OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Maintaining Excellence in West De Pere Schools

OUR FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

- Projected Deficits: **$2.6 million** in 2026-27 & **$3 million** in 2027-28
- Shortfalls driven by **rising operational costs**, **limited state funding**, and **increasing student needs**
- Special education services required, but **not fully funded**

EXPENSES ON THE RISE

- Utilities and transportation
- Food service and maintenance
- Insurance and operational costs
- Instructional materials and curriculum
- Employee wages and benefits

REDUCING EXPENSES

Over the past three years, the district has implemented **more than $1 million in cost-saving measures**, including:

- Staffing adjustments through attrition
- Reductions in positions
- Careful evaluation of district spending

District leaders have also made ongoing budget adjustments to limit expenses while prioritizing classroom instruction and student support.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Operational Referendum: **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**
- Would allow the district to exceed its state-imposed revenue limit by **$4.9 million annually** through the 2032-33 school year
- Funding would help ensure our schools can continue to provide a high-quality educational experience for all students without significant reductions

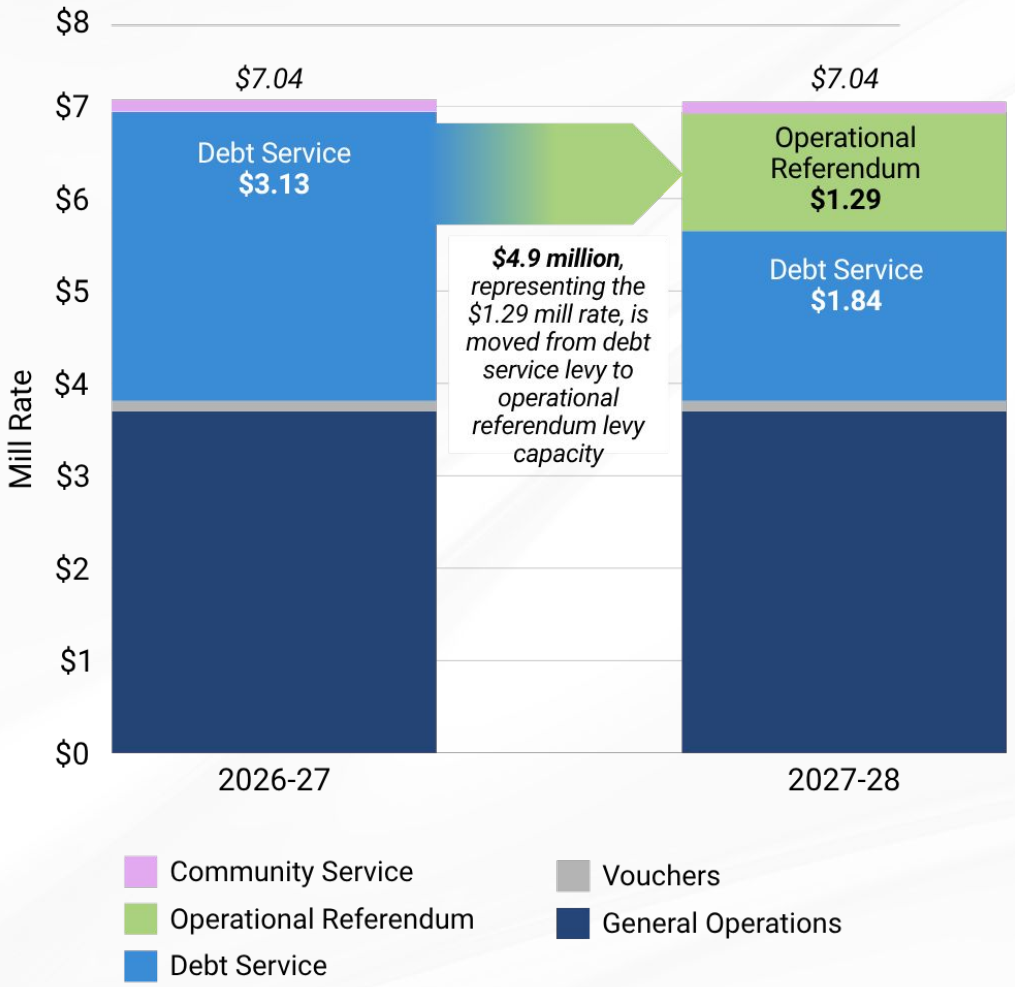
NO MILL RATE IMPACT

- The proposed referendum is expected to have a **net-zero impact on the district's mill rate**.
- Property taxes **will not increase** as a result of an approved referendum.
- Note: Property taxes *may* increase related to the estimated fair market value of property, determined by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Village of Hobart

- Last year the Village's school tax bill was reduced by $13,771.73

Mill Rate Breakdown



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