

## News Release

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### Citizens pass numerous referenda to support their local schools

MADISON — “Yesterday, people in communities across Wisconsin voted to increase funding to educate kids,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “Their support for schools spanned areas that voted for both political parties. Put simply, people have come to expect that kids have access to a quality education and they are willing to pay for it — that’s a good thing.”

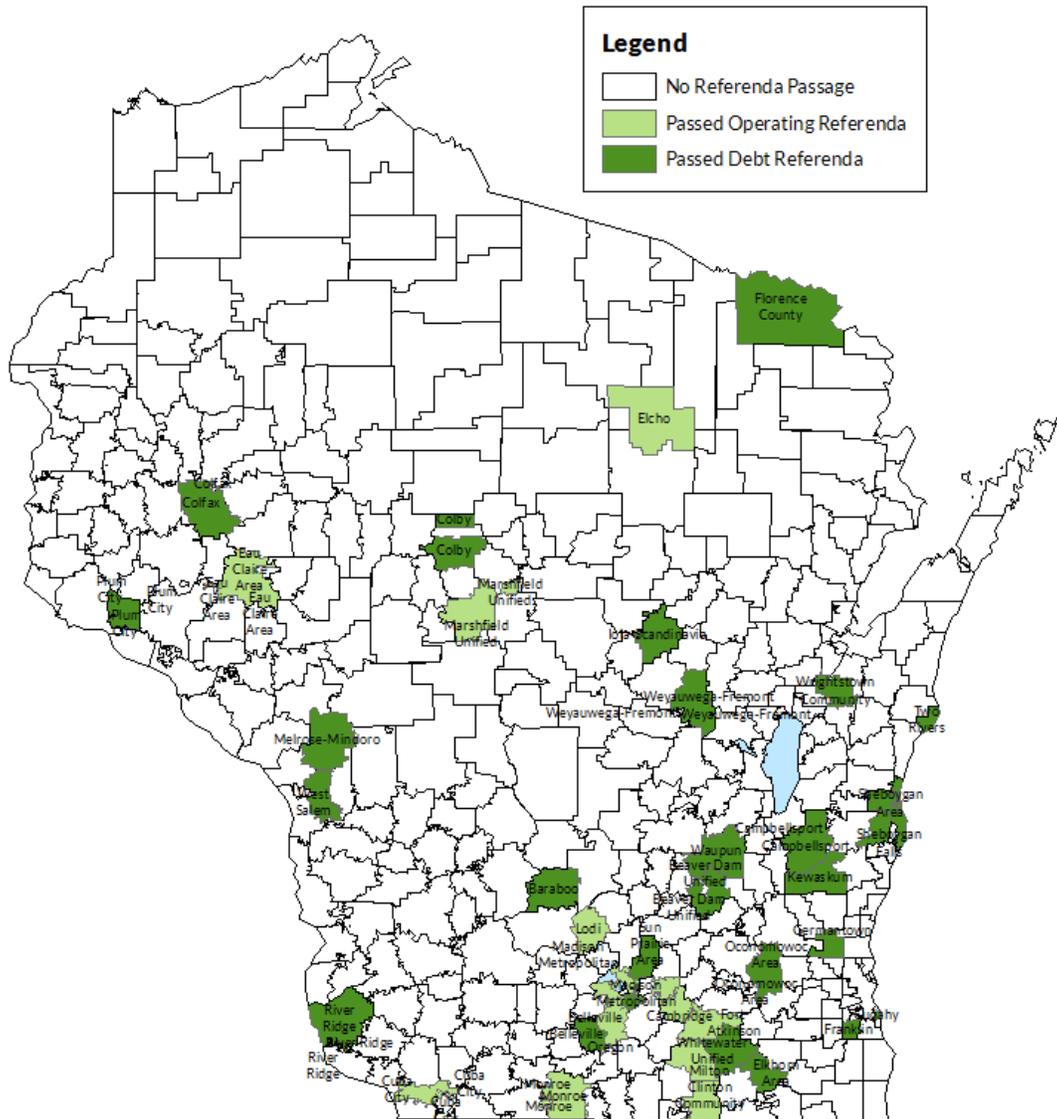
Since the start of 2012, more than half of public school district (242) have passed referenda to exceed state imposed revenue controls. That total includes districts that have improved or upgraded facilities and those that have asked to spend more than what the state allows to provide opportunities for students. So far in 2016, 154 questions have been posed by 111 districts at a success rate of 79.22 percent. This year, a record high in operating referenda questions have already passed (58) at a record rate of passage (81.69%).

