

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM
ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE APPROVAL OF A
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT FOR
RECURRING PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors of the Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee and Washington Counties, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted a resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Recurring Purposes" (the "Revenue Limit Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors deems it to be desirable and in the best interest of the District to direct the Board Clerk to submit the Revenue Limit Resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 2, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Milwaukee Board of School Directors of the District as follows:

Section 1. Referendum Election Date. The Board Clerk is hereby directed to call a referendum election to be held in the District at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 2, 2024 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the proposition of whether the Revenue Limit Resolution shall be approved.

Section 2. Notice to Electors. The Board Clerk is directed to give notice by:

- (a) causing a Notice of Election in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be published in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in the issue published on the fourth Tuesday before the referendum election.
- (b) causing a Notice of Referendum (which includes the facsimile of the sample ballot) in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B to be published in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in the issue published immediately preceding the referendum election. This Notice shall also be posted in each polling place on election day.

If any of the polling places within the District use an electronic voting system employing a ballot label and ballot card, the Notice of Referendum set forth in Exhibit B shall also include a true, actual-size copy of the ballot label and ballot card in the form in which they will appear on election day.

Section 3. Polling Places and Hours. The District electors must vote at the referendum election at the times and polling places at which they cast their ballots in regularly scheduled elections.

Section 4. Referendum Election Officials. The election officials appointed in each of the municipalities within the District shall conduct the election.

Section 5. Official Referendum Ballot Form. The ballot to be used at the referendum election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.64(2) and 7.08(1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes. The ballot shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C.

The Board Clerk shall cause to be printed sufficient ballots for use at said referendum election, both as actual ballots in those polling places which do not use voting machines and as absentee ballots where voting machines are used and as specimen ballots (the latter to be of a different and easily identifiable color from the actual ballot). The form of the ballot shall be filed with the official or agency responsible for providing the ballots for the election, and the Board Clerk shall file a copy of the ballot with the clerk of each county having territory within the District, as soon as possible after the date hereof but in no event later than 70 days prior to the election, as provided in Section 8.37, Wisconsin Statutes. If the District prepares the ballots, they should be delivered to the municipal clerks running the election at least 25 days prior to the election, to allow the municipal clerks to comply with their obligation to provide absentee ballots under Section 7.15, Wisconsin Statutes.

The municipal clerks of the municipalities within the District shall receive applications for absentee ballots and initial the same when issued to qualified absentee voters.

Section 6. Canvass. The municipal board of canvassers or election commissioners shall determine the results of the referendum and shall file a written statement and determination of the results of the referendum in the office of the City Clerk or board of election commissioners.

Section 7. DPI Notice. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 121.91(3), Wisconsin Statutes, the Board Clerk shall notify the Department of Public Instruction of the date of the referendum election and shall provide the Department with copies of the Revenue Limit Resolution within 10 days after the adoption of the Revenue Limit Resolution and shall further notify the Department of the results of the referendum within 10 days following the election using the method prescribed by the Department.

Adopted and recorded January 11, 2024.

Marva Herndon
Board President

ATTEST:

Jillain Kawala
Interim Director/Board Clerk

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
APRIL 2, 2024**

Referendum Details

At an election in the Milwaukee Public Schools on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

"Shall the Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee and Washington Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$150 million for the 2024-2025 school year; by an additional \$51 million for the 2025-2026 school year; by an additional \$47 million for the 2026-2027 school year; and by an additional \$14 million (for a total of \$262 million) for the 2027-2028 school year and thereafter, for the recurring purposes of sustaining educational programming, including offering career and technical education programs, attracting and retaining certified educators, and further improving art, music, physical education and language programs?"

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the Board Clerk at the School District offices located at 5225 West Vliet Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Additional Information

Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Dr. Keith P. Posley, Superintendent.

Done in the Milwaukee Public Schools
on March 5, 2024
Jillain Kawala
Interim Director/Board Clerk

EXHIBIT B

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
APRIL 2, 2024

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the Milwaukee Public Schools on April 2, 2024, the following proposed Revenue Limit Resolution of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT
FOR RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Milwaukee Board of School Directors of the Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee and Washington Counties, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$150 million for the 2024-2025 school year; by an additional \$51 million for the 2025-2026 school year; by an additional \$47 million for the 2026-2027 school year; and by an additional \$14 million (for a total of \$262 million) for the 2027-2028 school year and thereafter, for the recurring purposes of sustaining educational programming, including offering career and technical education programs, attracting and retaining certified educators, and further improving art, music, physical education and language programs.

Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee and Washington Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$150 million for the 2024-2025 school year; by an additional \$51 million for the 2025-2026 school year; by an additional \$47 million for the 2026-2027 school year; and by an additional \$14 million (for a total of \$262 million) for the 2027-2028 school year and thereafter, for the recurring purposes of sustaining educational programming, including offering career and technical education programs, attracting and retaining certified educators, and further improving art, music, physical education and language programs?"

Explanation

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election question as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on the question is a vote to authorize the Milwaukee Public Schools budget to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$150 million for the 2024-2025 school year; by an additional \$51 million for the 2025-2026 school year; by an additional \$47 million for the 2026-2027 school year; and by an additional \$14 million (for a total of \$262 million) for the 2027-2028 school year and thereafter, for the recurring purposes of sustaining educational programming, including offering career and technical education programs, attracting and retaining certified educators, and further improving art, music, physical education and language programs.

A "no" vote on the question is a vote to deny the Milwaukee Public Schools the authority to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$150 million for the 2024-2025 school year; by an additional \$51 million for the 2025-2026 school year; by an additional \$47 million for the 2026-2027 school year; and by an additional \$14 million (for a total of \$262 million) for the 2027-2028 school year and thereafter, for the recurring purposes of sustaining educational programming, including offering career and technical education programs, attracting and retaining certified educators, and further improving art, music, physical education and language programs.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on the question vote "yes", the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$150 million for the 2024-2025 school year; by an additional \$51 million for the 2025-2026 school year; by an additional \$47 million for the 2026-2027 school year; and by an additional \$14 million (for a total of \$262 million) for the 2027-2028 school year and thereafter, for the recurring purposes of sustaining educational programming, including offering career and technical education programs, attracting and retaining certified educators, and further improving art, music, physical education and language programs; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

Location and Hours of Polling Places

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 5225 West Vliet Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

All polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.¹

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

¹ THIS NOTICE MUST CONTAIN A STATEMENT ABOUT THE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED FOR EACH POLLING PLACE. IF ANY POLLING PLACES ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE OR IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, CONTACT THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION.

(Name Of Municipal Clerk)
(Address)
(Telephone)
(Office Hours)

(Name Of Municipal Clerk)
(Address)
(Telephone)
(Office Hours)

Notice of Meeting of the Municipal Board of Canvassers or Election Commissioners

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a meeting of the Municipal Board of Canvassers or Election Commissioners for the purpose of conducting the municipal canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 7.51 and 7.53(3). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Information to Electors²

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, an elector shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If an elector does not have acceptable photo identification, the elector may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the elector is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If an elector is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the elector provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.³

Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

An elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

² This section should be adapted depending upon what type of voting procedure is used.

³ Remove this sentence if only touch screen voting system(s) are used.

Assistance for Voting

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* (“Automark,” “ExpressVote,” Clear Access or “ImageCast Evolution-ICE”) to mark an **optical scan ballot** on referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **paper ballot** is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The elector shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The elector may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the elector shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen ballot** is cast, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiling Ballots

If an elector spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.⁴

The elector may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

⁴ Remove this sentence if only touch screen voting system(s) are used.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Referendum Ballot

April 2, 2024

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

| Instructions to Voters | |
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| If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk). | |
| To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| School District | |
| Question: Shall the Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee and Washington Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$150 million for the 2024-2025 school year; by an additional \$51 million for the 2025-2026 school year; by an additional \$47 million for the 2026-2027 school year; and by an additional \$14 million (for a total of \$262 million) for the 2027-2028 school year and thereafter, for the recurring purposes of sustaining educational programming, including offering career and technical education programs, attracting and retaining certified educators, and further improving art, music, physical education and language programs? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No |

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Dr. Keith P. Posley, Superintendent.

Done in the Milwaukee Public Schools
on April 1, 2024
Jillain Kawala
Interim Director/Board Clerk

EXHIBIT C

Official Referendum Ballot

April 2, 2024

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this:

To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this:

School District

Question: Shall the Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee and Washington Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$150 million for the 2024-2025 school year; by an additional \$51 million for the 2025-2026 school year; by an additional \$47 million for the 2026-2027 school year; and by an additional \$14 million (for a total of \$262 million) for the 2027-2028 school year and thereafter, for the recurring purposes of sustaining educational programming, including offering career and technical education programs, attracting and retaining certified educators, and further improving art, music, physical education and language programs?

Yes

No

(Reverse Side of Ballot)

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT
April 2, 2024
for
Milwaukee Public Schools, Wisconsin

Polling Place: _____

Ballot issued by _____

Initials of Inspectors of Election

Absentee Ballot issued by _____

Initials of Municipal Clerk or
Deputy Clerk
(If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.)

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor
