

Make an Informed Decision

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Schedule a small group information session with board members by calling

the district office at 414-351-7380

Email us your questions at community.conversation@mapledale.k12.wi.us

Attend a School Tour or Information Meeting

- Maple Dale School: Monday, March 16 @ 6:30pm, Tour Only
- Indian Hill School: Tuesday, March 24 @ 6:30pm, Tour Only
- Maple Dale School: Wednesday, April 1 @ 7:00pm, Meeting & Tour



VOTE Tuesday, April 7, 2009

A Closer Look at the Ballot

Shall the following Resolutions be approved?

Question 1

INITIAL RESOLUTION
 AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
 TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT
 FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES
 BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Maple Dale-Indian Hill
 School District, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, that the revenues included
 in the School District budget beginning with the 2009-2010 school year and
 ending with the 2018-2019 school year be authorized to exceed the revenue
 limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, for non-recurring
 purposes by \$800,000 a year for operating expenses.

YES NO

Question 2

INITIAL RESOLUTION
 AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000,000
 BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Maple Dale-
 Indian Hill School District, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin that
 there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin
 Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed
 \$4,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of repair-
 ing, updating and maintaining school facilities and technology
 infrastructure.

YES NO

Non-Profit Org.
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 Permit No. 1



Maintaining Excellence in Education:
 Referendum on Our Future
 Vote Tuesday, April 7, 2009

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Maintaining Excellence in Education: Referendum on Our Future Vote Tuesday, April 7, 2009

What are we voting on?

Each question must be voted on separately.



Question 1

\$800,000 annually for 10 years

(Revenue Limit Question)

- Requests permission to exceed the state Revenue Limit for ten years, starting in the 2009-2010 school year and ending with the 2018-2019 school year.
- Funding to address projected annual operating budget deficit caused by structural flaw in statewide school funding system, declining enrollment, and rising annual operating costs.
- Funding to slowly rebuild district fund balance to a level that provides ongoing financial stability.

Question 2

\$4,000,000 for Immediate Facility Needs

(Debt Question)

- Requests permission to borrow no more than \$4,000,000 and to make annual payments for 20 years.
- Funding to address immediate capital facility needs at both Maple Dale and Indian Hill schools, including roofs, boilers, plumbing, electrical upgrades, and technology infrastructure.

Why are we proposing these referenda now?

To protect and maintain our educational programs and services

- We must preserve appropriate class sizes.
- We must sustain student achievement and high test scores.
- We must continue to offer high quality programs such as Fine Arts and Foreign Language.

To address our immediate facility needs

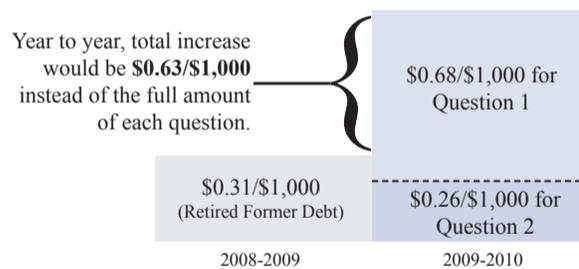
- We must replace and upgrade aging building components.
- We must continue to provide our students safe, warm, and dry learning environments.
- We must improve energy efficiency and reduce long-term operating costs.
- We must maximize taxpayers' dollars; this is an opportune time to make facilities improvements, as the construction market is very competitive and interest rates remain near historic lows for borrowing.

To restore financial stability

- We must bring operating costs and revenues into balance.
- We must rebuild our budget to a level that provides ongoing district stability.
- We must prepare our district for possible impact of funding shortfalls and unforeseen expenses.
- We must position the district favorably if borrowing is necessary in the future.

What is the cost to taxpayers?

Our existing debt, which was the result of the last referendum approved by voters 20 years ago, will retire next year. As a result, residents will see a tax rate *decrease* of approximately \$0.31 cents per thousand of property value. **This will lessen the impact of the two proposed referenda.** See illustration below:



Estimated tax impact after existing debt retired in 2009 (\$0.31/\$1000)

Property Value	Question 1 + Question 2
\$100,000	\$63.00/year \$5.25/month
\$250,000	\$157.50/year \$13.13/month
\$500,000	\$315.00/year \$26.25/month



What have we already done to reduce costs?

- **Reduced staff by 35%** from approximately 96 to 62 full time equivalent staff members.
- **Cut \$2 million** from our annual operating budget since 2000 – 2001 school year.
- **Reorganized** grade levels at Indian Hill (K4-1) and Maple Dale (2-8) to maximize use of facilities.
- **Generated** rental income of approximately **\$100,000/year** from 12 available classrooms at Indian Hill.
- **Secured** approximately **\$200,000 a year** since 1998-99 by filling available classroom seats through open enrollment.

