

2023 Operations Referendum Public Question Clarification



On November 7, 2023, you and other registered voters in Lake Station will have the opportunity to continue your investment in our students and our community by voting on the renewal of the 2017 operating referendum. If the referendum renewal is supported by residents, the dollars generated by the referendum will be used to retain and attract high quality teachers, provide transportation, expand technology programs, and ensure safety and security at all our schools. The referendum will also keep our Lake Station Schools under local and not state control.

Public Question Clarification

The manner in which the ballot question reads is mandated by state law. Many experts and lawmakers indicate the language is misleading to voters. While the ballot question states an average increase of 46.31% on the school portion of property tax, the community needs to be aware the question is required to be read that way, but **reality is the majority of property owners within the community will be asked to continue to make a \$10 per month investment to support our Lake Station Schools.**

REMEMBER

The school tax levy is **only a portion** of your overall tax bill.

This is how the question will be presented on the November 7, 2023 ballot.



This is what the question really means to property owners.



Public Question

Shall Lake Station Community Schools continue to impose increased property taxes paid to the School Corporation by homeowners and businesses for eight (8) years immediately following the holding of the referendum for the purpose of funding school bus transportation, maintaining and expanding academic programs, recruitment and retention of teachers and staff, student safety and security services, and other educational needs? The property tax increase requested in this referendum was originally approved by the voters in 2017 and originally increased the average property tax paid to the School Corporation per year on a residence within the School Corporation by 46.31% and originally increased the average property tax paid to the School Corporation per year on a business property within the School Corporation by 46.31%.

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NO