



MOSINEE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Expect the Best

Dear Families and Community Members:

The Mosinee School District is facing two challenges.

1. The District is projecting a budget deficit for the 2024-25 school year. In response, we will be cutting \$800,000. Unless we receive additional funding through an operational referendum, we will need to make more cuts to our programs, services, and staff.
2. Significant investments are needed in our buildings and grounds. The costs exceed what we can pay for from the annual budget. Therefore, the District is seeking feedback on a potential capital referendum.

This survey will explain these needs in more detail and get taxpayer input on what to do next.

Your feedback is kept confidential. All survey data is returned to School Perceptions, an independent education research firm.

TAKE THE SURVEY IN ONE OF TWO WAYS

Option 1: To reduce mailing expenses:

Go to the survey website:

www.Feedback2000.com

Enter your survey code:



Option 2: If you do not have internet access, please return the survey to any school office, or mail it to School Perceptions, PO Box 607, Slinger, WI 53086.

Additional Surveys: The survey code can be used only once. To obtain additional surveys for other adults in your household, please call the District Office at 715.693.2530.

Please complete the survey before April 29, 2024.

If you have a disability or language need that makes it difficult to read and/or take the survey, please contact the District Office. Final survey results will be reported at a future Board of Education meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Sincerely,

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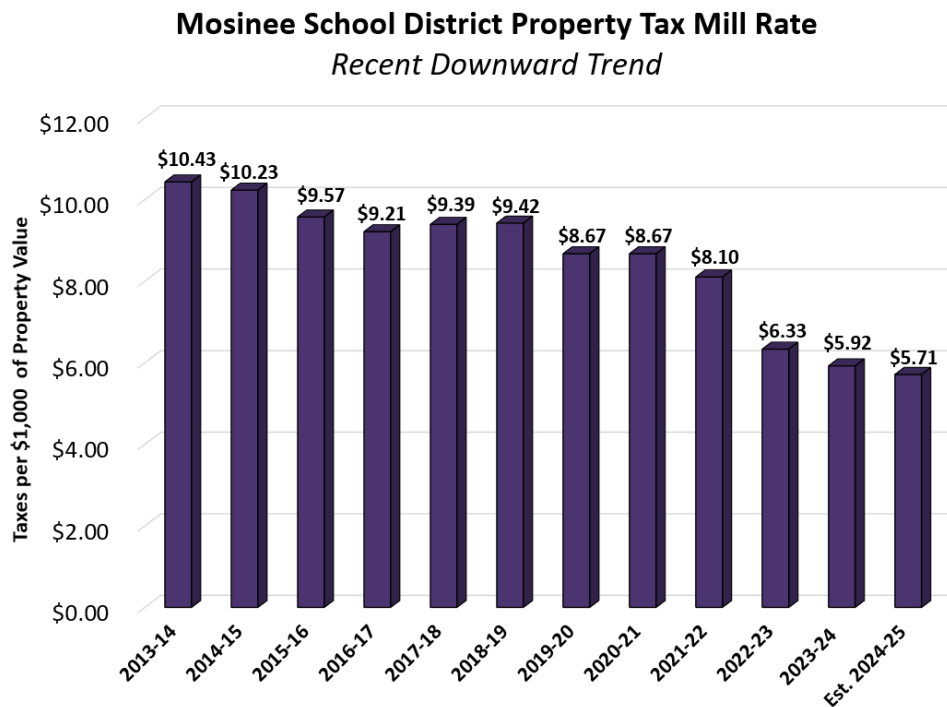
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Financial Background

The District's share of local property taxes is calculated using a mill rate. As seen in the chart below, this rate has declined 43% since 2013.



Financial Challenges

The most recent State budget did not provide enough funding to keep up with increasing costs for transportation/fuel, utilities, technology, compensation, safety/security, and services for students in special education.

To balance the budget, the District is planning to cut approximately \$800,000 next year. Even with the reductions, the budget deficit is projected to grow to more than \$2 million per year in the next four years.

We are not alone. Across the state, 84% of school districts have sought an operational referendum, which asks local voters to provide their schools with additional funding.

Funding to Support Operations

The District developed the following operational referendum options for community feedback:

Option 1: If voters support a referendum providing \$2.05 million per year, the District would be able to maintain most programs and services.

Option 1 would increase taxes over current levels by approximately \$126 for every \$100,000 of property value for each of the next four years.

Option 2: If voters support a referendum providing \$2.95 million per year, the District would be able to maintain all programs and services, increase building maintenance funds, and update math and reading class materials.

Option 2 would increase taxes over current levels by approximately \$180 for every \$100,000 of property value for each of the next four years.

Option 3: If voters support a referendum providing \$3.7 million per year, the District would be able to pay for everything in Options 1 and 2 and help offset estimated increasing costs due to inflation.

