

Arrowhead Union High School is seeking a non-recurring facilities referendum for \$1.7M for five years, for a total of \$8.5M. The additional revenue will be used for infrastructure improvements in:

**TECHNOLOGY
FACILITY
SITE**

WHAT HAS ARROWHEAD DONE TO CUT COSTS?

Here are some of the many cost-savings measures implemented in order to balance our budget:

- Deferred facility infrastructure and capital improvement projects
- Continued sharing of services with other districts (health ins. & busing)
- Reduced faculty and support staff/ increased class size
- Reduced staff benefits
- Maintained fewer administrator positions than regional average
- Continued competitive bidding for projects over \$15,000
- Initiated and sustained energy savings strategies
- Froze classroom/department/ co-curricular budgets
- Solicited and accepted generous donations
- Increased fees for parking and co-curricular participation
- Enhanced marketing strategies to increase student enrollment



VOTE

NOV. 3 | 2020



**INFRASTRUCTURE
REFERENDUM**



WHY IS INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING NEEDED?

Arrowhead's costs have been increasing for expenses such as:

**Health insurance • Transportation/busing • Utilities
Liability/workers' compensation insurance • Textbooks**

At the same time, the revenue coming in has been decreasing based primarily on a declining student enrollment, which is common to over 60% of Wisconsin school districts.

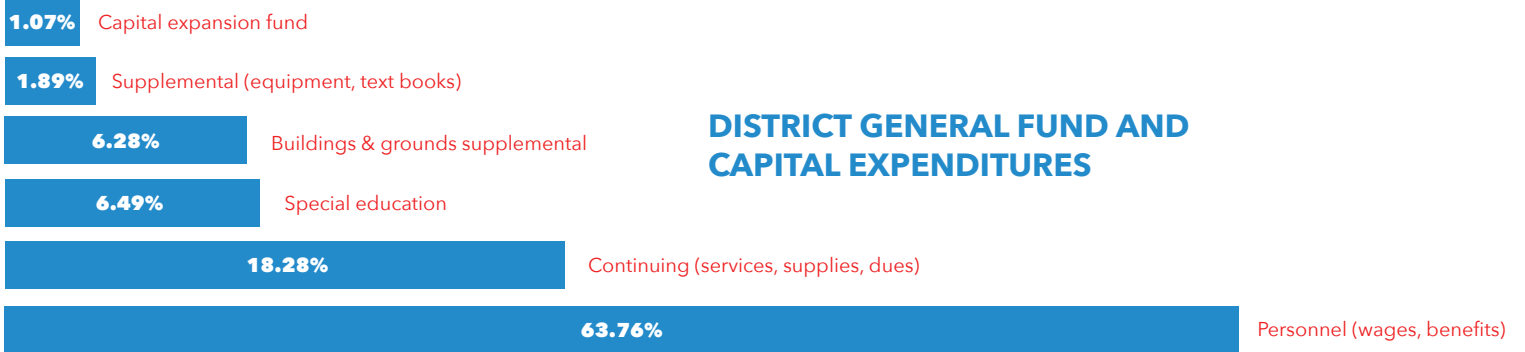
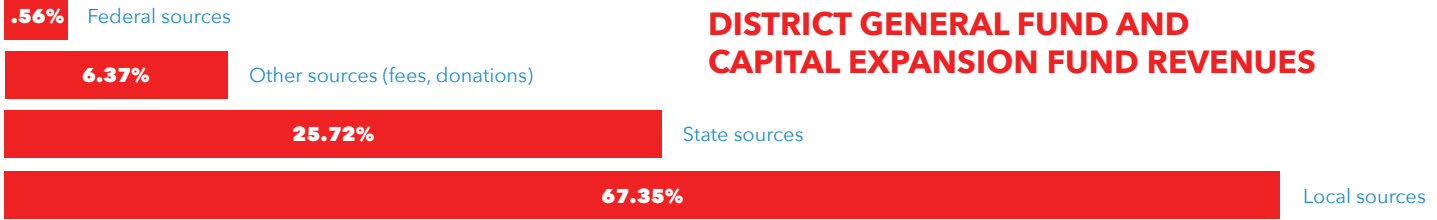
WITHOUT AN INFLUX OF NEW FUNDING, THE NECESSARY INCREASED SPENDING ON INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS WILL REQUIRE REDUCTIONS TO THE AMOUNT SPENT ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS

