

Question and Answer

School District of New London

Nov. 6, 2018 Referendum

1. Why is the School District of New London going to referendum?

The Board of Education unanimously supported placing a referendum question on the November 6 ballot to address significant facility, maintenance, safety/security, energy efficiency needs which were affirmed through an independent facility study.

2. What type of projects will be accomplished?

New London High School

- Boiler plant and chiller plant replacements
- Fire alarm monitoring and security panel replacements
- Roofing system replacement
- Energy efficiency upgrades
- Reconfiguration of learning spaces

New London Intermediate / Middle School

- Replacement of air handling units
- Fire alarm monitoring and security panel replacements
- Replacement of PA and clock system
- Energy efficiency upgrades
- Reconfiguration of learning spaces
- Plumbing and bathroom updates
- Window upgrades

Parkview Elementary School

- Update VAV system, air handling units and ductwork
- Energy efficiency upgrades
- Fire alarm monitoring and security panel replacements
- Address restroom and space needs
- Interior/exterior LED lighting
- Perimeter fencing
- Window upgrades

Lincoln Elementary School

- Roofing system replacement
- Energy efficiency upgrades
- Fire alarm monitoring and security panel replacements
- Plumbing and bathroom updates
- Interior LED lighting

Readfield Elementary School

- Energy efficiency upgrades
- Fire alarm monitoring and security panel replacements
- Plumbing and bathroom updates

Readfield continued

- Interior LED lighting
- Window upgrades
- Masonry restoration
- Replacement of unit ventilators
- Update electrical distribution

Sugar Bush Elementary School

- Secured entrance remodel
- Energy efficiency upgrades
- Fire alarm monitoring and security panel replacements
- Plumbing and bathroom updates
- Interior LED lighting
- Window upgrades
- Replacement of unit ventilators
- Roofing system replacement
- Update electrical distribution

3. What is a mill rate?

It is the amount that is taxed per \$1,000 of property value. The current mill rate is \$9.16, so that is \$916.00 per \$100,000 of property value.

4. If I support the referendum and it passes, what will the mill rate be?

The estimated mill rate will drop to approximately \$7.73, so that is a reduction of \$140 - \$150.00 per \$100,000 of property value.

PROJECTED IMPACT		
Home Value: \$100,000		
	CURRENT	PROJECTED
School Tax:	\$916	\$773
APPROXIMATE TAX REDUCTION OF 16% OR \$140-\$150		
Tax Rate:	\$9.16	\$7.73

