



District Administrative Center

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"Preparing for the Future, One Child at A Time"

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Dear School District of Monroe Residents,

The 4-year non-recurring Operational Referendum failed by a vote of 3,755 yes to 4,554 no Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The District appreciates the continued support of the high quality educational programming Monroe has put into place.

Failure to secure the additional \$1.5 million for operations does not address current and future fiscal needs of the District and will require the Board of Education to consider options to address the District budget and bring an operational question back to voters in the future. Cutting an additional \$1.5 million from the operating budget will impact educational programming throughout the District.

The Board of Education was extremely mindful of local economic conditions in their decision to not increase the amount of the referendum from the previous 8 years. The District will use a combination of fund balance, attrition, and budget reductions to balance our budget. Use of the fund balance is a short term solution and is not sustainable.

The issues which have created the budget shortfalls in Monroe, and around the state, still exist in the Wisconsin State public school funding laws which do not adequately address inflation.

Rodney Figueroa

Superintendent

School District of Monroe