RUSD Referendum:
Every Student. Every School. Flat Tax Rate.

RACINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

OLYMPIA BROWN ELEMENTARY

Three-Pronged Approach for Improving Student Achievement

Our long-range plan uses a three-pronged approach for improving student achievement:

- Strong Academics
- Resources Aligned to our Vision
- Excellent Learning Environments

If passed, the referendum would provide the funding needed for minor updates at Olympia Brown:

SAFETY & SECURITY:

- Increase ADA-compliant access (ramp and parking)
- Install emergency backup generator for I/T Closet

INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Address building maintenance (HVAC updates, retro-commissioning)
- Playground safety improvements

VOTE April 7

On April 7, residents of the Racine Unified School District will be asked to vote on a proposal that will impact **every school** and **every student.** The referendum would fund $598 million of work as part of the District's long-range facilities master plan over the next 30 years, while keeping the tax rate flat.

What The Referendum Includes

For the past year, RUSD has worked collaboratively with hundreds of community members, staff members and families to create a smart, data-based, long-term facilities master plan that:

- Addresses significant school facility needs
- Incorporates demographic changes to ensure it meets current and future needs of students and the community
- Ensures excellent learning environments and experiences in every school for every student

Key Projects

- Construct new schools, including a new K-8 campus in Sturtevant, a Starbuck International Baccalaureate K-8 and new, smaller middle schools
- Modernize schools through major maintenance and renovations
- Enhance safety, security and technology
- Expand successful programs, such as the Academies of Racine
- Create schools that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant

Holding the Line on Taxes

For the last several years, RUSD has worked to keep property taxes steady. We have kept our commitment to maintain a flat school tax rate. The 2020 referendum proposal continues to protect our taxpayers and maintain a flat tax rate for the term of the referendum.

Referendum-related school tax rate expected to stay flat for the term of the referendum.*

*This projection assumes the state school funding system stays the same and property value assumptions are achieved.