

Public Forum Dates & Times

- Monday, September 22, at 5:30 p.m.
at High School, Conf Room B119
- Tuesday, September 23, at 8:00 a.m.
at Middle School (Visitation Day)
- Thursday, September 25, at 6:00 p.m.
at Lincoln Elementary School Gym
- Thursday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m.
at Readfield Elementary School Gym
- Tuesday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m.
at Sugar Bush Elementary School Gym
- Tuesday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m.
at Parkview Elementary School Gym

Meetings will consist of a short presentation followed by an extensive question and answer session. A moderator will be present to accept verbal or written questions regarding the referendum. Please come prepared with your questions; the school board and administration will stay as long as necessary to answer all questions.

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**School District
of
New London**



**NOVEMBER 4, 2008
GENERAL ELECTION**

**REFERENDUM INFORMATION
& INVITATION TO PUBLIC
FORUMS**

School District of New London
901 West Washington Street
New London, WI 54961

November 4, 2008, Referendum Information

Referendum \$ At a Glance

The School District of New London is proposing a referendum on November 4, 2008. The school board solicited community input regarding the need to upgrade the technology available for students in our schools. The following referendum question is a consensus of the community's direction and will hopefully address the technology needs of the district well into the future.

The Question:

Shall the School District of New London be authorized to exceed state revenue limits by \$300,000 on a recurring basis for the purposes of acquiring and installing technology hardware, software and infrastructure, and associated training?

Yes No

Please note the following in this referendum question:

1. It is recurring.
2. The revenue may only be used for the stated technology purposes and nothing else.

Rationale

It is no surprise that the collision of the loss of funding and the demands for technology in today's classrooms that we have arrived at this critical juncture. What may be surprising is that we have been able to delay the inevitable for so long. Our technology committee has been analyzing this issue for more than five years and has predicted that we would need to address the issue soon. Last August a Special Facilities Study Committee of twenty-five community members for all sectors including retirees, parents, business & industry and school personnel met to conduct a thorough study of facility needs in the district. They analyzed lots of data and research and made several recommendations to the Board of Education in December of 2007. The highest priority of the group was to urge the Board to immediately take action to address the technology needs.

After careful analysis of the situation the Board decided in April to pose the question in the form of a recurring referendum on the November 4th general election.

Frequently Asked Questions

See the district website at:
www.newlondon.k12.wi.us

Cost to Taxpayers

These **projections** are in comparison to your current tax bill and are dependent upon actual growth in property value and state funding.

- 2008 additional \$29 per \$100,000 of value
- 2009 reduced to \$22 per \$100,000 of value

How will the \$ be used?

The referendum dollars will be used to replace aging technology. The requested dollars will allow our community schools to maintain and support the following:

- Replacement(s) of computers annually on a 5-year cycle.
- Greater access to computers and technology for students.
- Ensure information and technology competencies for students.
- Integrate 21st Century skills.
- Support of Best Practice and innovation in the classroom.
- Technology-related instructional resources.
- Future technology investment in hardware, software, and networking.
- Maintenance and upgrade of communication systems.
- Website design and maintenance.
- Transform teaching and learning.
- City and school library resources.