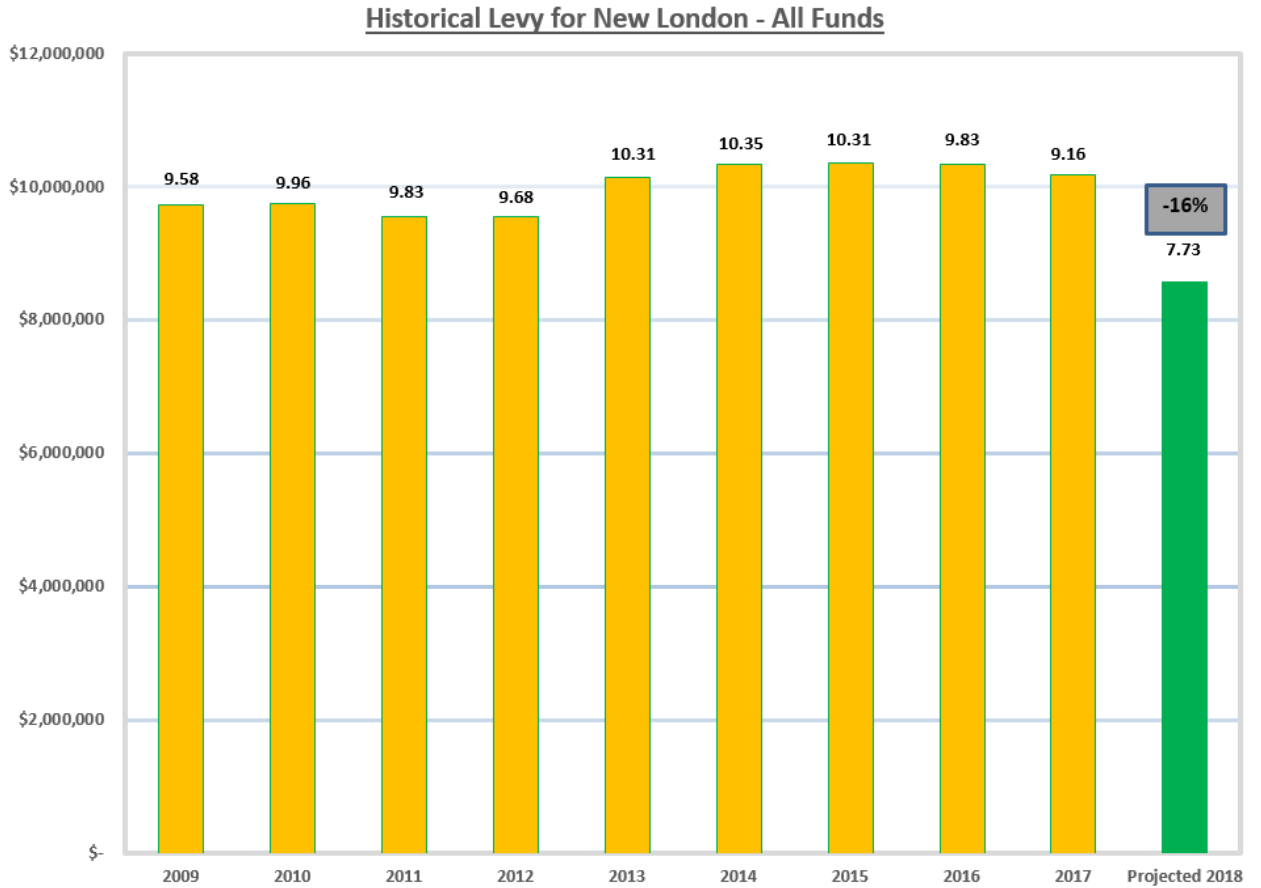
5. How does passing a referendum for \$13 million or \$1.3 million per year for 10 years actually reduce my current taxes?

This is due to the debt retirement from the High School and the previous four-year referendum. The High School debt payment was approximately \$2 million per year and the previous referendum was \$500,000 per year.

6. What happens to the my tax rate should the referendum not pass?

Your tax rate would be approximately \$6.57 and the District would likely come back in the near future to pass a referendum to address needs, thus raising the taxes.

