



OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM

APRIL 7, 2026

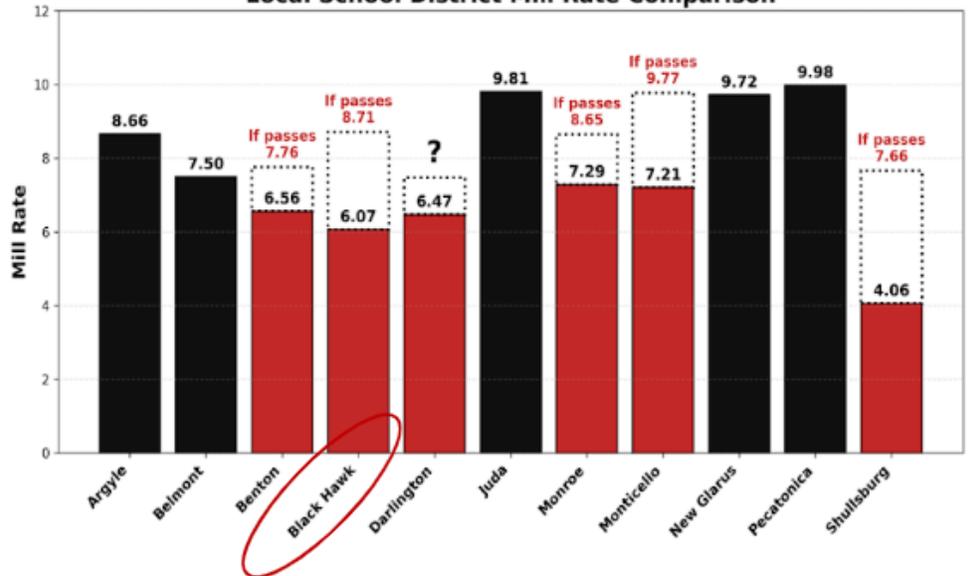
Our district is facing critical financial challenges that need to be addressed with additional revenue. Our communities will consider a \$800,000 recurring referendum.

FAQ #3: HOW DOES BLACK HAWK'S TAX LEVY COMPARE TO NEARBY DISTRICTS?

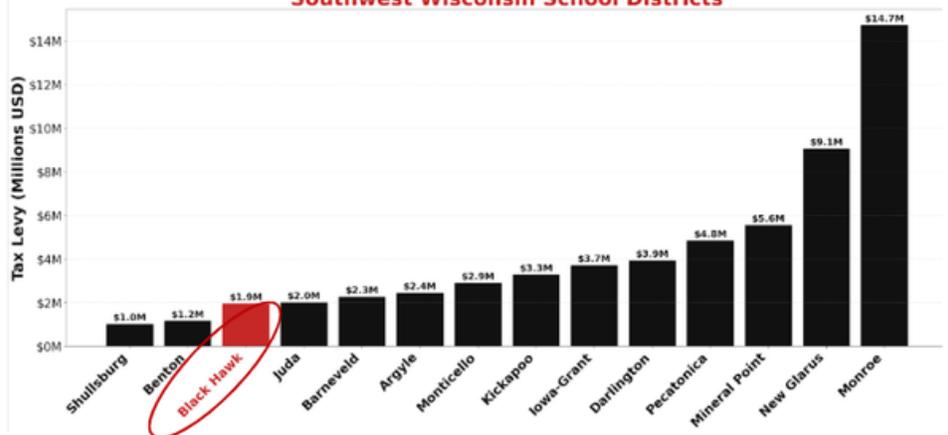
Local School District Mill Rate Comparison

Red bars indicate districts going to referendum in April 2026. Dotted boxes show projected mill rate increases where known. A question mark above a dotted box indicates an increase is expected but not yet determined.

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2025-26 Tax Levy Comparison Southwest Wisconsin School Districts



All schools in the top chart are currently operating on a past recurring or non-recurring referendum, **EXCEPT BLACK HAWK.**

Those in Red are going to referendum in Spring 2026!

When comparing 2025-26 tax levies among Southwest Wisconsin districts, Black Hawk ranks toward the lower end. Larger districts naturally have much higher total levy amounts. This chart demonstrates that Black Hawk has one of the lowest school mill rates in the area. It is important to note that all schools in the chart above are currently receiving extra funds from the state and property taxes because they had previously passed a local recurring or non-recurring referendum, EXCEPT for Black Hawk. The last time an operating referendum passed at Black Hawk was in 2007. Note there are several small schools in the area that levy more than Black Hawk does.

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