

Goodman-Armstrong Creek Referendum Information



MISSION STATEMENT: IT IS OUR VISION THAT ALL STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM THE GOODMAN-ARMSTRONG CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH SUFFICIENT MARKETABLE SKILLS AND ACCOMPANYING WORK ETHICS THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO FOLLOW THEIR CHOSEN CAREER PATHS SUCCESSFULLY. ALL STUDENTS SHALL BE TREATED EQUITABLY.

Referendum Frequently Asked Questions

What cuts or reductions has the school district already made?

Since 2002 cuts have been put in place in anticipation of a future referendum. General spending, staff reductions, salary freezes, changes of insurance are examples of reductions made in the past. At the current time any more reductions would be detrimental to the education process.

Why is a referendum needed?

From 2006 to present, the district has lost a significant amount of general aide. Most years were at a 15% loss. This results in more than a \$600,000 loss of revenue over the years. The referendum will not cover the loss of revenue but will help maintain current services.

How has the fund balance been used and how much money is needed for operation?

Currently the fund balance is projected at the end of the year to be around \$750,000. This amount of money is needed to avoid short term borrowing and for one time expenses. This money is also needed in case of emergency expenses to building and grounds. Without a referendum, projections show the fund balance running out in 2 1/2 years.

How much will the referendum cost property owners?

The mill rate will increase from 10.33 to 14.60 (less then the mill rate of 2002). By doing a 3 year referendum for \$550,000 a year, the tax increase will occur the first year and stay around the same the remaining 2 years.

| Property Value | Current (15-16) Total School tax | Proposed(16-17) Total School Tax | Proposed Increase from 15-16 |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| \$25,000 | \$258.25 | \$365 | \$106.75 |
| \$50,000 | \$516.50 | \$730 | \$213.50 |
| \$75,000 | \$774.75 | \$1095 | \$320.25 |
| \$100,000 | \$1033.00 | \$1,460 | \$427.00 |

What will happen if the referendum does not pass?

The district will have 3 options: another referendum, consolidation or dissolution. The mill rates of our neighboring districts are similar or **even higher** than the projected referendum mill rates. Remember if the district dissolves or consolidates, school taxes **DO NOT** disappear. You will be assigned taxes of wherever the students in the area go. Both consolidation and dissolution take two years to occur. Another referendum could be brought back in November if decided by the board.

Quick Facts:

- The district is seeking a referendum to exceed the revenue limit to maintain current programs
- The district has already made cuts in the past ten years
- The referendum will last for 3 years asking for \$550,000 per year.
- Continuation of the same level of support is critical to maintain our high quality education

Do you have additional questions?

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