

## NWI Referendums

Nov. 2020	Gary	\$0.4660	Passed
June 2020	Hanover	\$0.8512	Passed
June 2020	Hanover	\$0.29	Passed
June 2020	Union Township	\$0.21	Passed
May 2019	River Forest	\$1.19	Passed
Nov. 2018	Lake Ridge	\$1.0028	Failed
May 2018	Crown Point	\$0.21	Passed
May 2018	Lake Central	\$0.17	Passed
Nov. 2017	Hammond	\$0.44	Passed
Nov. 2017	Hobart	\$0.246	Passed
May 2017	Lake Station	\$0.54	Passed
May 2017	EChicago	\$0.30	Failed
May 2017	Munster	\$0.4196	Passed
Nov. 2016	Gary	\$0.4750	Failed
Nov. 2015	Lake Station	\$0.61	Failed
May 2015	Gary	\$0.41	Failed
May 2015	Hanover	\$0.29	Passed
May 2015	River Forest	\$0.42	Passed
May 2015	Valparaiso	\$0.2042	Passed
Nov. 2013	Michigan City	\$0.17	Failed
May 2013	Munster	\$0.1990	Passed
May 2013	Union Township	Not Available	Passed
May 2012	Duneland	\$0.22	Passed
May 2011	Crown Point	\$0.21	Passed

- 6 Operating Referendums in NWI had a tax increase which was lower than GPS's anticipated tax rate increase of .2852. Tax increase range was .17 to \$1.19.
- We are one of the last districts in NWI to run an Operating Referendum along with Highland and Whiting (Due to larger tax base).
- Some districts have had more than 1 Operating Referendum and have successfully voted to approve each tax increase, such as River Forest, Munster and Crown Point.
- Some districts have had an Operating Referendum and Capital Referendum in the same year, such as Hanover.
- Politicians have made it impossible to fund schools without a referendum in place.
- Teacher Compensation Report was released. This report states as one of their suggestions that in order to increase teacher pay school districts need to run an Operating Referendum. By 2022/23 school year, Indiana wants minimum teacher pay to be at a minimum of \$40,000, and we would have to apply for a waiver if we can't meet this expectation.