

Ashwaubenon School District Referendum Update

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Agenda for the meeting

Thank you for attending

- Village update on an upcoming referendum that they are planning
- Discussion of what has changed since the September community input session
- Referendum questions that were approved by the School Board
- Updated Equalized Mill Rate information based on the 2019-20 District budget including a projection showing projected impact of referendum questions
- Details of Student Mental Wellness Supports implementation plan
- Brief review of capital referendum projects and tour of Pioneer Elementary School to see needs and discuss proposed solutions

What Has Changed Since the September Community Presentation?

Ashwaubenon School District Referendum Update

- Community Survey results – Thank you for your input
- Received Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) results
 - Updated information on our student needs
 - Provided direction on what support areas will have an impact
- Meetings with staff and survey staff
 - Better define Student Mental Wellness Needs
 - Develop a plan (which we will share tonight)
- Board Decision on referendum questions
 - 2 questions will be asked on April 7th ballot – **Please Vote**
 - Operational question 5-year \$730,000 for Student Mental Wellness Services and Operating Air Conditioning
 - Capital question including projects in the Base Plan \$10,050,000
 - **Multi-use facility is NOT included in the referendum question**

Referendum Questions

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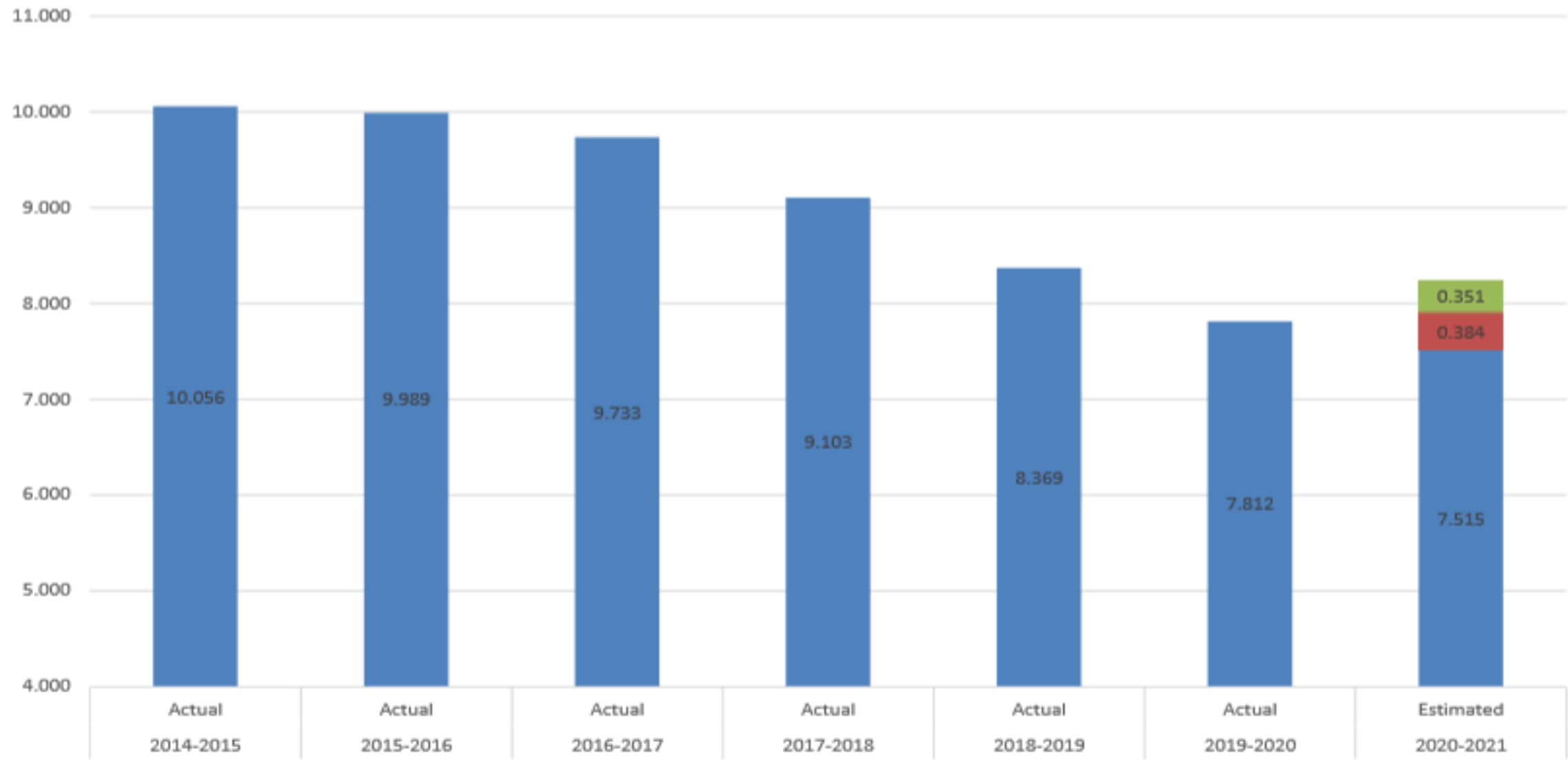
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- This question is estimated to increase the Equalized mill rate \$0.10 which would equal \$10 for the owner of a \$100,000 property.

