

Wa-Nee Community Schools General Information about the Referendum Request



Form of Referendum Question on the November Ballot:

For the eight (8) calendar years immediately following the holding of the referendum, shall the Wa-Nee Community School Corporation impose a property tax rate that does not exceed nine and fifty-nine hundredths cents (\$0.0959) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation and that is in addition to all other property taxes imposed by the School Corporation for the purpose of funding improvements for the safety, security, and well-being of Wa-Nee students?

Program Proposal – How will the money be used:

- Wa-Nee Community Schools will partner with the Nappanee and Wakarusa Police Departments to employ two full-time School Resource Officers.
 - o One officer shall be stationed full-time in Nappanee
 - One officer shall be stationed full-time in Wakarusa
- Wa-Nee Community Schools will hire Mental Health Counselors to assist staff and students with social/emotional needs and serve as a liaison for the school, our students, and our state social service departments.
- Wa-Nee Community Schools will convert our half-day Alternative School Program to a full-day program. In order to accomplish this goal, we will hire two certified employees and hire an instructional assistant to provide additional academic assistance for these students.
- Wa-Nee Community Schools will utilize funding generated to purchase equipment and provide training to staff that will better secure our buildings and improve communication capabilities between school and emergency personnel.

FAQs:

- How much will this proposal cost?
 - We have generated an estimated budget of approximately \$1,000,000 annually for the next eight years
- How will this affect my property taxes?
 - The <u>maximum</u> amount to be levied over the eight-year period would be \$0.0959 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation. This would equate to \$2.54 per month for a \$100,000 residential property (at current market value)
 - The median home within Wa-Nee Community Schools will have an annual payment of \$64.67 or \$5.39 per month (at current market value)
- Didn't the district make several improvements to our facilities during the last construction project?
 - Yes. New secure entrances were installed during the last construction project. However, additional equipment is available that would allow our buildings to become even more secure (i.e. bullet-proof glass, additional cameras, fencing for playground areas, etc.)