

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST SALEM  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

**Referendum Election Details**

At an election to be held in the School District of West Salem on November 5, 2024, the following proposed Revenue Limit Resolution and Initial Resolution of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER I**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE  
LIMIT BY \$3,500,000 FOR RECURRING PURPOSES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, 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 \$3,500,000 beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming, facilities and buses and paying salary and other operational expenses.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER II**

**INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION  
BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000,000**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$28,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: construction of a career and technical education addition with a fitness center, construction of a replacement greenhouse and renovations at the High School; construction of a gymnasium addition and renovations at the Elementary School; district-wide capital maintenance, building systems, safety, security and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

**Ballot Text**

The questions will appear on the ballot as follows:

**QUESTION NUMBER I**

"Shall the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$3,500,000 beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming, facilities and buses and paying salary and other operational expenses?"

**QUESTION NUMBER II**

"Shall the School District of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$28,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: construction of a career and technical education addition with a fitness center, construction of a replacement greenhouse and renovations at the High School; construction of a gymnasium addition and renovations at the Elementary School; district-wide capital maintenance, building systems, safety, security and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

**Explanation**

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election questions as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on Question Number I is a vote to authorize the School District of West Salem budget to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$3,500,000 beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming, facilities and buses and paying salary and other operational expenses.

A "no" vote on Question Number I is a vote to deny the School District of West Salem the authority to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$3,500,000 beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming, facilities and buses and paying salary and other operational expenses.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on Question Number I vote "yes", the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$3,500,000 beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of maintaining educational programming, facilities and buses and paying salary and other operational expenses; if a majority vote "no" on Question Number I, the District will not be so authorized.

A "yes" vote on Question Number II is a vote to approve the borrowing of \$28,000,000 by the School District of West Salem through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: construction of a career and technical education addition with a fitness center, construction of a replacement greenhouse and renovations at the High School; construction of a gymnasium addition and renovations at the Elementary School; district-wide capital maintenance, building systems, safety, security and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

A "no" vote on Question Number II is a vote to deny the School District of West Salem the authority to borrow \$28,000,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: construction of a career and technical education addition with a fitness center, construction of a replacement greenhouse and renovations at the High School; construction of a gymnasium addition and renovations at the Elementary School; district-wide capital maintenance, building systems, safety, security and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on Question Number II vote "yes", the District will be authorized to undertake the school facility improvement program described in Question Number II and borrow not in excess of \$28,000,000 therefor; if a majority vote "no" on Question Number II set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Ryan G. Rieber, Superintendent.

Done in the School District of West Salem  
on November 2, 2024  
Erik Peterson, District Clerk