

The Grafton Learning Community exists to prepare learners for a dynamic tomorrow.

For more information attend an informal Q & A with Superintendent Nelson at AM Coffee Roastery, 1300 14th Avenue:

- Tuesday, March 28 from 8:00-10:00 am
- Thursday, March 30 from 3:00-5:00 pm
- Saturday, April 1 from 8:00-10:00 am
- Monday, April 3 from 8:00-10:00 am

 Email Supt. Jeff Nelson at jnelson@grafton.k12.wi.us

 Call at 262-376-5549

 Visit the district website: <http://bit.ly/grafton-ref>

Voters may request absentee ballots from the clerks' offices by mail, email or fax. Specific directions are available on the websites for each municipality. Absentee ballots must be received by 5 pm in the clerk's office or 8 pm at the polling location on **April 4, 2017**.

Photo ID is required to vote in Wisconsin.

My Vote Wisconsin website:
www.myvote.wi.gov

GRAFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Every Student, Every Day

Grafton School District
1900 Washington Street, Grafton WI 53024

In person Absentee Voting takes place in the Clerk's Office March 22-April 3, 2017:

Village of Grafton - 860 Badger Circle, Grafton
Town of Grafton - 1230 11th Avenue, Grafton
Village of Saukville - 639 E. Green Bay Avenue, Grafton
Town of Cedarburg - 1293 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg
City of Cedarburg - W61 N645 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg

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2017 FACILITIES REFERENDUM



Why is the district placing a referendum question on the ballot? In an effort to address a number of urgent facility needs across the district, the Grafton School Board has placed a referendum question on the April 4 ballot. The reality is that the district's facility needs will not go away, and costs will increase in time. The board feels the most fiscally responsible move is to address these issues now because of the immediate concerns with Grafton Elementary School.

The plan calls for the district to move from 5 to 4 buildings with the closure and removal of Grafton Elementary School. Kennedy and Woodview Elementary schools will be expanded to accommodate GES students and all facilities will be adaptable to take advantage of new teaching styles and be safe, engaging, efficient and conducive to inspiring learners. The Board of Education is committed to ensuring smooth transitions for those families that would be affected by the closing of GES. The intention is to keep class sizes and bus route times consistent with what they currently are.

Under the proposed plan, one administrator position would be eliminated, providing long-term cost savings. The passing of the referendum would reduce the overall maintenance costs to the district and administrative staffing costs, saving approximately \$200,000 on a yearly basis.

How was the community involved in this decision? The board has engaged the community throughout this process that spans over five years. This year, we hosted 11 presentations and opportunities for the community to learn about the referendum and give feedback about the proposed facilities plan and referendum question that will be on the April 4 ballot.

What if the referendum does not pass? The simple fact is that the district has some facility-related needs. The cost to address these needs will increase in time. If the referendum does not pass, in the short-term, the board will be required to address the district's most pressing needs as they arise. To be fiscally responsible, any further plan would include the closure and removal of GES.

What is the cost of the referendum? The total cost of the proposed projects is \$39.93 million (approximately \$7.8 million less than the referendum that was not passed last April), plus approximate interest of \$23.3 million and loss of state aid of \$6.6 million; the impact of which is included in the total cost to taxpayers. The cost would result in a 2018 debt service tax levy increase of roughly \$66 per year for every \$100,000 of property value.

Additional Questions? Go to our website <http://bit.ly/grafton-ref>, to see detailed budgets, videos of presentations, answers to frequently asked questions, and additional information.

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