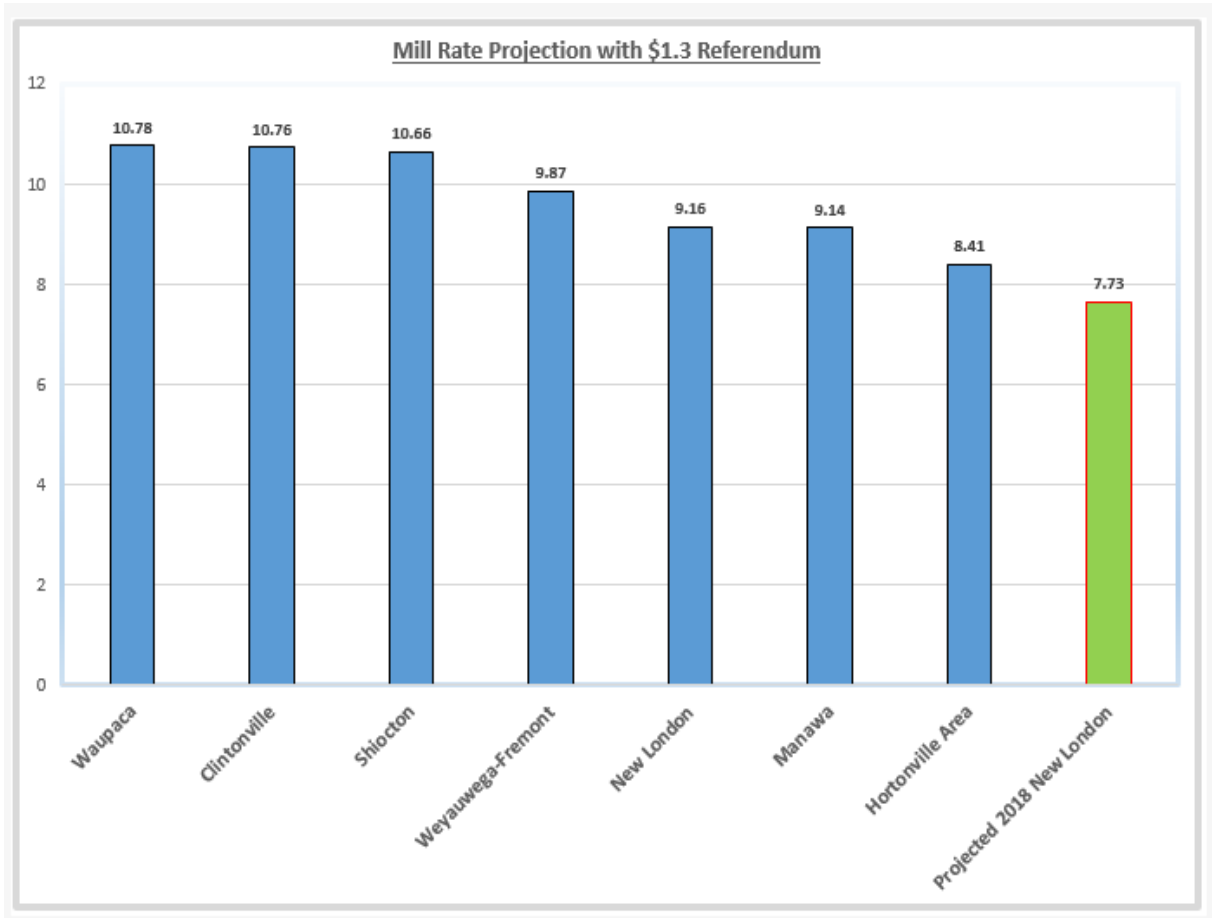
7. What has the tax levy been historically for residents of the School District of New London? See the graph below.



Note: the 2018 projection is shown should the referendum pass.

8. How do New London school taxes compare to our neighbors?

The graph below illustrates differences. Even should the referendum pass, we will still be the lowest at approximately \$7.73.



9. Why is now a good time to invest in our schools?

Due to the significant capital project needs and the fact that we have debt retiring, it is a good time whereby school taxes will still go down by approximately 16% and we can address these needs.

10. Why doesn't the school district use its budget to address the needs?

We expend approximately \$500,000 per year on facility needs, however, the approximate 500,000 square feet of building space has greater need over time. Secondly, we do not want to take funding away from student programs as the students are our highest priority and responsibility. Over the next 10 years, the District will spend approximately \$7 million of the existing budget for a total of \$20 million in improvements when combined with a successful referendum.

11. How will the district find additional dollars to put toward facility/maintenance?

The School District of New London will invest estimated energy savings and energy grants into further improvements.

12. Why should I be concerned about these projects?

Research shows that public school quality is one of the most important determinants of home value. Schools directly affect a community’s vitality and home resale values. The strength of a school reflects the strength of the community.

13. What will the question on the ballot be?

“Shall the School District of New London, Waupaca, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,300,000 for the 2018-19 school year and for each of the succeeding 9 school years thereafter, for non-recurring purposes consisting of building maintenance and operations, energy efficiency projects, life safety and security improvements, and debt service for additional functional space at Parkview Elementary and capital improvement projects at all schools?”

14. How can I learn more?

You can attend one of the informational session as advertised or directly contact Dennis Krueger, Joe Marquardt, or one of the members of the School Board at (920)982-8530 or e-mail: nlreferendum@newlondon.k12.wi.us

Community Information Sessions

- October 1 - 9:00 a.m. at the District Office
- October 9 - 6:00 p.m. at Sugar Bush Elementary School
- October 11 - 6:00 p.m. at Intermediate/Middle School
- October 17 - 9:00 a.m. at Parkview Elementary School
- October 18 - 6:00 p.m. at Readfield Elementary School
- October 23 - 10:30 a.m. at Senior Center/Washington Center
- November 1 - 2:00 p.m. at the District Office

15. What can I do?

*You can give thoughtful consideration to the question at hand in the School District of New London. In addition, you can share information with your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers, and **VOTE November 6.***