While this amount would not allow for significant facility upgrades or major program updates to be completed, the \$1.7M per year would aid in:

- **Replacing leaking roofs,**
- **Replacing 25-30 year old HVAC units,**
- **Updating online technology speed and safety,**
- **Improving storm water management.**

Arrowhead has long focused on making the most of community members' investments in our school, through property taxes and also through generous donations. We continue to strive to offer exceptional educational programs, excellent co-curricular programs, adequate compensation to attract and retain quality staff, and a safe, effective learning environment.

ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET



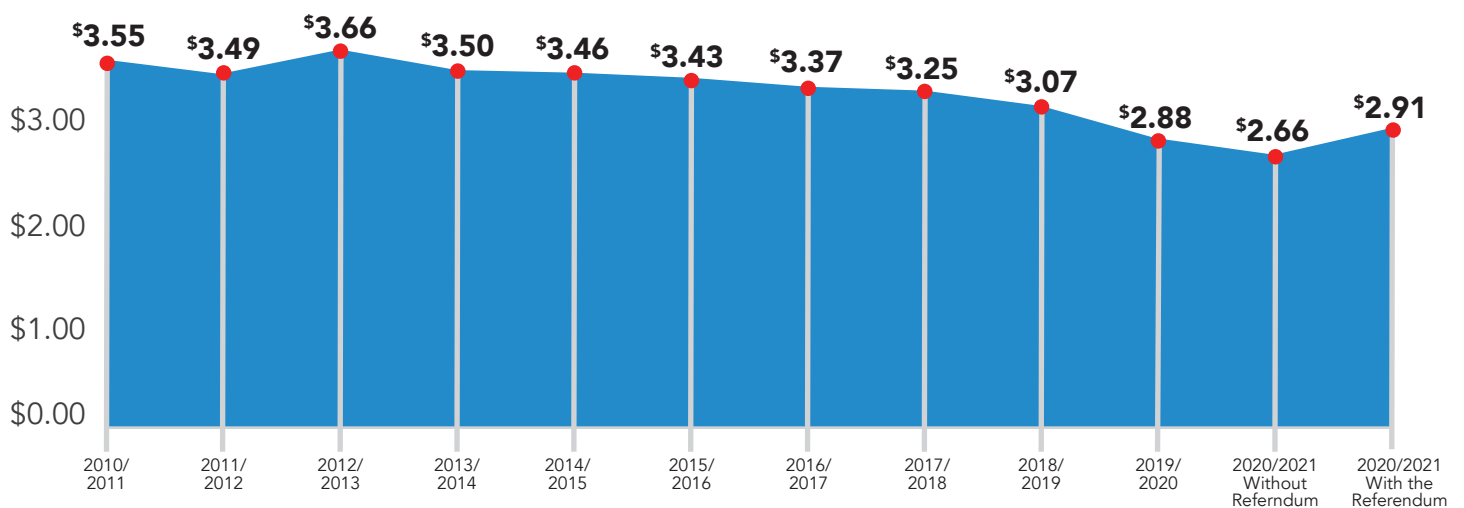
**ARROWHEAD'S
2019-20
MILL RATE**

\$2.88

Down from \$3.07 the year before!

Mill rate equals the tax impact per \$1,000 of home value. For a \$300,000 home, the tax rate impact is \$864; and for a \$500,000 home the tax rate impact is \$1,440.

The Tax Rate **with the proposed referendum** would be less than **91%** of all Arrowhead High School tax rates since 2010!



