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Southern Door County School District Voters Approve Two Referendum Questions
District Residents Support Both \$975K Operational and \$14.9M Capital Referendum Questions

Brussels, WI –Voters of Southern Door County School District supported both a \$975K recurring operational referendum and a \$14.9M capital referendum on November 8, moving Southern Door forward in their facilities master planning efforts to support student achievement.

The improvements identified in this plan are District-wide needs that cannot be funded through the District's annual operational budget. Question 1 authorizes the District to exceed the revenue limit by \$975,000 for three years, beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, to maintain programs, services, and staffing. Question 2 addresses school facility improvements through a \$14.9 million capital referendum, which includes:

- Educational classroom improvements (Art, Agricultural Science, Family and Consumer Science, Technical Education)
- Construction of an indoor multipurpose training facility
- Relocation of district office to increase parking capacity
- Updates to the aging septic system
- Construction of a bus garage

With the passing of both referendum questions, the District can borrow the required funds with **no tax mill rate increase for debt** above the current level due to early debt repayment. This strategic approach allows the District's mill rate to stay consistent for taxpayers.

Superintendent Christopher Peterson said, "The approval of both referendum questions ensure that our facilities best serve today's students and future Southern Door Eagles. We are so grateful for the support the Southern Door community has shown for our school and look forward to the construction of these projects that will enhance the school for our community and our students."

The design process for the approved improvements to the Southern Door County School District will begin immediately and is anticipated to take about 6 months, with architectural and engineering partner, Bray Architects. Construction is scheduled to break ground in summer of 2023.



Additional details on the proposed project, including a preliminary, conceptual Southern Door County Schools site plan, are available on the District's referendum website. The District will continue to update the community on the progress of the project with updates on the website.

For additional information, please contact Superintendent Christopher Peterson at 920-825-7311, cpeterson@sdsd.k12.wi.us or visit the Referendum Information section of the website at [Southern Door County School District- Referendum Information](#).