

Spooner Area School District Schools

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Spooner Area School District Eyes Referendum

Spooner, Wis. (December 18, 2019) – The Spooner Area School District recently voted at its December Board of Education meeting to pursue a \$16 million referendum during the April 7, 2020 election. The journey to this decision started with a facility audit that pinpointed safety issues from a lack of secure entrances and congested parking lots; highlighted outdated building systems, such as boilers, roofs, and plumbing; and discovered a need to expand the elementary school.

The Spooner Area School District took this information to the community to determine the best course of action moving forward. A survey was conducted with School Perceptions in October 2019. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with more than half of the respondents recommending the District pursue a referendum.

In addition to this encouraging feedback, the District will levy for its final energy projects in 2020, resulting in a drop in school property taxes. Due to this, approving a \$16 million referendum over a 20-year borrowing term will have no impact on taxes.

“The Board of Education has been diligent in looking at every angle of this issue,” said Dr. David Aslyn, Spooner Area School District Administrator. “The proposed projects serve the community’s needs while still fulfilling the District’s mission to prepare each student for a successful future.”

The District encourages all community members to make their voices heard in the upcoming election. Additional information regarding the referendum can be found on the District’s website at

<https://www.spooner.k12.wi.us/referendum.cfm>.

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