Impact of Referendum on Equalized Mill Rate History



■ Equalized Mill Rate Before Referendum

■ Capital referendum

■ Student Wellness Services referendum

Student Mental Wellness Services

Creating a Safe and Supportive Environment

- Promote children's social-emotional and behavioral health
- Appropriately addressing challenging behavior
- Form strong, supportive, nurturing relationships with children
- Collaborate with community-based service providers to connect children & families to additional services
- Eliminate discriminatory discipline practices
- Use self-reflective strategies and cultural awareness training to prevent and correct all implicit and explicit biases

2018-19 YRBS Data

Social Emotional Supports

Parkview: 42% of all students report getting emotional support when needed

- From adult (parent, teacher or other adult): 46%
- From peer (friend or sibling): 38%
- Not sure: 16%

Ashwaubenon High School: 22% of all students report getting emotional support when needed

- From adult (parent, teacher or other adult): 31%
- From peer (friend or sibling): 45%
- Not sure: 15%

2018-19 YRBS Data

Suicide

Parkview:

- 21% of all students report seriously considering suicide
- Of these students, 7% attempted suicide

Ashwaubenon High School:

- 15% of all students report seriously considering suicide
- Of these students, 6% attempted suicide
- Of the students who attempted suicide only 22% received medical attention, all of which were females

**1 in 3 students report knowing someone
who talked about suicide or made a suicide plan**

2018-19 YRBS Data

Anxiety

Parkview: 52% of all students report problems with anxiety in the past 12 months

- Females: 63%
- Males: 42%

Ashwaubenon High School: 48% of all students report problems with anxiety in the past 12 months

- Females: 60%
- Males: 37%

Student Mental Wellness Services

How Will Referendum Funds Be Used

- 3 School Counselors
- 2 Social Workers
- 2 Social Emotional Learning Coaches
- 2 Graduation Coaches-partnering with the Boys and Girls Club
- Added time to make a full time at-risk position at the High School
- Social Emotional Learning Materials and Training

* This is a starting point. Services will adjust based on student needs, current research, and effectiveness of programming

Student Mental Wellness Services

School Counselors

- Effective transitions from 4k through postsecondary options
- Appreciate the diverse backgrounds/experiences of others
- Decision-making, problem-solving, and goal-setting skills
- Understand and use safety and wellness skills
- Make informed career decisions
- Relationship between educational achievement and career development
- Strategies to achieve future career success and satisfaction

Student Mental Wellness Services

Social Workers

- Family support for their children's needs at school
- Access to school and community resources
- Communication among students, families, and schools
- Parent education training
- Crisis intervention support to students and families
- Coordinating services including:
 - Homelessness
 - Mental Health Services
 - Foster Care
 - Suicide Prevention
 - Other community programs and resources

Student Mental Wellness Services

Social Emotional Learning Coach

- Provides direct services to building level staff, children, and families
- Consult and instruct staff in the development, implementation, and assessment of intervention plans
- Review performance data
- Support parents and staff on issues of social emotional wellness

Student Mental Wellness Services

Graduation Coach

- Building Connections with Kids
- Dropout Prevention (6-12)
- Targeting At Risk Students
- Strengths Based Mentoring
- A 2 year commitment for at least an hour or more each week
- Implementing the Research Based Check & Connect Model
 - Grades
 - Attendance
 - behavior
- 100% graduation rate: Since 2010, 92% of students involved graduate

Capital Referendum Base Plan Projects

- Cormier School Safety Upgrade \$2.75 million
 - New entrance and main office
 - Improved traffic safety before and after school
 - Update HVAC system
- Pioneer School Safety Upgrade \$1.15 million
 - New entrance and main office
 - Remodel old office into classrooms
- Air Conditioning to improve education environment \$4.35 million
 - 5 year history shows that it would be used 35 school days a year
 - Ashwaubenon High School \$2,300,000
 - Valley View Elementary \$1,450,000
 - Pioneer Elementary \$600,000
 - Additional \$80,000 annually to operate included in the operational referendum question total

Capital Referendum Base Plan Projects

- High School Track repair \$680,000
 - Several dips and bumps
 - Fencing needs to be relocated to meet WIAA specifications
 - Contaminated area significantly increases the cost
- Gymnasiums
 - Pioneer foundation cracking \$150,000
 - Floor replacement at Pioneer, Parkview, AHS (old gym) \$450,000
 - Light fixture replacement (LED) all gyms \$120,000
- Parkview window and door replacement \$200,000
- Asbestos tile removal (no immediate concern) \$200,000
- Base Plan Total Cost \$10,050,000
- Base plan impact on mill rate **\$10** for the owner of a house valued at \$100,000 because the previous referendum debt has been paid off

Thank You

Questions

- Email questions to :
 - Kurt Weyers, Superintendent kweyers@ashwaubenonk12.org
 - Keith Lucius, Assistant Superintendent klucius@ashwaubenonk12.org
 - Tammy Nicholson, Director of Pupil Services tnicholson@ashwaubenonk12.org
- Call the District Office 920-492-2900, ask for Kurt, Keith, or Tammy
- Go to referendum information website <https://www.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/community/2020-referendum.cfm>