

North Lakeland School District 2024 REFERENDUM FACTS



MAINTAIN
EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE

National Blue Ribbon School



IMPROVE SCHOOL
SAFETY, SECURITY,
& ACCESSIBILITY

Quality Care for all Students



REPAIR AGING
BUILDING SYSTEMS,
INTERIORS, & EXTERIORS

Energy & Cost Savings



“The School Board's vote was the culmination of a community-based strategic plan, a comprehensive facility assessment, and a thoughtful prioritization process that fit our District's needs and goals. If approved by voters, these referendums will address significant needs for our school, which we cannot address within our annual budget, and will benefit NLS for years to come.”

- Brent Jelinski, District Administrator

Planning for Continued Success at North Lakeland School

North Lakeland School (NLS) has a lot to be proud of – our school is known for excellent programming, low student to staff ratio, and an exceptional staff that works tirelessly to provide the highest standard of instruction. It's no wonder NLS was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2023! The support received from parents and community members has helped our school and students thrive.

To maintain this same level of excellence for future generations, the Board of Education voted to place two referendum questions on the April 2 Ballot asking voters to support operational and facility needs for North Lakeland School:

- #1: The first question is an **Operational Referendum** for funding to maintain current staffing, programming, and instructional support.
- #2: The second question is a **Capital Referendum** for funding to refurbish our facility and create safer, more comfortable, efficient, and accessible learning environments.

For more information about the needs, plan, and process, visit:

NorthLakeland.ReferendumFacts.org

How will the referendum dollars benefit our school?

QUESTION #1

- Retain talented and experienced staff in a competitive labor market.
- Provide single-grade classrooms focused on age-appropriate instruction.
- Continue current music, art, physical education, foreign language, and academic support programming.
- Sustain Outdoor Education programs.
- Fund increased costs for transportation, utilities, technology, and curriculum needs.



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QUESTION #2

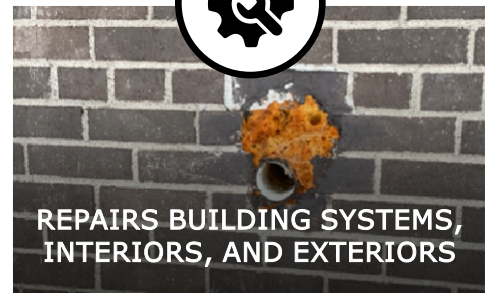
- Update entrance security and site safety (drainage and parking).
- Improve ADA accessibility in locker rooms, showers, and toilet rooms.
- Remodel special education classroom(s) to meet changing needs.



IMPROVES SCHOOL SAFETY, SECURITY, AND ACCESSIBILITY

QUESTION #2 (cont.)

- Upgrade heating and ventilation controls and unit ventilators for improved air quality and efficiency.
- Restore worn flooring, ceilings, doors, walls, and cabinets.
- Refurbish gymnasium bleachers and add walkway space.
- Repair or replace deteriorating brick, concrete, doors, and windows in older sections of the building.
- Upgrade main electrical service, panel boards, and outlets.



REPAIRS BUILDING SYSTEMS, INTERIORS, AND EXTERIORS

What's on the ballot? ≡

QUESTION #1: *Shall the North Lakeland School District, Vilas and Iron Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$550,000 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses, including to maintain current programming?*

QUESTION #2: *Shall the North Lakeland School District, Vilas and Iron Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,700,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project at the school building and site consisting of: capital maintenance and building systems improvements, including heating/ventilation and electrical system updates; safety, security and site improvements, including for a secure main entrance; remodeling and Americans with Disabilities Act updates; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?*

What will it cost? ≡

QUESTION #1: An estimated annual increase of \$12 per year (OR \$1 per month) for every \$100,000 of property value.

QUESTION #2: An estimated annual increase of \$16 per year (OR \$1.33 per month) for every \$100,000 of property value.

Approval of both questions would result in an estimated annual tax increase of \$28 per year (OR \$2.33 per month) for every \$100,000 of property value.

Why now? ≡

North Lakeland receives no state aid and rising costs have limited our ability to fully address operational and facility needs within our annual budget. It is important to note:

- ★ Our levy is roughly the same as it was in 2002, despite rising costs.
- ★ We have the lowest tax rate in the state, and if both referendums are approved, it would still be lower than the 2021 tax rate.
- ★ Waiting even one year could increase project costs by \$300,000 due to rising construction costs.

≡ Still have questions? Join us at school: ≡

Referendum Talk & Tour

4:30 pm Monday

FEB 19

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6:00 pm Wednesday

FEB 28

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