



Referendum Fact Sheet

Reek School - Linn Jt. 6 School District

Quick Facts

How much?- \$200,000 on a recurring basis beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

Cost to taxpayers- Mill rate increases \$0.03 from \$1.85 to \$1.88. corresponding to a \$3 increase per \$100,000 of property value.

When? – Vote November 3

Nov. 3 Ballot Question

“Shall the Linn Joint 6 School District be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$200,000 for the 2020-2021 school year and thereafter, for the recurring purposes of sustaining educational programming and operational expenses?”

On November 3, Reek School – Linn Jt. 6 School District will encourage residents to vote on an operating referendum to authorize exceeding the revenue limit by \$200,000 on a recurring basis beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

The Need for Operational Funds

Due to continued limits in educational funding, Reek School continues to make budget cuts as our operating expenses continue to increase and the revenue we receive from the state and taxpayer dollars are not sufficient.

The money from the referendum will be used for **operational costs** which include the following: staff, busing and van transportation, utilities, programs such as art, band, music, technology, extracurricular activities including robotics and other school offerings, and athletics.

Unlike taxes paid to the State of Wisconsin, where Reek School receives just 19 cents back for every dollar, **all operating referendum dollars stay with Reek School.**

What if the operating referendum fails?

A failed referendum will force Reek School to make cuts to balance our 2021-2022 budget. Those cuts will come from several areas: staff, programs and services, extracurricular activities and athletics.

The 2020 Mill Rate would not be increased and is projected to stay at \$1.85 based on the district’s 2020 equalized property valuations.

What is the cost for taxpayers?

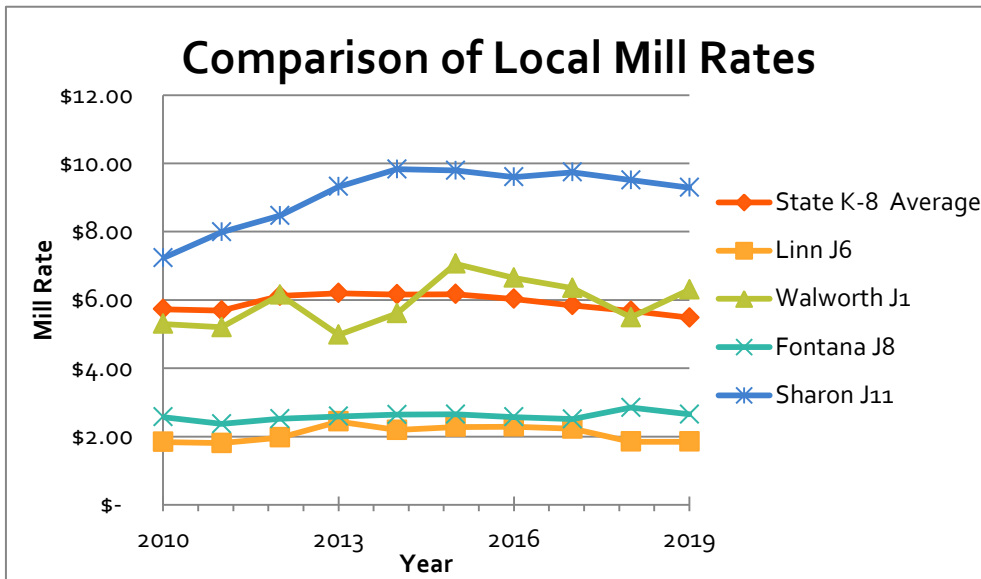
Property Tax Impact – One time mill rate increase of \$0.03 to \$1.88 corresponding to an increase of \$3 per \$100,000 of property value.

Property Value	Monthly Impact of a One-Time Increase	One-Time Annual Increase
\$250,000	\$0.63	\$7.50
\$300,000	\$0.75	\$9.00
\$350,000	\$0.88	\$10.50
\$400,000	\$1.00	\$12.00

How does Reek School's mill rate compare to other area districts and the state K-8 average?

Linn Joint 6 School District has worked hard to balance its annual budget and be fiscally responsible. Historically, the district has been very successful! Linn Joint 6 School District currently has the 2nd lowest mill rate of all Wisconsin K-8 school districts. Furthermore, we have the 3rd lowest mill rate out of all 446 school districts in Wisconsin.

If the referendum passes, Linn Joint 6 School District will still be the 3rd lowest in the state. As proven by the district's continued low tax rate, Linn Joint 6 School District has highly valued fiscal responsibility, and will continue to do so in the future.



Make an Informed Decision

For more information:

Visit our district website: www.linn6.k12.wi.us

Email questions to referendum@linn6.k12.wi.us

Attend a Referendum Information Meeting

- Thursday, September 17 at 10:00 AM
- Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 PM
- Thursday, October 1 at 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 27 at 6:00 PM

*Location for all meetings is Reek School

What have we already done to reduce operating costs?

- **Eliminated** employee post-employment benefits.
- **Eliminated** step and lane compensation for staff.
- **Combined** teaching positions.
- **Joined** health insurance consortium to reduce healthcare costs.
- **Attract** open enrollment students, providing additional sources of revenue.
- **Applied** for and **won** several grants totaling more than \$40,000 last year.
- **Completed** energy efficiency projects.

In addition,

- Many teachers, business office staff, and special education staff are part time and shared with other schools.
- Reek school maintains just one section per grade level with one teacher per grade level.
- Reek School remains a school of choice with many students open enrolling in, providing extra revenue for the district.