

# LAKE COUNTRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STRONG SCHOOLS BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES

OUR STUDENTS.
OUR SCHOOLS.
OUR FUTURE.



## Sustain Educational Excellence

Local referendum dollars will help fund costs associated with running the District and maintaining the level of excellence in academic programming, staff, and resources that define our LCS.



## Address Financial Challenges

While we have worked to balance our budget, without additional funding to rebuild our dangerously low fund balance and address the state funding gap, we face cuts to staff and programming.



# Invest in Future Success

LCS has a proud tradition of academic excellence, consistently ranking among the top districts in Wisconsin and nationally. This investment in LCS will help stabilize the District's finances.

\$0.30

## TAX INCREASE

per \$1,000 in property value

That's less than \$200 per year for the average home in our District.

# **ESTIMATED**TAX IMPACT

If approved, the \$800,000 per year referendum will have an estimated tax levy increase of \$0.30 per \$1,000 of equalized property value.

### WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR ME?

| PROPERTY<br>VALUE | COST PER<br>YEAR | COST PER<br>MONTH |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| \$300,000         | \$90             | \$7.50            |
| \$400,000         | \$120            | \$10.00           |
| \$500,000         | \$151            | \$12.58           |
| \$600,000         | \$181            | \$15.08           |
| \$700,000         | \$211            | \$17.58           |

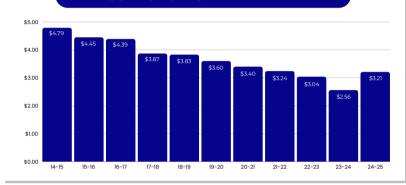
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# THE FINANCIAL REALITY

#### ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDING

While it *is* up for this school year thanks to community support for the District's facilities referendum in April 2024, the Lake Country School District mill rate has otherwise consistently declined since 2014, remains below the state average for all districts and K-8 districts, and is among the lowest in the region.

#### LCS HISTORICAL MILL RATE



# State Average (All) \$7.05 North Lake \$4.25 State Average (K-8) \$4.03 Swallow \$3.64 Hartland-Lakeside J3 \$3.41 Merton Community \$3.36

Richmond Lake Country

Stone Bank

\$0.00

#### THE FUNDING GAP

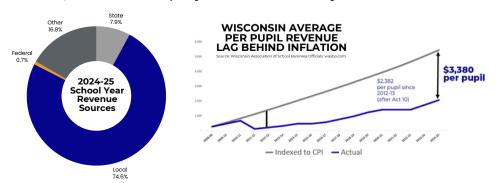
\$4.00

\$6.00

\$8.00

The majority of LCS revenue is received through local funding. State Aid and federally-supported grants continue to decrease. Additionally, revenue received from the State hasn't adjusted to inflation since 2010, resulting in an average gap of \$3,380 per student, or \$1.18 million per year for Lake Country School District.

\$2.00



# LEARN MORE ONLINE

Visit the LCS Referendum 2025 website for additional information.



# COMMUNITY INFO SESSIONS

Join us for a short presentation, followed by Q&A with our Administrative Team!



(L) 5:30 p.m.

LCS LibraryMedia Center



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