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April 2, 2019



### Referendum Question

Shall the School District of Holmen be allowed to exceed the revenue limit specified in § 121.91, Wis. Stats., by up to \$450,000 per year commencing with the 2019-2020 school year and continuing through the 2023-2024 school year on a non-recurring basis for the purpose of modernizing and maintaining a capable technology infrastructure, and providing information technology services and devices across the District?

### Tax Impact

Because of the School Board's long-range financial planning, the District will be able to accomplish the technology funding with no net increase in the current school property tax rate.



"1:1 technology is a vital part of making sure students are prepared for the future."

Dayce McAndrews, 8th Grade ELA Teacher,  
Holmen Middle School



### FOR REFERENDUM INFORMATION

Attend the Community Session

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Holmen Public Library

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### Referendum 2019: Sustaining Technology Funding



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Educating Every Student To  
Achieve Global Success

## Building the Framework

In 2015, Holmen voters approved a referendum allowing the District to exceed the revenue limit by up to \$655,000 for 4 years to fund technology for students and instructional staff. That funding will expire in June of 2019.

The District put the funding from the 2015 technology referendum to good use. Here are some of the highlights.

- Deployed 2,000 Chromebooks to middle and high school students in the launch of the 1:1 program. **2,000**
- Constructed fiber optic network, linking 5 of the 7 District instructional facilities with high-speed data connections and saving the District approximately \$25,000 each year.
- Hired two technology staff members to support the 1:1 program.



## What Will the Referendum Fund?

**4,000+** Ensure classroom technology is updated and operational for the 4,000+ students in the District.

Maintain modern and capable technology for all learners in the District, including continuing to fund our middle and high school's technology programs such that all students have access to robust technology.

**1:1**

## Why is Technology Needed?

Sustaining properly maintained and modernized technology infrastructure, services and devices across the District helps to provide opportunities for all students to enhance learning in the ways they learn best.

### Access to Information

Technology provides students with access to vast amounts of digital content anytime and anywhere, stretching student learning beyond the classroom.

### Transform Learning

Technology allows students to collaborate, create, and personalize their learning.

### Equip Students to Excel

Technology engages our students through resources, skills, and knowledge to improve student learning in school. It enriches students to be prepared for college, career, and life experiences in a digital world.

"Technology opens doors for our kids that we couldn't necessarily open if we didn't have it."

Ann Marie Dahl, 4th Grade Teacher, Sand Lake Elementary



## Questions & Answers

### Why seek technology funding now?

The District's most recent referendum providing supplemental technology funding was passed in April of 2015. The referendum expires this June. The proposed 2019 referendum would renew a portion of the expiring funding.

### Is this question asking for more technology funding than the District currently has available?

No. Presently, the District's technology funding consists of a base technology budget not tied to a referendum, supplemented by the 2015 referendum funding supporting our middle and high school's 1:1 program. Current supplemental referendum funding, expiring in June, is \$655,000 annually. The April referendum asks for \$450,000 annually beginning this July.

"The implementation of 1:1 technology at the middle school has allowed us to present students with more opportunities for collaboration, creation, and working with technology in more ways than just supplementing."

Ryan Vogler, Principal, Holmen Middle School

### Why is another referendum question going on the ballot now when we just had a referendum in November?

State law limits the number of referendum questions the District may place on a single ballot. For this reason, we could not add this April's technology question to the November 2018 ballot. While referendum questions can vary in scope and breadth, the types of questions asked this past fall could not be merged with this technology question to avoid a separate referendum this April.

"As members of a global economy, use of information technology and communication resources and systems brings responsibilities as well as opportunities."

Holmen School Board Policy 363, Acceptable Use