“While passage of a local referenda is a cause for celebration, we still have many students in districts that have not found success at the ballot box,” Evers said. “We cannot ignore that fact and its impact on the quality of our state school system. New revenue authority for districts to spend on the education of our kids would go a long way in alleviating that problem.”

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**NOTE:** More information about school referenda is available on Department of Public Instruction [School Financial Services Referendum Information page](http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2016_112.pdf). This news release is available electronically at [http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2016\\_112.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2016_112.pdf).

# November 8, 2016 – Referenda that Passed



Baraboo, \$21,950,000 - Issue Debt	Fort Atkinson, \$1,750,000 - RR - 2017	Monroe, \$4,500,000 - NR - 2016
Beaver Dam, \$48,900,000 - Issue Debt	Fort Atkinson, \$6,750,000 - NR - 2017	Monroe, \$1,380,000 - NR - 2016
Belleville, \$20,750,000 - Issue Debt	Franklin Public, \$43,300,000 - Issue Debt	Oconomowoc Area, \$54,900,000 - Issue Debt
Cambridge, \$1,600,000 - RR - 2017	Geneva J4, \$4,600,000 - Issue Debt	Oregon, \$1,500,000 - RR - 2016
Campbellsport, \$23,400,000 - Issue Debt	Germantown, \$84,000,000 - Issue Debt	Plum City, \$2,000,000 - Issue Debt
Clinton Community, \$4,500,000 - RR - 2017	Howards Grove, \$4,700,000 - Issue Debt	Plum City, \$1,500,000 - NR - 2016
Colby, \$7,750,000 - Issue Debt	Iola-Scandinavia, \$2,000,000 - Issue Debt	River Ridge, \$9,500,000 - Issue Debt
Colfax, \$7,200,000 - Issue Debt	Iola-Scandinavia, \$4,600,000 - NR - 2016	Sheboygan Area, \$29,000,000 - Issue Debt
Cuba City, \$300,000 - RR - 2017	Kewaskum, \$28,420,000 - Issue Debt	Sheboygan Falls, \$30,900,000 - Issue Debt
Cudahy, \$7,900,000 - Issue Debt	Lodi, \$8,500,000 - NR - 2017	Sun Prairie Area, \$89,500,000 - Issue Debt
Deerfield Community, \$1,600,000 - NR - 2016	Lodi, \$22,000,000 - Issue Debt	Sun Prairie Area, \$2,800,000 - RR - 2018
Deerfield Community, \$2,900,000 - Issue Debt	Madison Metropolitan, \$26,000,000 - RR - 2016	Two Rivers, \$3,715,000 - Issue Debt
Eau Claire Area, \$87,900,000 - NR - 2016	Marshfield, \$12,000,000 - NR - 2017	Waupun, \$36,000,000 - Issue Debt
Elcho, \$2,000,000 - NR - 2017	McFarland, \$65,150,000 - Issue Debt	West Salem, \$20,000,000 - Issue Debt
Elcho, \$18,000,000 - Issue Debt	McFarland, \$232,000 - RR - 2017	West Salem, \$5,000,000 - Issue Debt
Elkhorn Area, \$22,900,000 - Issue Debt	McFarland, \$1,104,000 - RR - 2017	Weyauwega-Fremont, \$21,000,000 - Issue Debt
Elkhorn Area, \$300,000 - RR - 2018	Melrose-Mindoro, \$24,700,000 - Issue Debt	Whitewater, \$23,500,000 - Issue Debt
Florence, \$13,200,000 - Issue Debt	Milton, \$12,500,000 - NR - 2016	Wrightstown Community, \$3,800,000 - Issue Debt
Florence, \$1,300,000 - Issue Debt		

**NOTE:** RR = Recurring Referenda, NR = Non-recurring Referenda