

# *West Lafayette Community School Corporation*

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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Dr. Shawn Greiner, Superintendent  
Michelle Cronk, CFO

DATE: June 8, 2023 (June 12, 2023 Meeting)

RE: Referendum Next Steps

The next steps to move forward with the operating referendum on the November 2023 ballot include a number of items for the June 12, 2023 board meeting.

1. Approval of the Resolution Authorizing Administration Regarding Calculation on the Renewal of Referendum—state code indicates that the Board must authorize the Board President and the Superintendent, or his designee, to investigate the need for the referendum at the proposed tax rate by communicating with the county auditor in order to make the needed calculations under state statute for the ballot question. The Excerpts of Minutes and Resolution accomplishing this have been provided by Ms. Jane Herndon of Ice Miller for your approval.
2. A discussion of the proposed referendum ballot question will be led by Ms. Jane Herndon. The question will be finalized at the July 10, 2023 board meeting. However, Ice Miller recommends that we send a nearly final version of the public question to the Department of Local Government Finance in advance of the July meeting for preliminary review. This should make the final review process more efficient. For this reason, it would be helpful if Board members provide any feedback on the form of the question at the June 12th meeting, if possible.
3. Approval of referendum-related contracted services proposals by Ice Miller as legal counsel regarding the referendum, Baker Tilly as financial counsel, and DehlerPR as public relations consultant.

Once these items have been completed, we will send the Tippecanoe County Auditor a letter and certificate so that she can begin working on the calculations for the referendum ballot question. Baker Tilly will be in contact with the Auditor next week to provide any assistance as needed. We will also begin working on the Revenue Spending plan that will be formally approved at the July 10, 2023 board meeting.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know.