

# Amery School District Referendum

**VOTE  
APRIL 4**

# Fast Facts

**You Responded  
We Listened**



## THE PLAN

The District surveyed the community in November of 2016. Your feedback is appreciated and has been used to design a plan that provides resources to: **support our students, maintain our schools** and **build a thriving community** with **zero increase of your school tax dollars**.

**Community members will vote on a one-question referendum on April 4**

### The Needs Are Real and Are Not Going Away

**Why  
Now**



State revenue has not kept pace with the level of inflation for the last decade. After years of budget cuts, the Board of Education has decided it is time!

Amery students rank #2 of 39 local school districts in CESA #11. We want to continue to offer our students the education that others seek to achieve.

Well-maintained facilities are vital, but due to budget cuts, there are deferred maintenance projects to address. Proper care of our facilities saves money.

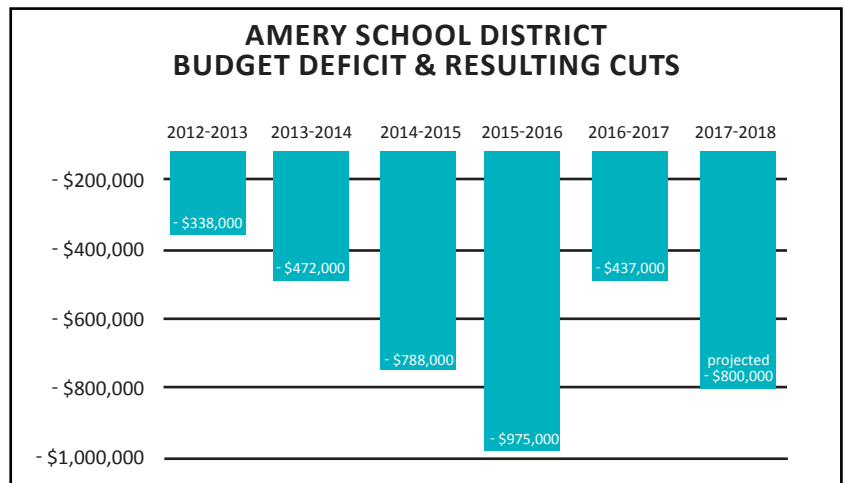
Due to a current drop in our debt levy, passing this referendum will NOT increase the school portion of your taxes.



## THE FACTS

When schools are strong, communities thrive. When they are not, the community - including businesses, real estate values, neighborhoods, etc. is negatively impacted.

**\$0**  
school tax increase to every homeowner!



# STRONG SCHOOLS & STRONG COMMUNITY



# SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS



The community requested that we make academic needs for students our main priority. The referendum includes additional student opportunities, updates to classroom technology and student learning resources, and additional curriculum and instruction materials.

85% are satisfied/very satisfied with the School District of Amery

<b>THE SURVEY SAID:</b>	65% would support a \$1.9 million operational referendum	High PRIORITY on updating science classrooms and labs	Very IMPORTANT to offer Career and Technical Ed. Academies	Very IMPORTANT to establish a 1-to-1 Technology Initiative
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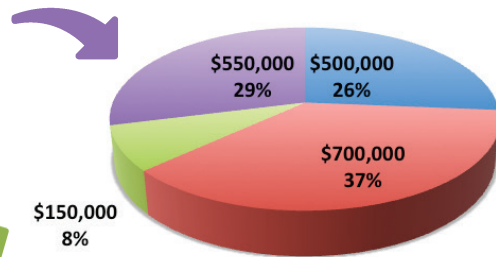


# HOW WILL THE MONEY BE SPENT?

## 2017 Operational Referendum

Technology Maintenance & Security Curriculum & Resources Staff

**STAFF:** restoring positions that have been cut and investing in additional positions to enhance student support.



**TECHNOLOGY:** upgrading educational devices and network infrastructure.

**CURRICULUM & RESOURCES:** investing in student and classroom resources and materials.

**MAINTENANCE & SECURITY:** upgrading classrooms and student labs, updating building security and HVAC systems, adding energy-efficient lighting, and more.

This chart does not include a projected \$800,000 budget deficit for 2017-2018

Q & A

**What if projections are incorrect and spending \$1.9 million would result in a tax increase?**

The Board of Education has made a commitment that school taxes will not increase as a result.

**What if the referendum fails?**

A failed referendum will reduce student opportunities, curriculum and resources, and student technology. A failed referendum will also result in additional significant cuts to satisfy the projected \$800,000 budget deficit.

**Does the referendum include a swimming pool, additions or new buildings?**

No. There are no plans for a swimming pool, building additions or new buildings in this referendum.

**Where can I get more information?**

For more information visit our website, or to schedule a meeting, contact James Kuchta, District Administrator (715) 268-9771, Ext. 272

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