



WHAT ARE WE SEEKING?

On April 2nd, the School District of Thorp will ask our community members for additional tax support over the next four years. We will ask that the revenue limit be increased by \$900,000 per year for the next four years. We are seeking a *non-recurring operational* referendum, which is designed to help cover costs for a short amount of time.

WHY AN OPERATING REFERENDUM?

Unfortunately, the district finds itself in the same position as many other districts due to a lack of state funding, inadequate reimbursement for federally mandated programs, and the elimination of ESSER funds. Despite cuts to the District budget over the last two years, the current state funding is not enough. After running a five year budget projection, our projected budget would be at a deficit of about \$900,000 a year for the next four years.

WHAT COSTS WILL THE \$900,000 COVER?

The referendum will not be for new buildings or any construction-related costs. An operational referendum covers regular operating costs within a district: salaries/benefits, programs, and necessary low cost small scale maintenance needs. It will help maintain small class sizes in the elementary school, 1:1 technology, mental health services, and co-curricular student offerings such as athletics, clubs, and activities.

WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT?

The estimated tax impact is \$116/year per \$100,000 of equalized property value.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE REFERENDUM FAILS?

If the referendum does not pass, the District would face a \$900,000 deficit next year. We would be forced to make significant cuts to programming and staffing. It would negatively impact our ability to offer high-quality competitive educational programs, services and instruction. It will prevent us from retaining first-class teachers and staff members. We would be forced to cut some co-curricular offerings and programs.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Join us at any of these events to ask questions and learn more:

- *Coffee Meet & Greet*- **March 13th** - 8:00-8:30am-HS Flex Room
- *Coffee Meet & Greet*- **March 15th** - 8:30-9:30am-HS Flex Room
- *Community Meeting*- **March 19th** - 5:00-6:00pm-HS Flex Room
- *Community Meeting*- **March 21st** - 6:00-7:00pm-HS Flex Room
- *Coffee Meet & Greet*- **March 22nd**- 8:30-9:30am-HS Flex Room
- *Coffee Meet & Greet*- **April 1st** - 8:30-9:30am-HS Flex Room

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