



Board Approves April 3 Referendum

Tax levy would decrease under \$3.5 million annual referendum

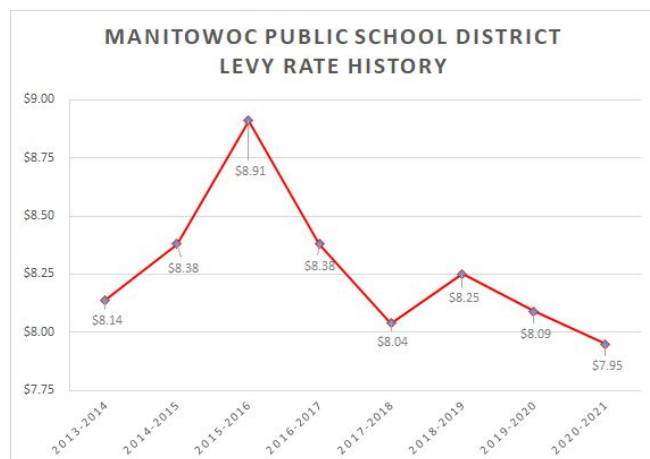
The Manitowoc Public School District Board of Education voted to approve placing an operational referendum question on the April 3, 2018 ballot. Voters in MPSD will consider the request to allow the Board to exceed the state revenue limit by \$3.5 million annually for a period of three years to support the District's operations.

The proposed question will allow for a decrease in school property taxes over the three year period, with the first year seeing a 2.65% increase followed by -2.01% and -1.63% in years two and three.

If successful, the approved referendum will be directed to maintaining current programs and educational opportunities while offering a wide range of courses, programs and services for students; maintaining and updating district facilities and technology; providing all employees with competitive wages and benefits; and providing essential employee training and development.

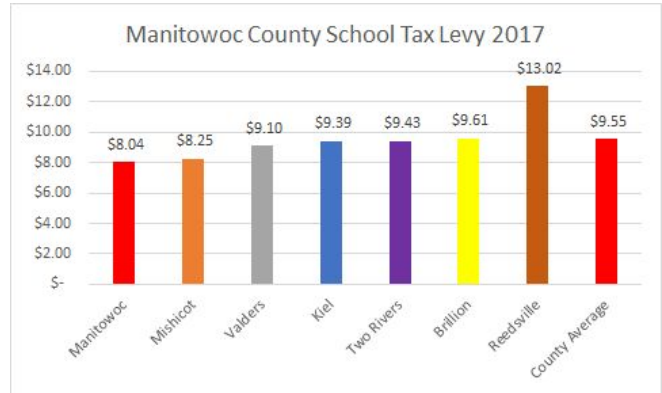
The Board of Education and district administration will be scheduling informational sessions.

The MPSD takes pride in being fiscally responsible as a low spending school district for the past 24 years. Manitowoc's property tax rate of \$8.04 per \$1,000 of equalized tax value remains the lowest in Manitowoc County and is in the bottom 10% in the state of WI. The county average is \$9.55 and the state average for K-12 districts is \$9.79.



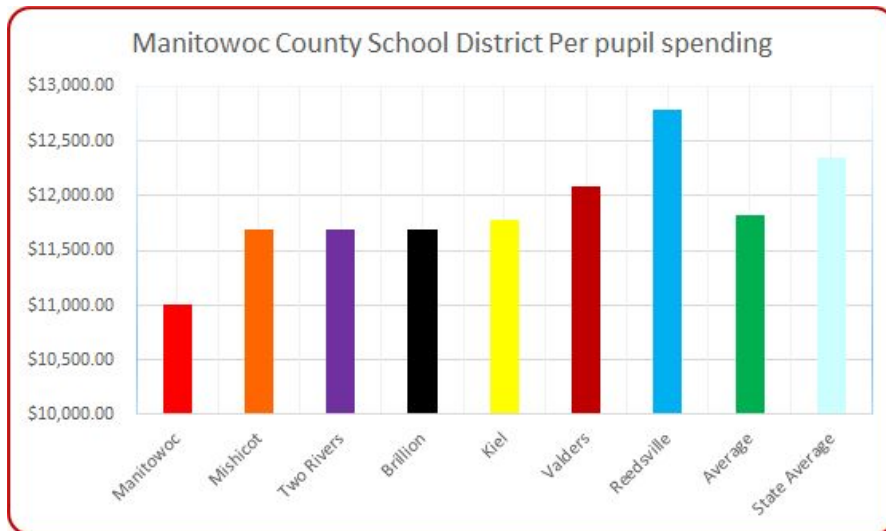
MPSD also is committed to educate, engage and inspire all students to be successful in a global economy. That requires maintaining our existing staffing levels, programs and services, which is not possible under existing state aid formulas.

MPSD is one of the lowest per pupil spending districts in the State and the lowest in the county. The graphs compare Manitowoc County school district tax levies and per pupil expenditures, using state Department of Public Instruction data.



On April 3, 2018 MPSD will ask district residents to vote on the following ballot resolution:

Shall the Manitowoc Public District exceed the revenue limit established under Section 121.91(2m) of the Wisconsin Statutes on a non-recurring basis in the amount of \$3,500,000 annually for each of the school years 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for the purposes of maintaining current programs and services?



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