

# ☰ Deerfield School District Referendum

**STRONG SCHOOLS = STRONG COMMUNITIES**

**VOTE APRIL 1, 2025**

**Postcard 2**

## ▶ The Challenge

**LACK OF STATE FUNDING** - The District did **NOT** receive any increase in state funding on a per-student basis in **6 of the last 10 years**.

**LOW REVENUE LIMITS** - Deerfield's revenue limit per student is the lowest among neighboring school districts and at the lowest level in the state.

**COVID-19 FUNDS ENDED** - Federal funding that helped bridge the deficit in state funding has ended.

**VOTER APPROVED FUNDING EXPIRES SOON** - The voter-approved 2020 referendum expires June 30, 2025.

## ▶ The Need

- ◆ Revenue to support curriculum purchases, technology, subscription fees and classroom supplies
- ◆ Revenue to support rising daily operation expenses such as disposable supplies, utilities, and service contracts
- ◆ Revenue to attract and retain quality staff and maintain current student services and programs

## The Plan



Five (5) year **non-recurring** operational referendum for \$1,750,000 each year beginning in 2025-26

*Plan based on community survey results*

## The Tax Impact

What is the estimated tax increase?

Property Value*	Per Month	Per Year
\$100,000	\$2.08	\$25
\$200,000	\$4.16	\$50
\$300,000	\$6.25	\$75

*\*Projection based on equalized property value.*

*For additional information about the referendum visit [deerfield.k12.wi.us](http://deerfield.k12.wi.us) or call the district office at 608-764-5431 ext. 1145*



## Celebrating the future...

Deerfield Schools is proud to offer academic, athletic and music activity programs to middle and high school students. Participation rates are tremendous with many students taking part in multiple offerings each year. Graduating seniors frequently identify their participation in these activities as a strong advantage to attending a small school.

EXTRA/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES-OFFERINGS & PARTICIPANTS						
2023-24	Academic Offerings	Academic Particip.	Athletic Offerings	Athletic Particip.	Music Offerings	Music Particip.
High	7	101	14	141	3	109
Middle	3	49	7	89	2	16

Research studies show that students who participate in activity programs tend to have higher grade-point averages, better attendance records, lower drop-out rates and fewer discipline problems. (NFHS, 2002)

The Deerfield community has a strong history of supporting student programs through the help of many community volunteers, parent groups, and attendance at events. Thank you for helping to make Deerfield Schools a great place for students to learn and grow.

***We are committed to excellence and equity in educating our students.***



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