



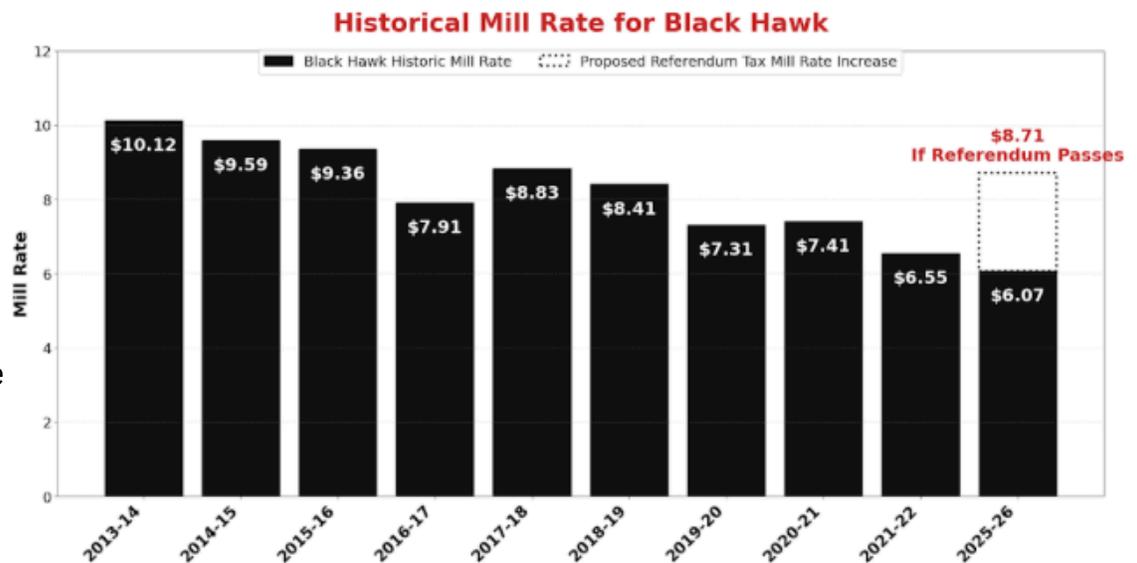
OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM

APRIL 7, 2026

Our district is facing critical financial challenges that need to be addressed with additional revenue. Our communities will consider a \$800,000 recurring referendum.

FAQ #2 MY TAXES JUST WENT UP. HOW CAN YOU ASK US TO VOTE TO RAISE OUR TAXES EVEN MORE TO PAY FOR SCHOOLS?

The last thing the district wanted to do was to ask voters to pass an operational referendum. However, it is the only option districts have to raise revenues when state funding is not keeping up with inflation. The mill rate chart, which is the only factor that the district can influence, shows that the school board has been working diligently over



time to bring down the mill rate for school district property owners. If the referendum passes, the mill rate will still be lower than it has been historically and as compared to area schools.

When property owners opened their tax bills this past December, many saw an overall increase in their taxes. Why?

Many property owners saw an increase in the fair market value of their property, which is used in the calculation to arrive at your tax amount. This increase could have led to an overall increase.

There are other factors besides the school tax that lead to increases. Those factors are:

1. Your property may have been reassessed recently
2. The county levy may have increased
3. The municipality (Township, Village, or City) levy may have increased depending on the municipality
4. The Technical College District levy may have increased

The school district has no control over these taxing entities or property values.

If you have questions please contact District Administrator, Willy Chambers at chawil@blackhawk.k12.wi.us or 608-234-1581