



ZERO TAX INCREASE REFERENDUM
SWALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONTINUING TO INSPIRE EXCELLENCE

HOST A NEIGHBORHOOD CHAT

Gather a group of friends and neighbors, and Dr. Thompson will come to your home to answer any referendum questions.

Please call the District to schedule: 262-367-2000 x108

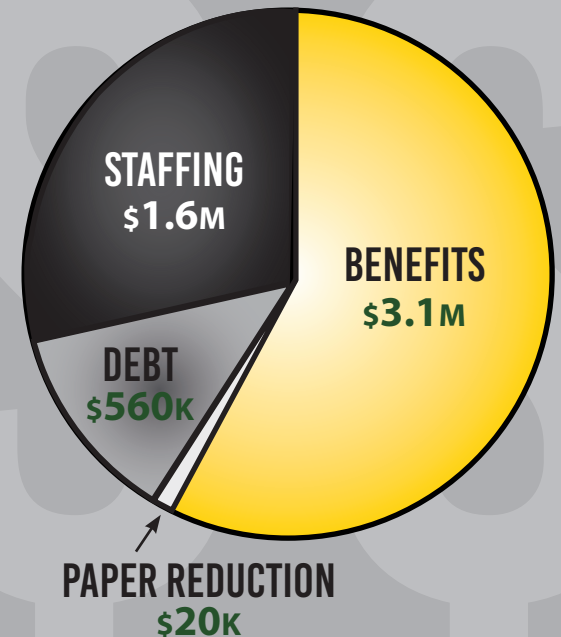
HOW HAS THE DISTRICT BEEN FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE?

Even though the district has not raised your tax rate for the past five years, it has accomplished the following:

- Restructured the 2004 referendum debt for early repayment, avoiding more than \$300,000 in interest costs
- Completed more than \$2 million in capital improvements since 2010 via the district's annual operating budget
- Avoided short-term borrowing to direct more money to the classroom
- Maintained all curricular programs (art, music, PE, Spanish 4K-8) other districts have reduced
- Earned designation within the Top 5% of Wisconsin School Districts for Academic Return on Investment
- Used cost sharing and competitive bidding on employee benefits to reduce costs

With the early retirement of debt, the School Board has decided to go to referendum at this time to provide the types of spaces required for changing teaching and learning needs and address pressing long-term capital needs to proactively position the district for a stable financial future.

\$5.28M COST SAVINGS SINCE 2011



BUSY ON NOVEMBER 6? VOTE EARLY!

Absentee ballots are available 2 - 3 weeks prior to the election for early voting. Check with your municipality for more information. The deadline to submit a walk-in early voting ballot is Friday, November 2 at 5:00 p.m. Absentee ballots must be received by Tuesday, November 6 at 8:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OF CHENEQUA: *Village Hall, 31275 W. County Highway K, Chenequa (262) 367-2239
Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

VILLAGE OF HARTLAND: *Clerk's Office, 210 Cottonwood Avenue, Hartland (262) 367-2714
Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

TOWN OF MERTON: *Clerk's Office, W314N7624 Hwy 83, North Lake (262) 966-2651
Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

VILLAGE OF MERTON: *Village Hall, N67 W28343 Sussex Road, Merton (262) 538-0820
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Friday Closed*

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