



**Seymour Community School District
Frequently Asked Questions
April 2021 Referendum
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Why Now?

- For the past three years we have been working on updating equipment, curriculum and course offerings in our technical education department. While we have worked on updating these areas, our classroom and labs have not been updated for 20 years.
- We have seen an increase by 52% of student interest in classes in the past five years.
- Demand is growing in our region for employees in the trades
- Traffic patterns and parking have continued to be a problem over the past few years during student drop-off, pick-up and parking for events at our Seymour High School and Middle School locations.

When is the vote for the Referendum?

The vote is April 6, 2021. You can vote at your local municipality Polls will be open from 7am until 8 pm.

Where can I get more information about the Referendum?

We will be holding two in-person informational meetings. They will be held on February 22nd and March 9th. They will start at 7 pm and be held at Seymour High School Library. The informational meetings will include a brief presentation about the project followed by a tour of the current facilities.

If you are unable to attend these meetings or would rather do it virtually, you can go to our webpage to watch a video presentation. This can be found at:
www.seymour.k12.wi.us/referendum

Will the district need to add money for equipment and technology in this space?

No. We have \$250,000 built into the estimate for equipment and intend to use the existing modern equipment we currently have in service. We have been planning for technology needs for the past few years and have been updating our technology with current budget money. We have also been told about possible area businesses which are interested in helping with a financial contribution.

What is the difference between the 2017 Operating Referendum and the proposed 2021 Facilities Referendum?

The community-approved, 2017 Operating Referendum allowed for additional funds over the state mandated revenue cap. These funds support the cost of current educational programs, staffing, contract services, utilities, and general operations including maintenance of facilities. This is ongoing and it is now part of our current school tax levy base.

The proposed 2021 Facilities Referendum is to update and increase space for our technology education program. The new facility is proposed because of growing demand for CTE programming. This will not require additional staff, only relevant and safe space for teaching and learning. If approved the bond will be for a limited time and we plan to pay off this bond by 2027. Once the bond is paid off, there will be no additional charge to taxpayers for this project.

What is the financial impact on the taxpayer?

If the referendum passes, the tax impact will be \$2.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value. This is because of the current debt situation, being that the only debt the District has is the construction of Rock Ledge Primary Center.