



2023 Referendum Information

Discussed at 10/25/2023 Board Meeting
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November 7 Ballot

29 Districts across Indiana are seeking a referendum

- ▶ Operating Referendums → **The LSCS referendum**
 - ▶ Maintain transportation
 - ▶ Keep schools running
 - ▶ Maintain safety and security

- ▶ Capital referendums *Not the LSCS referendum*
 - ▶ New building
 - ▶ Remodel existing buildings



November 7 LSCS Referendum

- ▶ LSCS is asking for an Operating Referendum
- ▶ This is asking to extend/renew the existing 2017 approved referendum.
54 cents for \$100 of assessed valuation of your home/business
- ▶ This is not asking for an increase above what you are already paying for the current school referendum.



Ballot Question Clarification

- ▶ The wording of the question is controlled by the Indiana General Assembly. It must include an “average” increase in property taxes to the school, NOT an increase to what you are already paying
- ▶ We are asking for the exact same rate that we asked for and were approved for in 2017.
- ▶ <https://www.lakes.k12.in.us/Referendum>



Tax Calculator

► <https://www.lakes.k12.in.us/ReferendumTaxCalculator>

LAKE STATION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Lake County, Indiana

Estimated Continued Investment in Lake Station Community Schools Resulting from the Proposed Renewal of the \$0.5400 School Operating Referendum

(Proposed Operating Referendum Tax Rate Increase of \$0.0000)¹

Inputs for Determining Investment in Lake Station Community Schools

Select Tax District: Lake Station - Calumet Township (005) ▼

Enter Gross Assessed Value by Property Type:

Enter recent gross assessed value of home: \$105,000

Did you receive the mortgage deduction in 2023? Yes No

Enter recent gross assessed value of other residential property and farmland: \$0

Enter recent gross assessed value of all other property: \$0

Please visit the Lake County Assessor's website to find the gross assessed value of your property. This will be located on the Property Record Card.
Or,
From your Annual Tax Statement from the County Treasurer, TABLE 1, Line 1a.

Lake Station Community Schools' \$0.5400 operating referendum represents an estimated 15.6 % of your 2023 property tax bill.

As a result of the Proposed Renewal of the \$0.5400 School Operating Referendum:

Your continued monthly investment in Lake Station Community Schools is estimated to be:	\$16.20
Your continued annual investment in Lake Station Community Schools is estimated to be:	\$194.40

- Use your **ASSESSED** Valuation of your home to see what you will pay for the year vs month.
- The average home owner will pay the same price as 1 pizza a month to invest in our Lake Station Community Schools!



Community Meeting: Referendum Information

- ▶ Thursday, November 2, 2023
- ▶ 6:00pm-7:00pm
- ▶ Edison Jr. Sr. High School - Community Room

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