Annually, over \$300,000 collected in property taxes in Arrowhead's name, goes directly to private/parochial/charter schools.

ANTIQUATED FUNDING SYSTEM

LIMITS ESTABLISHED IN 1993 PUNISH DISTRICTS LIKE ARROWHEAD

SCHOOLS ARE NOT FUNDED EQUALLY

In 1993, revenue limits were established for schools based on their spending at that time. Schools that were high spenders, are still locked into higher spending. Schools like Arrowhead, who were conservative spenders in 1993, have been locked into lower spending for the last 27 years.

Maximum Revenue Allowed Per Student 2019-20 in Waukesha County	Referenda Passed To Help With Funding During The Last 12 Years
Elmbrook \$11,844 * <i>* \$3.4 Million per year more than Arrowhead, based on the same number of students (Arrowhead's count of 2,106)</i>	\$62.2M (2008)
New Berlin \$11,480	\$0
Menomonee Falls \$11,251	\$32.7M (2016)
Hamilton \$10,871	\$57.4M (2018) \$1.5M recurring (2018)
Pewaukee \$10,623	\$16.5M (2010) \$39.7M (2018)
<i>Waukesha County Avg. \$10,569</i>	\$29.3M
Oconomowoc \$10,324	\$54.9M (2016)
Muskego \$10,261	\$43.2M (2016)
Arrowhead/ K-8s \$10,230 ** <i>** \$1,614 less per pupil than highest spending district, with similar economic demographics and student achievement scores</i>	\$0 for Arrowhead Merton, \$3M (2008); N. Lake, \$2.3M (2014); Stone Bank, \$2.5M (2014); Swallow, \$8.3M (2018) Hartland-Lakeside, \$0 Lake Country, \$0 Richmond, \$0
Kettle Moraine \$10,158	\$49.6M (2014) \$7.0M (2020)
Waukesha \$10,004	\$60.0M (2018)
Mukwonago \$9,775	\$49.5M (2016) \$7.0M (2016)

Data Source: WI DPI

Arrowhead receives substantially LESS funds per student per year than many of the surrounding school districts with an annual difference up to \$3.4 Million per year (based on 2,106 students).

District	Max Revenue per Student	Annual Funding Difference	5 Year Difference
Elmbrook	\$11,844	\$3.4 Million	\$17 Million
New Berlin	\$11,480	\$2.6 Million	\$13.2 Million
Menomonee Falls	\$11,251	\$2.2 Million	\$10.8 Million
Hamilton	\$10,871	\$1.3 Million	\$6.7 Million
Arrowhead	\$10,230	\$0	\$0



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**NO
LONG-TERM
DEBT**

**NO
INTEREST
PAYMENTS**

**FUNDING
SUNSET
IN 5 YEARS**

**PROPOSAL
IS TAX
NEUTRAL***

*Maintains/extends the \$0.25 per \$1,000 of property value paid for the 1999 referendum debt for five more years

This proposed referendum is not a loan, and no funds from this referendum will be used to pay salaries or benefits.

Over the past 12 years, Arrowhead has spent over \$16.4M, an average of \$1.4M each year, for infrastructure maintenance on its \$129.6M worth of buildings. Unfortunately, this annual expenditure is not enough to keep pace with needed repairs of our aging buildings. **Without an influx of new funding, the necessary increased spending on infrastructure repairs will require reductions to the amount spent on educational programming for students.**

The last time Arrowhead passed a referendum was in 1999. If the November 3 referendum passes, **the \$1.7M per year simply replaces the 1999 referendum debt that was paid off in March, 2020. This debt payment costs approximately \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed property value annually for five years.** For example, the current Arrowhead referendum-portion of the property taxes on a \$400,000 home is \$100/year (\$8.33/mo). If this referendum passes, that same amount would continue on your property tax bill instead of seeing a tax reduction.

GET THE FACTS: arrowheadschoools.org/about/referendum.cfm