

# ARROWHEAD HIGH SCHOOL REFERENDUM 2024

Following months of study and community input, the AHS school board has authorized two referendum questions for the November 5, 2024 ballot.

## WHAT WILL BE ON THE NOVEMBER 5TH BALLOT?

### QUESTION 1

#### OPERATING REFERENDUM \$1.9 MILLION ANNUALLY (4 YEARS)

**DESCRIPTION:** \$1.9 million annually for four years beginning in 2025-26 to fund operational costs. The referendum will replace the school's current \$1.7 million operational referendum, which expires at the end of 2024-25.

Operational funding will be used to attract and retain staff in this competitive market, protect educational programming, keep pace with inflationary cost increases, and fund necessary maintenance and infrastructure needs.

### QUESTION 2

#### NEW HIGH SCHOOL \$261.2 MILLION

**DESCRIPTION:** \$261.2 million to construct a new high school on the current AHS site. The approximately 555,000-square-foot high school will bring AHS under a single roof, including:

- Enhanced safety and security
- Elimination of inefficient, duplicate spaces
- New 8-lane competition pool also for community use
- 1,000-seat auditorium also for community use
- Indoor space for academic, co-curricular, and community programming
- Flexible classrooms and labs with advanced technology and collaboration spaces
- Minimal impact on learning activities during construction

## TAX IMPACT

QUESTION 1 - \$1.9 MILLION/YEAR (4 YEARS)			QUESTION 2 - \$261.2 MILLION*	
PROPERTY VALUE	PER YEAR	PER MONTH	PER YEAR	PER MONTH
\$100,000	\$2.00	\$0.17	\$191.00	\$15.92
\$300,000	\$6.00	\$0.50	\$573.00	\$47.75
\$500,000	\$10.00	\$0.83	\$955.00	\$79.58

*\*Estimated equalized tax impact over previous year. Assumes 20-year borrowing, an interest rate of 4.25-4.5%, and equalized property valuation growth of 1.5%.*

## AHS IS FALLING BEHIND



**AHS VS.**



**BARABOO SD**



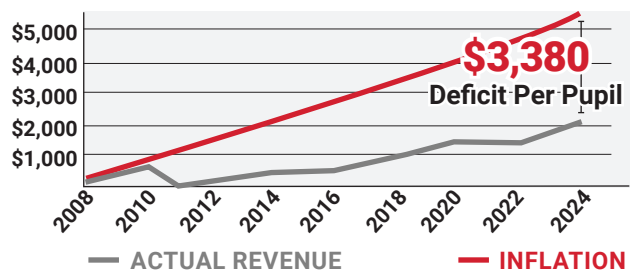
**AHS VS.**



**KETTLE MORaine SD**

## WHY DO WE NEED TO GO TO REFERENDUM?

General school district revenue per pupil lags inflation by more than **\$3,380 per year** since 2009.



— ACTUAL REVENUE — INFLATION  
 Source: Kava, Russ (1/9/23) Legislative Fiscal Bureau Memo

## WHY PROPOSE THIS PLAN?



**Avoids Significant Capital Maintenance Costs:** By constructing a new high school, AHS will avoid an estimated \$143 million in capital maintenance to the current buildings.



**Improves Safety & Security:** A single building removes the ¼ mile, unsupervised walk for our students, minimizes the access locations to our school, and provides a single secure entrance for students, staff, and families.



**Consolidates AHS Under One Roof:** A single building will eliminate the inefficiencies of duplicated spaces, improve communication, improve access, and enhance our school community.



**Invests In A Community Asset:** The new high school will allow AHS to expand opportunities like aquatics, athletics, and the performing arts to the entire community.



**Modernizes Teaching & Learning:** Improving the learning environment and enhancing access to technology will help support academic, artistic, and athletic achievement.

STRONG SCHOOLS STRONG COMMUNITY

VOTE



NOV. 5

Arrowhead High School 2024 Referendum



REFERENDUM  
INFORMATION NIGHTS

**Mark your calendars!**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

All events above begin at 6pm  
at the South Campus Cafeteria.

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For more info about the facilities planning process and the referendum plans, visit:  
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### REQUEST A PRESENTATION

Does your neighborhood or organization want more information? We'll come to you. Email [referendum@arrowheadschoools.org](mailto:referendum@arrowheadschoools.org) to schedule a brief information session with us.



### SCHEDULE A TOUR

The best way to make an informed decision is to see our buildings. Schedule a tour with our staff by emailing [referendum@arrowheadschoools.org](mailto:referendum@arrowheadschoools.org)

### QUESTIONS OR FEEDBACK?

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