

WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO CUT COSTS

66 Teaching and Staff Positions Already Cut

WTHS has already taken many steps to balance its budget, including

- ⇒ Eliminated late afternoon, evening and consolidated regular bus routes
- ⇒ Reduced health insurance costs
- ⇒ Refinanced debt
- ⇒ Relocated Special Education Transition Program to the O'Plaine Campus
- ⇒ Renegotiated vendor contracts
- ⇒ Completed building improvements to lower operating costs
- ⇒ Implemented salary freezes for Administrators
- ⇒ Staff Reduction Plan—66 Positions Cut Between 2015 and 2021
 - ⇒ 9 School Support Staff
 - ⇒ 5 Transportation Staff
 - ⇒ 3 Administrators
 - ⇒ 1 School Resource Officer
 - ⇒ 48 teachers

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- 9 Science
- 8 English
- 8 Social Studies
- 6 Math
- 4 Physical Education
- 3 World Language
- 3 Social Workers
- 2 Business
- 2 Special Education
- 1 Industrial Tech
- 1 Library/Media Specialist
- 1 Guidance Counselor

Negative impact on students due to staffing reductions:

- ⇒ Increased class sizes
- ⇒ Reduced course options for students
- ⇒ Reduced academic assistance for students

THE BOTTOM LINE

WTHS Ranks Last in Per-Pupil Funding

Compared to other Lake County high school districts, WTHS currently ranks last in per-pupil funding and has for many years.

Revenue Per Pupil 2020				
Lake County High School Districts	Local Sources	State Sources	Federal Sources	Total
Lake Forest District 115	\$31,419	\$886	\$390	\$32,695
Highland Park Deerfield District 113	\$28,619	\$1,162	\$570	\$30,351
Libertyville Vernon Hills District 128	\$28,345	\$1,351	\$248	\$29,945
Adlai Stevenson District 125	\$26,278	\$1,369	\$404	\$28,051
Grayslake District 127	\$19,845	\$7,344	\$280	\$27,469
Zion-Benton District 126	\$15,499	\$8,373	\$1,152	\$25,024
Antioch Lakes District 117	\$18,261	\$4,736	\$261	\$23,258
Mundelein District 120	\$19,874	\$1,903	\$376	\$22,154
Grant Township District 124	\$13,520	\$3,865	\$406	\$17,790
Warren Township District 121	\$13,293	\$2,940	\$400	\$16,633

The Bottom Line

Increased funding will allow the District to offer the same level of academics, activities and athletics that the District has been proud to provide to our students and community over the years.

A 60-cent limiting rate increase will have an estimated annual tax impact of \$200 (\$16.67 per month) per \$100,000 of a home's fair market value.

Learn More

Visit www.d121.org/referendum for additional information and updates.

If you have additional questions, please contact Dr. John Ahlgrim, Superintendent of Schools, at 847-548-7144 or jahlgrim@wthsh.net

Warren Township High School District 121 is asking voters to consider a 60-cent limiting rate increase on the June 28, 2022 election ballot. This will enable WTHS to offer the same level of academics, activities and athletics that District 121 has been proud to provide to our students and community over the years.

DISTRICT 121 REFERENDUM INFORMATION

www.d121.org/referendum

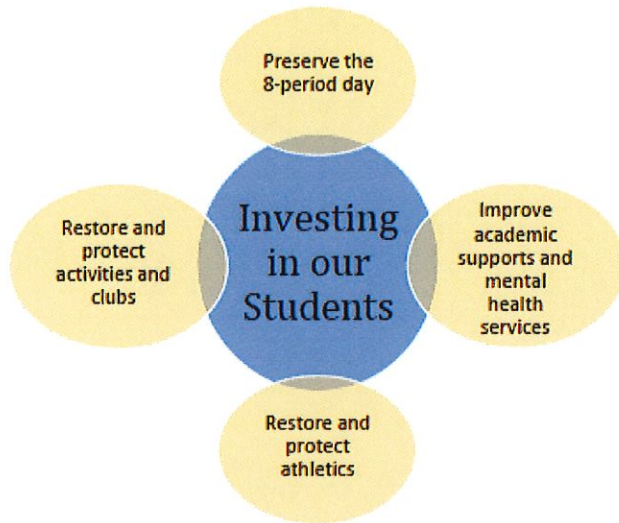


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WARREN TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT 121

INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS



Protecting Academics is the Primary Focus of the Referendum

Proceeds from the 60-cent limiting rate increase would be used as follows:

-  Preserve the 8-period day needed to continue offering curricular and co-curricular programs, ensure full participation in career and technical education classes (including classes at the Lake County Technology campus), and continue offering Advanced Placement (AP) opportunities
-  Improve academic supports and mental health services
-  Restore and protect activities and clubs, including band, drama and choir
-  Restore and protect athletic programs
-  Reduce student fees to be comparable with other Lake County high school districts

Impact to Students Without Additional Funding

Without additional funding, it is projected that over the next two years WTHS will experience:

- ⇒ A reduction of the school day (from an 8-period day to a 7-period day)
- ⇒ The elimination of up to 33 more teaching and staff positions, resulting in increased class sizes
- ⇒ The elimination of athletics
- ⇒ The elimination of activities and clubs



Reductions Next School Year (2022-2023)

Prior to the 2022-2023 school year, WTHS is anticipating the elimination of:

- ⇒ Approximately 13 staff positions— one of these positions is anticipated to be a band director, greatly reducing band programming, including the elimination of our competitive marching band.
- ⇒ Entry-level athletic teams for all sports beginning in the fall of 2022 — sports with four levels of participation will be reduced to three, sports with three levels of participation will be reduced to two, and sports with two levels of participation will be reduced to one, with the entry-level team being eliminated in each case.

No entry-level sports scheduled for Fall 2022

These reductions will most likely reduce student participation opportunities for all sports and across all grade levels as all athletics programs will need to make cuts based on ability.

The Board plans to allow the District to restore the entry-level athletic teams, as well as preserve current band staffing and programming if a referendum passes. This allowance would be to the extent possible based on the time available prior to the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

