

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
WATERTOWN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 7, 2026

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the Watertown Unified School District on April 7, 2026, the following proposed Revenue Limit Resolution of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT
BY \$4,500,000 PER YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS
FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Watertown Unified School District, Jefferson and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,500,000 per year for five years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2030-2031 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational, instructional, and maintenance expenses.

Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the Watertown Unified School District, Jefferson and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,500,000 per year for five years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2030-2031 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational, instructional, and maintenance expenses?"

Explanation

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election question as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on the question is a vote to authorize the Watertown Unified School District budget to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,500,000 per year for five years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2030-2031 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational, instructional, and maintenance expenses.

A "no" vote on the question is a vote to deny the Watertown Unified School District the authority to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,500,000 per year for five years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2030-2031 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational, instructional, and maintenance expenses.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on the question vote "yes", the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,500,000 per year for five years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2030-2031 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational, instructional, and maintenance expenses; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

Location and Hours of Polling Places

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 111 Dodge Street, Watertown, Wisconsin.

All polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

Municipality	Clerk Name	Address	Phone	Office Hours
Town of Clyman	Sandy Thoma	735 Main Street, Clyman	(920) 296-8749	By appointment
Town of Concord	Brian Neumann	W1095 Concord Center Drive, Sullivan	(414) 534-4220	Call for office hours
Town of Emmet	Kathy Wegner	W6777 Second Street Rd., Watertown	(920) 261-1611	By appointment
Town of Farmington	Tami Latsch	N6468 S. Farmington Rd., Watertown	(920) 699-2348	Call for office hours
Town of Ixonia	Jo Ann Lesser	W1195 Marietta Ave., Ixonia	(920) 261-1588	Mon-Thurs. 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed Fridays
Town of Lebanon	Debbie Behl	N1738 County Rd R, Lebanon	(920) 988-8726 OR (920) 925-3522	By appointment
Town of Lowell	Kim Mann	W8906 W. O'Sixteen Rd., Reeseville	(920) 927-5787	By appointment
Town of Milford	Karen Schadt	W6335 County Rd. A & Q, Johnson Creek	(920) 285-2180	By appointment
Town of Shields	Julie Klusken	W6777 Second Street Rd., Watertown	(920) 261-7154	Call for office hours
Town of Watertown	James Wendt	N8302 High Rd., Watertown	(920) 261-5690	Tuesdays, 3:00-6:00 p.m. or by appointment
City of Watertown	Megan Dunneisen	106 Jones Street, Watertown	(920) 262-4006	Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Notice of Meeting of the School District Board of Canvassers

By no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the school district board of canvassers shall convene, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, for the purpose of conducting the school district canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.53(3). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Information to Electors

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, an elector shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If an elector does not have acceptable photo identification, the elector may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the elector is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If an elector is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the elector provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

An elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* (“Automark,” “ExpressVote,” Clear Access or “ImageCast Evolution-ICE”) to mark an **optical scan ballot** on referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **paper ballot** is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The elector shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The elector may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the elector shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen ballot** is cast, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiling Ballots

If an elector spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The elector may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Referendum Ballot

April 7, 2026

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this:

To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this:

School District

Question: Shall the Watertown Unified School District, Jefferson and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,500,000 per year for five years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2030-2031 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational, instructional, and maintenance expenses?

Yes

No

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Jason Bull or Sarah Oudenhoven, Interim Co-District Administrators.

Done in the Watertown Unified School District
on April 6, 2026
Tammy Fournier
District Clerk