

PARENT REFERENDUM CARDINAL UPDATE – 03/21/25

Operational Referendum Update

A question we have been hearing from some of our community members is: “Why can’t the Brodhead School District use the funds from the \$17.5 million dollar Referendum passed last April 2 to balance the budget?”

Referendum questions have a very set and defined purpose. The 2024 Referendum was what is called a BOND Referendum, and only allows for funds to be used for expenditures related to approved building projects and for payment toward the debt from those projects. The Referendum that will be on the ballot for April 1, 2025 is called an OPERATIONAL Referendum, which can only be utilized for the District’s operations and maintenance of programs, not for debt service or the building projects.

Consider watching this [\[SHORT THREE MINUTE VIDEO\]](#) of District Administrator David Novy explaining the difference between the two types of Referendums and how the Brodhead School District is utilizing each.

Make your vote count on April 1. If you are unable to vote in person, consider voting early or requesting an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots should be requested early and can be requested at any time. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is 5 days before the election, or March 27. You can request it in person through your local clerk or online at [MyVote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov). Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. on April 1. The US Post Office recommends mailing in 1 week prior or delivering in person to your local clerk.

Early In-Person Voting started on Tuesday, March 15 and runs through Friday, March 28. District residents can vote during office hours at most voting locations. The Town of Spring Valley (608-897-4288) and Town of Magnolia (608-751-6743) are by appointment only for early voting.

Check out our website at <https://brodhead.referendumfacts.org> for more information on our operational Referendum or call David Novy, District Administrator at 608-897-2141.

Bond (Building) Referendum Update

The time has finally come! Next Monday is the start our construction projects for our building additions at the High School and Middle School. For everyone’s reference, Here is the [\[MAP OF PARKING-SPRING BREAK\]](#), which shows how parking will need to be adjusted in those locations. When students and visitors to our High School come back from Spring Break, the West entrance off County Road GG will be the only entrance into our High School during the school day. Our camera and buzz-in entry system will be located on that door from Spring Break through the remainder of the school year.

We just received some new renderings of the new additions for each school as well as some initial views of new classrooms and front office areas for each school. These will be amazing additions to our facilities and will be great sources of pride for our schools and the Brodhead Community.

[\[ALBRECHT RENDERING\]](#)

[\[MIDDLE SCHOOL RENDERING\]](#)

[\[HIGH SCHOOL RENDERING\]](#)

Since construction is starting very soon we will be devoting a section of our webpage to regular construction updates to our community. We will also be posting on our Facebook and Instagram sites throughout the course of construction.

Sincerely,
David Novy, District Administrator
Brodhead School District