

Town of Scott
Brown County
State of Wisconsin

2026-01-01 Resolution

A Resolution to direct staff to include on all town-issued property tax bills the following statement (or similar):

“Of the amount levied by the GBAPS, XXXXXX is for the purpose of private school vouchers. (Per Town of Scott)”

WHEREAS, the Town of Scott Town Board is committed to transparency in public finance and ensuring that taxpayers understand how their local property tax dollars are allocated; and

WHEREAS, state law currently requires that property tax bills itemize how much of a school district's levy is attributable to voter-approved capital or operational referenda, thereby helping taxpayers understand specific components of their tax obligations; and

WHEREAS, a similar level of transparency is warranted regarding the portion of the Green Bay Area Public Schools (GBAPS) levy attributable to the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (private school vouchers), as this portion does **not** go directly to the school district but is instead levied to offset reductions in state aid; and

WHEREAS, when the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program began in the 2014–15 school year, the program's cost was paid from the State's general fund; however, beginning in 2015–16, the Legislature changed the funding mechanism so that voucher payments for students residing in a district are withheld from the district's final state aid payment and recorded as an expense in the district budget; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this change, school districts, including GBAPS, must either increase their levy to offset this aid reduction, thereby shifting the cost of private school vouchers onto local property taxpayers, or cut their budgets by the amount withheld (which, for the 2025-2026 school year, would have required GBAPS to cut \$14,097,036); and

WHEREAS, for the 2025 tax year, \$640,242.36 of the amount levied by the Green Bay Area School District is attributable to the cost of state mandated private school vouchers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby directs staff to include on all Town-issued property tax bills the following statement, or substantially similar language:

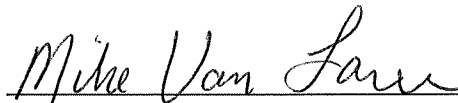
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town staff shall update this figure annually to reflect the amount certified by the Green Bay Area Public School District or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and ensure the information is presented in a clear, accessible, and transparent manner for taxpayers.

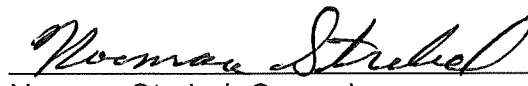
The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this Resolution as required under S60.80 Wis. Stats.

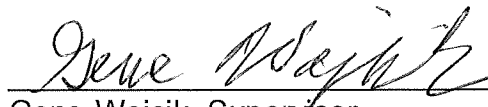
Adopted this 14th day of January 2026.


Mike VanLanen, Chairman

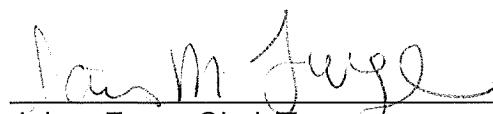

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