

With the mailing of property tax bills in the last week, the District wanted to reach out and answer some questions that have come up about the increase from the referendums and to update the taxpayers on how we came to the mill rate in place for the 2023-2024 school year.

Did the District meet the tax impacts communicated prior to the referendums? **Yes.**

The **taxpayers of the District voted in April 2023 to move forward with both a non-recurring and capital referendum beginning in 2023-24**. The District had communicated that the non-recurring referendum would be a \$1.55 increase and the capital referendum would be a \$2.43 increase, for a total increase of \$3.98. **The 2022-23 mill rate was \$5.68 and the District mindfully held the 2023-24 mill rate to \$9.66**. The District was given the authority to tax up to \$1.5 million for the non-recurring referendum, but the **School Board decided to only levy \$1.37 million** to keep the total mill rate at \$9.66.

How many years is the non-recurring referendum going to impact the mill rate? **2 Years.**

The non-recurring referendum was approved at \$1.5 million per year for 2 years. When **the non-recurring referendum ends in 2025-26**, the mill rate is currently estimated to drop by approximately \$2.00. We do not know what the total mill rate will be because there are many unknown variables at this point.

What was the growth in the District's 2023 equalized valuation? **10.7%**

The **Rosendale-Brandon School District saw a 10.7% increase in the equalized property value**. This number is determined by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. The 10.7% increase is made up of the increases for each of the 11 municipalities that make up our District. Some increases were higher than others (see below). **The change in fair market value for each individual property will impact each taxpayer's portion of the levy.**

	Historical			Current Year		
	2022 - 2023	% Δ	% of Dist	2023 - 2024	% Δ	% of Dist
T. Alto	\$13,742,832	9.94%	2.62%	\$15,107,493	9.93%	2.60%
T. Eldorado	\$134,340,528	12.32%	25.57%	\$149,856,156	11.55%	25.76%
T. Lamartine	\$86,840,674	12.20%	16.53%	\$93,673,647	7.87%	16.10%
T. Metomen	\$36,852,819	12.27%	7.01%	\$41,233,956	11.89%	7.09%
T. Oakfield	\$4,389,322	10.67%	0.84%	\$4,968,822	13.20%	0.85%
T. Rosendale	\$45,686,401	12.63%	8.69%	\$49,874,799	9.17%	8.57%
T. Springvale	\$62,888,588	11.51%	11.97%	\$68,875,917	9.52%	11.84%
T. Waupun	\$5,174,005	10.78%	0.98%	\$5,781,031	11.73%	0.99%
V. Brandon	\$54,067,300	10.70%	10.29%	\$64,549,400	19.39%	11.10%
V. Rosendale	\$81,243,100	11.67%	15.46%	\$87,503,800	7.71%	15.04%
T. Nekimi	\$257,513	13.09%	0.05%	\$278,589	8.18%	0.05%
Total EQ Property Value	\$525,483,082	11.87%	100%	\$581,703,610	10.70%	100%

What was the change in the District's mill rate last year? **\$1.88 Decrease.**

Part of the reason this percentage increase is larger is because **the District's mill rate dropped by \$1.88 from 2021-22 to 2022-23**, and **the \$5.68 mill rate from 2022-23 was the lowest mill rate for the district in the last 40 years**.

The Rosendale Brandon School District works diligently to responsibly use the tax dollars received. The School Board is focused on upgrading the facilities while keeping the classroom standards at the highest level. Supporting District students and staff is always the priority.

If you have further questions, please contact Jennifer Post, Business Coordinator at postjenk@rbsd.k12.wi.us or 920-872-5338.