Option 3 would increase taxes over current levels by approximately \$226 for every \$100,000 of property value for each of the next four years.

If voters do not support any referendum, the District would need to cut approximately \$2.05 million in staffing (resulting in larger class sizes), programs, and services per year from the operating budget. This would begin in the 2025-26 school year.

Which operational referendum amount would you support?	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.7 million per year (Option 3) <input type="checkbox"/> \$2.95 million per year (Option 2) <input type="checkbox"/> \$2.05 million per year (Option 1) <input type="checkbox"/> I would only support a <u>smaller</u> referendum. <input type="checkbox"/> I would <u>not</u> support any referendum. <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more info.
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Comments/questions/suggestions:

Facility Projects

The following projects need to be prioritized to help establish our long range facility plan.

Please use this scale for each question when responding to the items below.
The same priority rating can be used for each item.

High: Address immediately

Medium: Important, but address in a future project

Low: Not a priority, do not address in the near future

High School Kitchen and Cafeteria (Est. cost: \$10.9 million)

The high school kitchen and cafeteria are nearly 65 years old and in need of significant updates and repairs.

This project would:

- ✓ Build a new high school kitchen and cafeteria.
- ✓ Remodel the existing kitchen and cafeteria into a possible community fitness center.

What priority would you place on this project?

High Medium Low

Secured Entrance/High School Office/District Office/Early Learning Center (Est. cost: \$2.4 million)

The high school entrance and District Office have security limitations. 4K programs lack a dedicated space.

This project would:

- ✓ Build a new high school office with secured entrances to better monitor/control access.
- ✓ Move the District Office to the previous high school office location.
- ✓ Create the potential for an early learning center with a secured entrance in the building where the District Office was located.

What priority would you place on this project?

High Medium Low

Career and Technical Education (Est. cost: \$7.9 million)

The current technical education classrooms and labs are too small to support growing student interest in these fields and to train students for jobs in the local area.

This project would:

- ✓ Update and expand the current metal fabrication classroom and lab areas.
- ✓ Build a new woodworking classroom and lab area.
- ✓ Add an automotives classroom and lab area.

What priority would you place on this project?

High Medium Low

Facility Projects (continued)

Technology Infrastructure *(Est. cost: \$1.3 million)*

Our major technology systems are outdated and in need of replacement.

This project would:

- ✓ Update our servers.
- ✓ Replace our fiber and connectivity systems.

What priority would you place on this project?

High Medium Low

Locker Rooms and Classrooms *(Est. cost: \$4.3 million)*

The high school boys and girls locker rooms are nearly 60 years old and haven't been updated since they were built in 1965. Building systems such as plumbing and HVAC are failing.

This project would:

- ✓ Build new boys and girls locker rooms.
- ✓ Remodel the current locker rooms into classrooms and learning areas.

What priority would you place on this project?

High Medium Low

Gym *(Est. cost: \$11.2 million)*

The high school gym is too small to meet school and community needs.

This project would:

- ✓ Add a gym to better meet the school and community programming needs.
- ✓ Provide additional space that can serve as a community shelter as needed. (The District is applying for FEMA funding to help with the cost.)

What priority would you place on this project?

High Medium Low

Comments/questions/suggestions:

Funding Support

To fund any of the potential facility projects, the District would need to pursue a **capital referendum**. This type of referendum allows Mosinee to take out a loan (issue debt) to pay for major facility improvements. Approval requires majority support from local voters.

Projects	Costs
High School Kitchen and Cafeteria	\$10.9 million
Secured Entrance/High School Office/District Office/4K Center	\$2.4 million
Career and Technical Education	\$7.9 million
Technology Infrastructure	\$1.3 million
Locker Rooms and Classrooms	\$4.3 million
Gym	<u>\$11.2 million</u>
Total	\$38.0 million

The following table shows the estimated additional annual tax impact for various referendum amounts.

Referendum Amount	\$14 million	\$22 million	\$30 million	\$38 million
Estimated tax increase per \$100,000 of property value.	\$4 per year	\$31 per year	\$58 per year	\$85 per year
What referendum amount would you support, assuming the projects included were acceptable to you?	<input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$38 million referendum. <input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$30 million referendum. <input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$22 million referendum. <input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$14 million referendum. <input type="checkbox"/> I would only support a <u>smaller</u> referendum. <input type="checkbox"/> I would <u>not</u> support any referendum. <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more information.			
<i>Calculations above assume each 20-year bond issue at an interest rate of 5.25%.</i>				

Is there any other information you would need before making a decision? If so, what is it?

If you would not support the referendum, what are the primary reasons?

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**IMPORTANT SCHOOL
SURVEY ENCLOSED**

If you have questions or want to make a donation, please call 715.693.2530.
Please visit our website at www.mosineeschools.org for more information.



***Please complete this school survey before
April 29, 2024.***

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