



APRIL 2  
**VOTE**

# REFERENDUM INFORMATION

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## WHAT WILL THE REFERENDUM FUNDS DO?



Allow for the addition of a  
School Resource Officer (SRO)

Reinstate Math Interventionist  
to support student growth



Reinstate English Language  
Educator to support  
students & staff

Maintain class sizes, course  
offerings, and training for staff



Update technology for staff  
and students district-wide

On Tuesday, April 2, 2024, residents of the Valders Area School District will vote on a \$1.3 million, 3-year operational referendum question. If the referendum is approved, VASD would use the funds to address operational needs across the entire district.

## WHY IS AN OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM NEEDED?

In Wisconsin, a school district's revenue limit is directly linked to enrollment and state-approved adjustments. As a result of recent declines in state funding, VASD's revenue limit has not kept pace with inflation. Also, VASD has not levied to the allowed maximum. Like almost 400 other districts statewide, we are now turning to voters to approve an operational referendum to help fund our schools.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
PLEASE VISIT:**

[valders.k12.wi.us/district/vasd-referendum-2024.cfm](http://valders.k12.wi.us/district/vasd-referendum-2024.cfm)



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## WHAT'S BEHIND THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL CHALLENGES?



Inadequate funding from the state (2-year freeze)

Expiration of ESSER funds (COVID relief funds)



Rising inflation on all district operations



With your help passing the referendum, the District can continue to address facility needs. We will not need to increase the mill rate above the current level due to the District's accelerated repayment of debt (from the 2018 & 2022 referendums).

This strategic approach allows the District's mill rate to stay consistent for taxpayers while addressing facility needs.



## LEARN MORE



### VISIT

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### CONTACT

Superintendent Dr. Deb Hunt at 920.775.9500 or [dhunt@valders.k12.wi.us](mailto:dhunt@valders.k12.wi.us) with questions or to schedule a small group presentation.



### WATCH

The Valders Journal and social media for more information.



### VISIT

[MyVote.wi.gov](https://MyVote.wi.gov) for voter information and absentee ballots.



### SCAN

the code with your phone's camera to visit the District website.

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Ask questions and participate in conversations as we discuss the district's needs and the upcoming referendum vote.

- **MARCH 5, 2024**  
5:30 pm, Valders High School Library
- **MARCH 26, 2024**  
4:00 pm, Valders High School Cafetorium

*\*Please check website for most up-to-date meeting times & locations.\**