

# ARROWHEAD HIGH SCHOOL REFERENDUM 2024

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Arrowhead High School 2024 Referendum

Arrowhead High School is aging. Arrowhead's South building dates back **nearly 70 years**. The original North building was constructed **55 years ago**. There hasn't been a major investment in Arrowhead's facilities **in 25 years**. Meanwhile, nearby districts are investing in their school facilities.

## QUESTION 1

\$1.9 MILLION (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

\$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; and
- minimal impact on learning activities during construction.

## DISTRICTS ARE NOT FUNDED THE SAME

### Maximum Funding (taxing authority) Comparison – Waukesha County School Districts (2023-24)

District	Funding limit / student / year	Funding limit / student x 2,000 students
Kettle Moraine	\$12,708	\$25,416,000
Elmbrook	\$12,532	\$25,064,000
New Berlin	\$11,984	\$23,968,000
Menomonee Falls	\$11,756	\$23,512,000
Hamilton	\$11,410	\$22,820,000
Pewaukee	\$11,130	\$22,260,000
Oconomowoc	\$11,037	\$22,074,000
Muskego	\$11,000	\$22,000,000
Waukesha	\$11,000	\$22,000,000
Mukwonago	\$11,000	\$22,000,000
<b>Arrowhead HS</b>	<b>\$11,000</b>	<b>\$22,000,000</b>

Wisconsin's school funding system forces districts to rely on referenda for operations and significant construction projects.

- **29%** of districts are going to referendum on November 5.
- **59%** of districts have gone to referendum in the last two years.
- **84%** of districts have gone to operational referendum since 2000.

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## WHY NOW?

Construction costs increase over time | Boost local economy | Expand community access to facilities

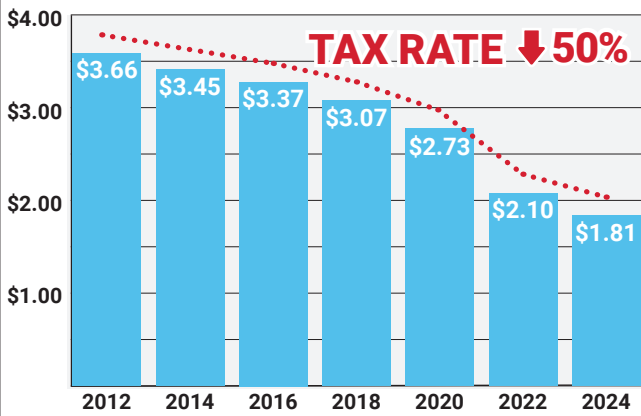
**VOTE NOVEMBER 5!**

Contact your municipal clerk or visit **MyVoteWI.gov** for more information on registering to vote or locating your polling place.



## AHS TAX RATE HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF

### Mill (Tax) Rate Analysis | Revenue Limit Funds



### 2023-24 Mill (Tax) Rate Analysis

Waukesha County Districts	Tax (Mill) Rate
Kettle Moraine	7.22
Menomonee Falls	6.91
Hamilton	6.91
Pewaukee	6.85
Elmbrook	6.50
Mukwonago	6.20
Oconomowoc	6.09
Muskego	5.99
New Berlin	5.87
Waukesha	5.64
<b>Arrowhead HS + Average 4K-8</b>	<b>5.18</b>

### Did you know?

A new school can increase property values by **7-10%**



Source: <https://tinyurl.com/RefHomeValue>



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