https://youtu.be/IIW36FWS2Co>

## Ashwaubenon Mill Rate

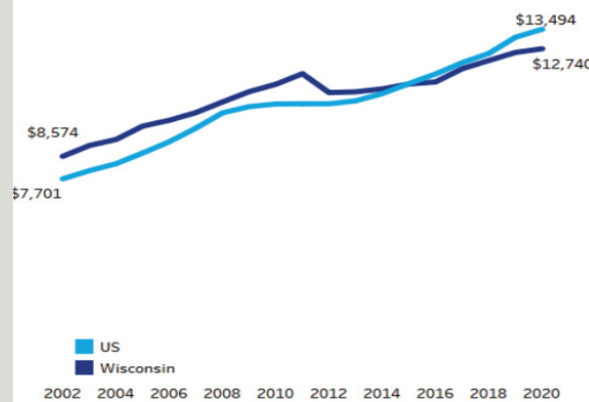
(2023-2028 are Projected if Referendum is Approved)



## The Financial Impact of the Referendum?

If the referendum passes, the estimated impact on the mill rate would be \$1.68. The property tax impact on a \$100,000 home would be \$168 annually.

Figure 1: Wisconsin Per-Pupil Spending Falls Below Nation  
Average public PreK-12 spending per pupil, unadjusted for inflation



- In 2020, Wisconsin ranked 25th in the USA on spending per student, down from the 2002 ranking 11th nationally.
- Wisconsin school spending is now 5.6% below the national average on a per pupil basis.
- ASD is a low spending district in Wisconsin. In 2021, ASD spent 93.5% of WI average per pupil.

## Stay Informed & Learn More

[ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/community/2023-referendum.cfm](https://ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/community/2023-referendum.cfm)

Informational Sessions  
 February 22nd  
 6pm -7pm  
 @ Pioneer School

March 22nd  
 6pm-7pm  
 @ Cormier School



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 Phone: 920.492.2900

**VOTE April 4<sup>th</sup>**

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# YOU'RE INVITED

ASHWAUBENON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1055 Griffiths Lane  
Green Bay, WI 54304

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## Community Conversations

- You are formally invited to participate in a community conversation that will **shape the future of education** in the Ashwaubenon School District.
- The outcomes of these conversations will provide direction to the **ASD's strategic plan** and help your board focus on what matters most to the Ashwaubenon community.
- This **three day event** will be a **gathering** of community members, parents, students, alumni, teachers, school board members, administrators, business leaders, and others.

MARCH 1ST 5PM-9PM

MARCH 2ND 5PM-9PM

MARCH 4TH 8AM-12PM

Attendance at ALL 3 sessions is requested and critical to the success of ASD

### Ashwaubenon Community Center

900 Anderson Drive  
Ashwaubenon, WI  
54304

## RSVP

by February 20  
920-492-2900

[jbower@ashwaubenonk12.org](mailto:jbower@ashwaubenonk12.org)



FOOD & DRINK PROVIDED



EVERYONE 14 YRS & OLDER ARE WELCOME



BY FEB 20TH  
920.492.2900

OR  
[JBOWER@ASHWAUBENONK12.ORG](mailto:JBOWER@ASHWAUBENONK12.ORG)



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION



We need **YOUR** unique perspective to help shape the future of education in ASD

## OUTCOMES OF THIS EVENT

- Identify issues and trends that impact our Ashwaubenon community and school district
- Gain knowledge about the past, present and future of Ashwaubenon School District
- Identify attributes and skills graduates need to meet their full potential
- Give a voice to our community and celebrate our traditions and legacy
- Create a shared vision of our future in education

[ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/community/strategicplan.cfm](http://ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/community/strategicplan.cfm)