You’ve Spoken, We’ve Listened!

After hearing your concerns, the School Board has adjusted the District’s priorities and is proposing a plan focused on funding academics, classrooms and school safety, as well as addressing required capital maintenance.

What’s on the Ballot?

QUESTION 1 – OPERATING LEVY: The board of Independent School District No. 912 (Milaca), Minnesota has proposed to increase the School District’s general education revenue by $250.95 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2019 for taxes payable in 2020 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the increase in the general education revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 912 (Milaca), Minnesota be approved?

QUESTION 2 – BOND REFERENDUM: Shall the board of Independent School District No. 912 (Milaca), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed $5,100,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including career and technical education facility improvements, various required capital maintenance projects inclusive of roofing, pool, windows and security?

How will the Bond Dollars be Spent?

Did You Know?

Milaca Schools spend less tax dollars per child than many of our neighboring districts, making it necessary to continue cutting costs.

As a result, it is difficult to maintain the services we currently provide to students and manage the necessary building maintenance.

On November 5th, the District seeks public funding to:

- Prevent critical facility deficiencies (roofs, windows, pool) from becoming costly, emergency repairs.

- Supplement state funding that has failed to keep up with inflation (by almost $600 per pupil).

- Address declining enrollment in the Milaca School District – student population has decreased by 10% in the last ten years.

- Benefit from the Ag2School Tax credit recently increased, which allows for equitable contributions by all community members.

Updated AG2School Credit: The state has increased its share of the qualifying agricultural land tax from 40% to 70% over the next four years. This means if our bond referendum passes Ag Landowner’s will pay $2.42 less per acre by 2023.
What is Spent Per Student?
Over 90% of Minnesota Public Schools have passed operating levies with an average of $1,297 per pupil. Milaca currently levies $724 per pupil, which is $573 less than the state average.

Even AFTER a successful referendum, we would still be less than the state average.

How Does it Impact Taxes?
The two ballot questions are being asked independently. If both questions pass the total tax impact would be $4.42 per month on a $100,000 home.

A successful Operating Referendum and Bond Referendum would impact taxes on a $100,000 home.