

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CRANDON 2025 REFERENDUM

**VOTE APRIL 1st**

## What is a referendum?

On Tuesday, April 1, 2025 the School District of Crandon will ask district voters to consider a referendum question. A “Yes” vote will allow the District to Exceed the State of Wisconsin’s revenue limit by \$1,250,000 for each of the next five years.

### OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM

An operational referendum asks voters for permission to exceed the stated imposed revenue limit for the purpose of funding annual school operations. Costs associated for school operations include, but are not limited to: teacher and support staff salary and benefits, student technology software and devices, curriculum and student programming, utility and transportation costs and general maintenance and custodial expenses.

### NON-RECURRING REFERENDUM

There are two different types of referendums that a school district can run, recurring and non-recurring. A recurring referendum means a school district will be able to levy that additional amount forever, without going back to the community for permission to exceed the revenue limit.

A non-recurring referendum, which the School District of Crandon is asking, means a school district can levy that additional amount for the period of time defined in the resolution. This option was chosen as it allows the voters in the School District of Crandon an opportunity to make informed choices in future years.

**The School District of Crandon is asking for a five year operational, non-recurring referendum.**

## STRONG SCHOOL- STRONG COMMUNITY

Support Students First

This referendum will allow the District to avoid further budget cuts and will support the growth of success for our students!



## Referendum Question

*Shall the School Board of the School District of Crandon be authorized to exceed the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes by an amount of \$1,250,000 for the 2025-2026 school year and \$1,250,000 each year for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029 and 2029-2030 school years on a non-recurring basis for the purpose of paying District operational costs as provided in the forgoing resolution?*

**YOUR**

**VOTE**

**MATTERS**

# Utilization of Referendum Funds Over the Past Five Years

Over the past five years, our school district has strategically utilized both referendum funds and various grant opportunities to enhance educational experiences, improve infrastructure and support student success. By leveraging multiple funding sources, we have maximized our ability to make meaningful improvements while being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.

## **FACILITY UPGRADES & MAINTENANCE**

- New flooring in the hallways and classrooms (ESSER)
- New lockers in the elementary school (ESSER)
- Three new boilers (ESSER)
- Lighting upgrade
- New generator
- Sound system in auditorium and gymnasiums
- Touchless bathroom amenities (ESSER)

## **TECHNOLOGY & CLASSROOM ENHANCEMENTS**

- New smartboards and projectors (ESSER)
- Replaced the server and switches (E-Rate)
- Purchased new laptops for digital art classes (ESSER)
- Purchased new Chromebooks for all students (ESSER & ECF)
- Launched a new website and app

## **SAFETY & SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS**

- New security cameras (COPS Safety Grant)
- New key card access (COPS Safety Grant)
- Phone and PA System upgrades (COPS Safety Grant)
- Digital map of facility for emergency responders (Department of Justice Grant)


## **CURRICULUM & STUDENT SUPPORT SYSTEMS**

- Purchased multiple curriculum resources for elementary, middle and high schools (ESSER)

By combining referendum funds with grant opportunities, we have been able to accomplish significant improvements that benefit students, staff and the entire community. This strategic financial approach ensures that we continue to provide high-quality educational environments while maximizing available resources for long-term success.

# If approved, how will taxes be impacted?

The chart below shows the impact of the referendum on a homeowner's taxes on an annual, monthly and daily basis. Amounts are shown based on home value of \$100,000, based on an estimated referendum mill rate increase of 24 cents per thousand dollars of property value.

<b>\$100,000 PROPERTY VALUE</b>	
Estimated Annual Impact	\$24.00
Estimated Monthly Impact	\$2.00
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Less than 7¢ per day</b></p>	

Median home price in Forest County is \$141,027\*  
\*National Association of Realtors website

School District	2024-2025 Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Equalized Home Value (Mill Rate)
Laona*	7.26
Wabeno*	4.72
Goodman/Armstrong*	9.38
Florence*	7.43
Phelps*	3.57
Three Lakes*	3.98
Elcho*	4.47
White Lake*	9.34
Pembine*	7.5
Crandon*	5.77
State Average	7.09
<i>*Have gone to referendum</i>	



## INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS\*

Interim District Administrator, Kirby Schultz will be holding numerous meetings throughout the District to present information on the referendum and to answer any questions. Below are the dates of the presentations.

- Wednesday, February 26-** School District of Crandon- Auditorium @ 6 pm
- Tuesday, March 11-** Argonne- Town Hall @ 6 pm
- Tuesday, March 18-** Hiles- Town Hall @ 6 pm
- Monday, March 31-** School District of Crandon- Auditorium @ 6 pm

\*We are currently waiting on confirmation for dates with additional municipalities and will update them on the website.

For up to date information on the referendum, please visit [www.sdoofcrandon.com](http://www.sdoofcrandon.com) or you can send an email to [sdoc@sdoofcrandon.com](mailto:sdoc@sdoofcrandon.com) You can also call 715.478.3339.

# VOTING INFORMATION

The referendum question will be on the Tuesday, April 1, 2025 ballot. In order to vote in the State of Wisconsin, you must show an acceptable photo ID.

TOWN OF ARGONNE  
Argonne Town Hall  
8842 Black Bear Avenue  
Argonne, WI 54511

TOWN OF CRANDON  
Crandon Town Hall  
5474 County Road S  
Crandon, WI 54520

CITY OF CRANDON  
Crandon City Community Building  
601 W Washington Street  
Crandon, WI 54520

TOWN OF NASHVILLE  
Nashville Town Hall  
4265 State Highway 55  
Crandon, WI 54520

TOWN OF LINCOLN  
Lincoln Town Hall  
5376 County Road W  
Crandon, WI 54520

TOWN OF HILES  
Hiles Town Hall  
9193 N Main Street  
Hiles, WI 54511

TOWN OF ALVIN  
Alvin Town Hall  
16942 State Highway 55  
Alvin, WI 54542



## ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who registers to vote is eligible to request an absentee ballot. Under Wisconsin law, voters do not need a reason or excuse, such as being out of town on Election Day, to vote absentee. You have several options for requesting an absentee ballot and casting your vote.

Visit [www.elections.wi.gov/voters/absentee](http://www.elections.wi.gov/voters/absentee) for more information on obtaining an absentee ballot.