

How will the money be used?

These funds will be used to prevent further cuts and to preserve existing programs. The District will:

- prepare students for life after high school (college and/or career)
- recruit and retain high-quality staff
- maintain small class sizes
- maintain/strengthen opportunities in the career and Tech Ed areas
- increase student achievement in literacy/reading
- develop excellence in all staff members
- complete renovation of the air handling systems
- continue to maintain facilities
- move to a 1 to 1 technology environment with Chromebooks in grades 5-12

Why is the District going to Referendum?

The five-year forecast without referendum will leave the District with a negative fund balance of \$435,360 in 2021.

	FY-2017	FY-2018	FY-2019	FY-2020	FY-2021
Total Revenue	\$9,218,334	\$8,954,361	\$8,984,708	\$9,033,307	\$9,081,356
Total Expenditures	\$9,263,463	\$9,471,667	\$9,691,409	\$9,912,965	\$10,146,594
Ending Fund Balance	\$2,733,543	\$2,216,237	\$1,509,536	\$629,878	(\$435,360)

The Proposed Referendum

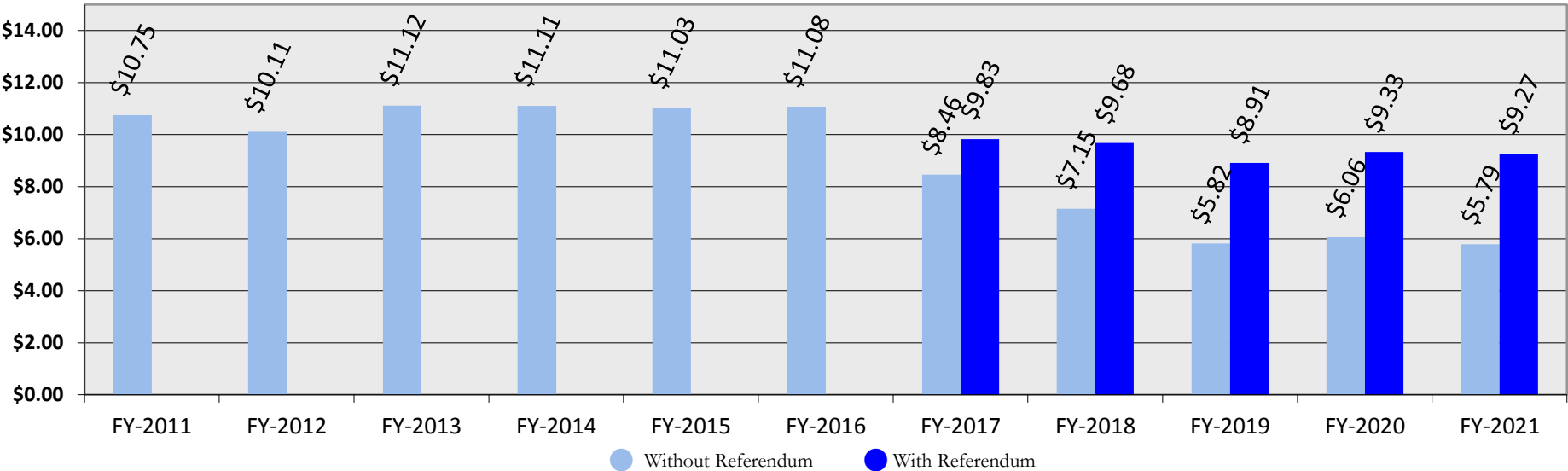
The following illustrates the proposed referendum with an additional \$400,000 Energy Efficiency Exemption revenue/spending that would leave the District with a fund balance of \$2,460,854 in 2021.

	FY-2017	FY-2018	FY-2019	FY-2020	FY-2021
Total Revenue	\$9,618,334	\$9,854,361	\$10,084,706	\$10,232,045	\$10,378,834
Total Expenditures	\$9,663,463	\$9,871,667	\$10,091,409	\$10,312,965	\$10,546,594
Ending Fund Balance	\$2,733,543	\$2,716,237	\$2,709,534	\$2,628,614	\$2,460,854

TAX LEVY INFORMATION

School District of Auburndale Mill Rate Comparison

The figure below illustrates the Mill Rate Comparison with and without the proposed referendum. As you can see, even with the proposed referendum, taxes will be less over the next five years than in the previous six years. In fact, property taxes will be less over the next five years than they have been since 2009.



What has been done so far to cut costs?

- Cut the Middle School Reading teacher
- Went from 3 to 2 teachers in core subjects
- Cut the Middle/High School Assistant Principal
- Went from 3 to 2 Guidance Counselors
- School Psychologist was cut from 100% to 60%
- Vocal music instruction went down from 1.5 to 1 teacher
- Art instruction went from 2 to 1.8 teachers
- Cut one foreign language – currently offering Spanish only
- Cut Tech Ed and Agriculture from 3 to 2 teachers
- At Risk teacher cut from full-time to 40%
- Cut our Library Media Specialist by 85%
- Several Aide positions were reduced to part-time
- Purchasing school supplies in bulk where possible
- Post-employment benefits were eliminated
- Teachers are now responsible for half of their pension fund contributions
- Reduced cost of waste removal

Isn't there money in the fund balance that the District can use?

The fund balance is not a cash account. It is money that comes into our District incrementally throughout the year that is earmarked within the budget. When funds don't come soon enough to cover costs, the District will have to borrow money to operate.

For more information, or to invite a representative to speak to your community group, please contact:

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DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

To be a leader
in academic excellence
and community service
in a small school setting

On the Ballot . . .

Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit

Shall the School District of Auburndale be allowed to exceed the revenue limit specified in §121.91, Wis. Stats., by up to \$500,000 commencing with the 2017-2018 school year on a recurring basis; by up to an additional \$200,000 in the 2018-2019 on a non-recurring basis, making a total of \$700,000; by up to an additional \$300,000 in the 2019-2020 school year on a non-recurring basis, making a total of \$800,000; by up to an additional \$400,000 in the 2020-2021 school year on a non-recurring basis, making a total of \$900,000, all for the purpose of maintaining current levels of educational programming, expenditures and operations?

Auburndale Schools

*Where failure
is NOT an option!*



School District of Auburndale Referendum

On January 18, 2016,
the Auburndale Board of Education
approved the language
for a referendum that will appear
on the April 5th election ballot.

**Just the
FACTS...**
Look inside for
more information!