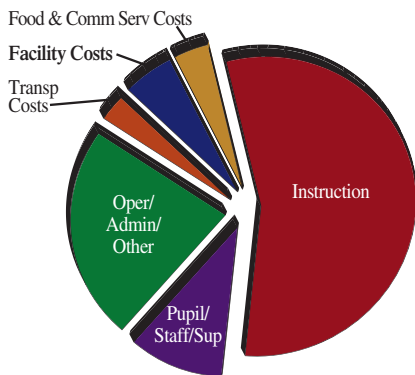


LAKE MILLS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008 SCHOOL REFERENDUM

FACT SHEET #2

A bond referendum for \$15.6 million for adding to, improving, remodeling and renovating the Lake Mills Middle School will be on the Nov. 4 ballot.

HOW ARE YOUR TAX DOLLARS SPENT BY THE LAKE MILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT?



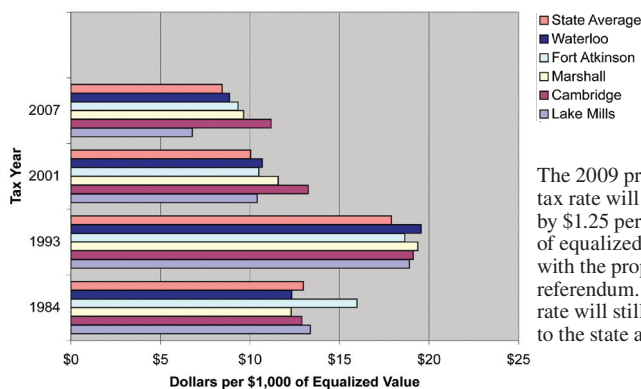
Source Comparative data from Department of Public Instruction

Each year the State of Wisconsin allocates a certain amount of money to each school district. The Lake Mills School District focuses the majority of its capped funds on educating our students. While our students continually perform well on standardized tests, our limited funds have not been sufficient to meet all our district's needs and have resulted in serious building issues and safety concerns.

Proposed reconstruction of the Middle School to include recycling of materials and geothermal heating and cooling system.

The Middle School project will be a L.E.E.D. Certified project which means that it will use recycled materials and will be as energy efficient as any building built today. By remodeling and not building new, there will be no need to put the rubble of the old building into a landfill. The entire proposed Middle School project includes a geothermal heating and cooling system.

Property Tax Rate LMASD and Surrounding Districts



The 2009 property tax rate will increase by \$1.25 per \$1,000 of equalized value with the proposed referendum. This tax rate will still be close to the state average.

Benefits of moving the 5th grade to the Middle School

- **Improve overcrowding at Prospect Elementary School.** This plan will free up four classrooms for expanded class sizes and provide space for Special Education classrooms at Prospect Elementary.
- **Expand 5th grade curriculum.**
 - ♦ Science Labs – There are currently no Science labs at the Elementary School. In this plan, there will be a science room for every grade at the Middle School so that students in grades 5-8 will be able to participate in scientific experiments and research.
 - ♦ Music opportunities improve with no travel for the students and teachers. There will be better and bigger facilities for instruction and storage space to protect the instruments for the future.
 - ♦ Use of expanded Library Media Center for research and technology.
 - ♦ Foreign language opportunities in French and Spanish.
 - ♦ The developmental nature of middle school programming, such as flexible scheduling and varied instructional methods accommodate the characteristics of you adolescents and targets their needs.
- ♦ **In addition to all these benefits, the proposed plan will ensure that students are separated by grade level.** The proposed referendum will allow students to be in their own "houses" at the Middle School. There has been a strong emphasis to keep the 5th grade separated from older students with the proposed Middle School updates.

Visit friends4education.com to see the plans for the proposed Middle School upgrades.