

# NEW GLARUS SCHOOL DISTRICT LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

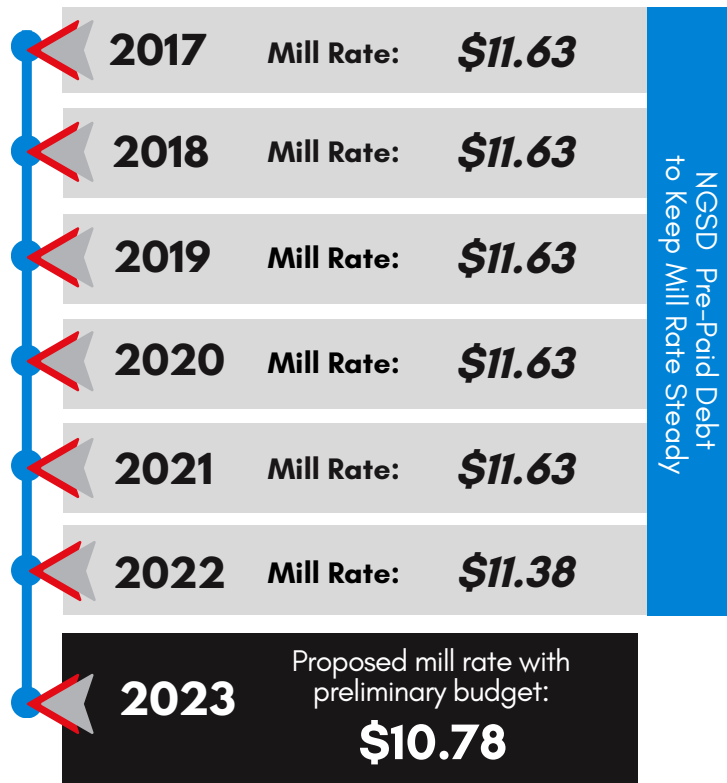


On **Tuesday, April 4, 2023**, the New Glarus School District is asking residents to vote on the non-recurring operational referendum question below:

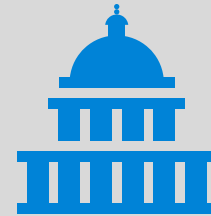
*BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of New Glarus, Green and Dane Counties, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,400,000 for the 2023-2024 school year, by \$1,600,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, and by \$1,800,000 for the 2025-2026 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of expenses related to staffing, operating and maintaining current school facilities, and maintaining current educational programming, extra-curriculars, and services.*



## NGSD MILL TAX RATE TIMELINE



## Why is a referendum necessary?



### Lack of State Funding

There has been a 0% increase in ongoing per-pupil funding authorization by the state of Wisconsin for two consecutive years.



### Inflation

Expenses have increased at unprecedented rates over the past several years.



### Highly Competitive Market

We must offer competitive salaries to maintain our ability to retain & attract the best educators & staff in an increasingly competitive job market.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Since the start of 2022,

**92**

Wisconsin school districts have pursued an operational referendum, with

**82%**

of them receiving voter approval.



## MILL TAX RATE NEUTRAL PROPOSAL

The New Glarus School Board is asking for **different permission** to spend more tax dollars on **students, services, and programs** and less on pre-payment of capital debt.



The operational referendum would give the School Board permission to **shift** funds from the prepayment of debt to operational expenses. The table below outlines where your tax dollars would be allocated both with and without a voter-approved operating referendum, based on a home value of \$100,000:

Spending Category	WITHOUT Operating Referendum	WITH Operating Referendum
Operations, staff compensation, etc.	\$544	\$737
Paying off previous referendum debt and capital maintenance projects	\$534	\$341
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,078</b>	<b>\$1,078</b>



## WHAT WOULD THIS REFERENDUM MEAN FOR OUR STUDENTS?

A successful operational referendum will:

- Recruit and retain high-quality staff by offering competitive salaries and benefits that keep up with nearby districts.
- Provide the necessary ongoing operational funds to keep up with inflation for goods and services that are needed to run our schools.
- Maintain the high-quality education that our community has supported for many years.
- Maintain class sizes similar to what they are today.

## LEARN MORE!

Scan the QR code below for more information on the proposed referendum:

