

DISTRICT 45

REFERENDUM PROCESS UPDATE

January 20, 2026

THE FINAL PLAN

- **0.276 increase:** slightly below originally proposed medium level
- **Additional Revenue:** \$4.3 million/year
- **Average Tax Impact:** \$299/year tax increase (average \$350,000 home)
- **Avoids having to:**
 - Maximize Class Sizes
 - Reduce Instructional Programming
 - Lay Off Teachers
 - Close Schools
- **Pursues:**
 - Expansion of Instructional & Extracurricular Programming
 - Enhanced Safety & Security
 - Increases in Student Resources & Supports

BALLOT QUESTION

To achieve the funding level desired by our community, the District 45 Board of Education voted on December 16 to place the following referendum question on the ballot in the upcoming March 17th, 2026 primary election:

"Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for School District Number 45, DuPage County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.276% above the limiting rate for school purposes for levy year 2024 and be equal to 3.343% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2026?"

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

- **District-Led Community Education Program (assisted by EOS)**
 - Emails, mailers and social media posts
 - Working/meeting with community organizations
 - Engaging key influencers
 - Town hall meetings
- **Citizen-Led Committee (District not involved)**
 - Private fundraising
 - Distributes yard signs and literature
 - Neighborhood walks
 - Additional communication and outreach

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

- **Tuesday, February 10** - Jackson Middle School; 6:30 pm
- **Wednesday, February 18** - Westmore Elementary School; 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, February 21** - Jefferson Middle School; 10:00 am
- **Wednesday, February 25** - Virtual; 6:30 pm

BUDGET REDUCTIONS/REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS

- Increased school fees, rental fees
- Deferred maintenance
- Classroom teacher reductions
 - Increased class sizes
- Non-classroom teacher reductions
 - Reduced support for students
 - Reduced support for teachers
 - Result in classroom teacher “bumps”

BUDGET REDUCTIONS/REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS

- Programmatic reduction/elimination
- Extracurricular reductions
 - Clubs/activities
 - Music programs
 - Athletic programs
- Redistricting/school closures

****Ongoing commitment to fiscal responsibility, efficiencies, and improvement opportunities, regardless of referendum outcome**

Questions?