

Paris School does not have secured funds to continue to operate past the 2009-2010 school year and must, BY LAW, file for dissolution by August 1, 2009 if this referendum is not passed by the Paris community. **There is not time to provide another referendum prior to the August 1, 2009 dissolution deadline.** This three-year, NON-RECURRING, referendum is our community's LAST CHANCE to keep local control of the Paris School district.

YOUR YES VOTE:

GUARANTEES

that we keep our decision-making local and our tax dollars in our community.

GRANTS

a three-year timeline for the Paris Board of Education to resolve the budget crisis.

GIVES

Paris School students a future at the best school in all of Kenosha.

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

June 9, 2009

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY TWO (2) ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

If you desire to vote on the question, make a cross (X) in the square beneath the question after "YES" if in favor of the question or make a cross (X) in the square after "NO" if opposed to the question.

Shall the following Resolution be approved?

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Joint School District Number 1, Towns of Paris and Bristol, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$435,000 for the 2009-2010 school year; by \$495,000 for the 2010-2011 school year and by \$585,000 for the 2011-2012 school year for non-recurring purposes.

YES

NO

PLEASE VOTE YES! ONCE PARIS SCHOOL IS GONE, IT'S GONE!

JUNE 9th

**VOTE
YES**

**TO RETAIN
LOCAL CONTROL
OF PARIS SCHOOL**

- KEEP OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
- SOLVE, NOT DISSOLVE
- CONTROL YOUR TAX FUTURE
- NEW DISTRICT = TAXATION WITHOUT REFERENDUM
- DO THE RIGHT THING FOR PARIS KIDS

This three-year, NON-RECURRING, referendum is our community's LAST CHANCE to keep local control of the Paris School district.

VOTE YES! FOR LOCAL CONTROL

Keep our school district

If Paris School is dissolved, the State of Wisconsin School District Boundary Appeal Board will come in to assess surrounding school districts. The State will decide which one or more of these districts will absorb our students, all property owned by the Paris School district, and all assets and liabilities. School district boundaries will be redrawn and the Paris community will automatically be subject to the school tax rate of the new district. **Your YES! vote ensures that we keep our decision-making local so Paris School district does not become Kenosha Unified school district, Brighton school district, Bristol school district or Union Grove school district.** Your support also eliminates the possibility that high school students could be reassigned to Union Grove or Kenosha Unified high schools.

Control your tax future

Your taxes will increase whether Paris School survives or not. If our school boundaries are redrawn, Paris residents will be mandated to pay the school tax of the new district that takes over. At this time, there is no way to know where new district boundaries would be located so it is impossible to predict how high our taxes could rise. Wisconsin State Statute 121.91(4)(b)1.1 mandates that any tax increases as a result of redistricting will be levied without referendum. **Your YES! vote limits your MAXIMUM tax increase to the parameters of the three-year, non-recurring referendum.** The Paris Board of Education is committed to levying less taxes than the referendum amounts as the district's financial situation improves.

VOTE YES! KEEP THE STATE OUT OF PARIS DECISIONS.

VOTE YES! TO SOLVE, NOT DISSOLVE

Give Paris school a chance

Your **YES!** vote gives Paris School a chance to solve the budget crisis. The current deficit Paris School is experiencing is a result of several factors, including unanticipated declining enrollment, unfunded retirement commitments, a state funding formula that punishes the school district for being property rich with low population, and increasing operating costs. The Paris Board of Education has enacted many budget cuts to date, but there is more work to be done. The three year, non-recurring referendum provides Paris School with three years of operating expenses. The Paris Board of Education is committed to resolving the budget crisis within three years through further spending controls, negotiations, and utilizing other funding sources as they become available.

VOTE YES! TO ENCOURAGE PARIS SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION FUNDING

Show your commitment

Passing the June 9 three-year, non-recurring referendum is the **ONLY** way to GUARANTEE funding for Paris School before the August 1, 2009 dissolution deadline. The application to establish a Paris School Foundation is in process and awaiting approval from the IRS. If the Paris Town Board is persuaded to make a monetary gift to the Paris School Foundation in the future, the Paris Board of Education is committed to reducing the amount of tax levied on Paris residents. **Your YES! vote shows the Paris Town Board your commitment to our community and to Paris School.**

PARIS SCHOOL KIDS LOVE THEIR SCHOOL AND DON'T WANT TO LOSE IT!

VOTE YES! STRONG SCHOOL = STRONG COMMUNITY

Recognize the positive impact of Paris School

Paris School is the pride of Paris. Other school districts take note of what the Paris community has created: high education standards, high test scores, a strong and positive learning environment, committed teachers, families and students, and a legacy of quality education. What is our community without Paris school? Paris school keeps our property values at a sustainable level. Paris School provides its students with a local option for education. Paris School fosters a positive, safe, insulated environment that produces the kind of people you want to live next door. This, in turn, helps protect our entire community. **Your YES! vote holds on to the positive impact Paris School has in our community.**

Do the right thing for Paris School kids

Paris School is the pillar of Paris. Paris School is a rare place where students and parents know each other by name. Where an eighth grader meets a first grader with a hug. Where children are excited to learn. Where, for over thirty years, "no child left behind" has been a way of life, not a government mandate. **Your YES! vote shows Paris School kids that their community cares about their future.** Graduates of Paris School never forget their experiences there. Roger Gahart, Paris School Principal and District Administrator, and four other staff members have returned to our community to give back to the school that gave them so much. What the Paris community gives to Paris School, Paris School gives back to our community.

VOTE YES! TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG.

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