

(3/20/19 District Administrator's Corner article)

Citizens living in the River Valley School District will have the opportunity to vote on an operational referendum on Tuesday April 2, 2019. Specifically, on April 2, 2019, the following question will be submitted to a vote of River Valley citizens:

*Shall the following Resolution be approved? Yes or No?*

***RESOLUTION TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT IN THE 2019-2020 THROUGH 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEARS***

*BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the River Valley School District, Sauk, Richland, Iowa and Dane Counties, Wisconsin, that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by up to \$883,000 for the 2019-2020 school year, up to \$2,454,000 for the 2020-2021 school year, up to \$3,213,000 for the 2021-2022 school year (for a total of \$6,550,000) for nonrecurring purposes consisting of maintaining the educational programs and current level of district operations.*

This referendum is designed to maintain the current educational programming and offerings in the River Valley School District for the next three years. This is not a building/capital referendum. For many rural school districts across Wisconsin, an operational referendum is the only financial vehicle a district can access to increase revenue to continue educating students.

Business Manager Brian Krey and I will be holding two open house sessions in the River Valley School District Central Office on Thursday, March 21, and Monday, March 25, 2019, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm for community members to stop by and ask questions regarding the referendum. Please note that there is no planned presentation—just time to have your questions answered. In addition, we welcome community members who have questions about the referendum to contact the district office via telephone (608-588-2551) or email to get any questions answered. You can also visit our website at <https://www.rvschools.org/district/referendum.cfm> for more detailed information.

Finally, please vote on April 2. Traditionally, there is low voter turnout during spring elections. It's important that all of the citizens of the River Valley have a voice in the future direction of our school district. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Wermuth, District Administrator  
River Valley School District