



MSD Warren Township 2023 Operating Referendum

Referendum Explanation

- In Indiana, school districts may run three types of referenda:
 - Operating Referendum
 - Capital Referendum
 - School Safety Referendum (Introduced in 2019)

MSD Warren has only run an Operating Referendum.

2023 Referendum Timeline

- January 11, 2023 - Board authorizes operating referendum.
- January 12, 2023 - MSD Warren seeks DLGF approval for ballot question.
- No later than February 17, 2023 - MSD Warren files ballot question with County Clerk and City-County Council.
- May 2, 2023 - Election Day.

May 2023 Ballot Question

- This ballot question is subject to state approval.

Shall the Metropolitan School District of Warren Township, Marion County, Indiana, increase property taxes paid to the school corporation by homeowners and businesses for eight (8) years immediately following the holding of the referendum for the purpose of (1) repealing the existing referendum fund tax levy approved in 2018, and (2) replacing the existing referendum tax levy with a new referendum fund tax levy for the purpose of funding the #WarrenWill Community and School Improvement Program that will provide funding for a portion of the costs incurred in connection with (a) Pre-K through Grade 12 student transportation, (b) staff retention and recruitment, professional development and family engagement, (c) student and staff technology programs, (d) school safety and security programs, and (e) student learning, K-12 college and career readiness and K-12 enrichment programs? If this public question is approved by the voters, the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a residence would increase by 29.4% and the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a business property would increase by 21.7%. The most recent property tax referendum proposed by the school corporation was held in 2018 and passed.

May 2023 Ballot Question

- If the 2023 referendum is approved, it will repeal and replace the 2018 referendum.

May 2023 Ballot Question

- Pre-K through Grade 12 Transportation
- Staff Retention and Recruitment, Professional Development, and Family Engagement
- Student and Staff Technology
- School Safety and Security
- Student Learning, K-12 College and Career Readiness, and K-12 Enrichment

2024 Referendum Spending Proposal

Category	Amount (Est.)
Transportation	3,000,000
Staff Retention, PD, and Family Engagement	2,836,402
Technology	1,500,000
Safety and Security	1,600,000
Student Learning / College and Career Readiness	2,100,000
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Total	11,036,402

May 2023 Ballot Question

- The percentage increases in the ballot question are mandated by state statute, but are confusing and likely require clarification.
- The percentage increases are calculated as if there was not already a referendum in place.
- The percentage increases reflect an amount paid to the school district, not an overall increase in the tax bill.
- The referendum will not increase homestead taxes by 29.4% and will not increase business taxes by 21.7%.

Average Taxpayer Impact

- MSD Warren Average Homestead
 - Gross Assessed Value = \$147,868
 - Net Assessed Value = \$63,864
- Maximum rate under 2023 referendum: \$0.30 per \$100 of AV.
- Maximum rate under 2018 referendum: \$0.21 per \$100 of AV.
- Proposed tax rate change: \$0.09 per \$100 of AV.
- Projected impact on Average Homestead: \$4.79 per month.

Financial Challenges

Area	Description	Amount
Transportation	Diesel Fuel is up \$1.15, or 38%, per gallon.	\$287,500
Property Taxes	Circuit breaker revenue loss is up 216% between 2021 and 2022.	\$2,900,000
P&C Insurance	Insurance on our buildings and people has increased 20% YOY.	\$172,933

Financial Challenges

Area	Description	Amount
Utilities	Electric rate increases (26%) are driven primarily by input charges passed through by our provider.	\$1,000,000
Transportation	School Buses prices have increased \$30,000 (25%) per bus compared to this time last year.	\$360,000
Technology	iPad prices have increased 25%.	\$200,000

Financial Challenges

- The employment market remains very tight for both certified and support staff.
- Since late 2021, we have used ESSER funds to temporarily increase support staff pay, but the temporary increase cannot be sustained with current funding.
- Insurance benefits remain a primary selling point for our district.

Financial Challenges

(Source: Gateway.IN.gov)

District	21-22 Average Salary
Lawrence Township	\$66,999
Franklin Township	\$65,260
Indianapolis Public	\$61,926
Southern Hancock	\$59,153
Warren Township	\$56,407
Mount Vernon	\$53,120



Financial Challenges

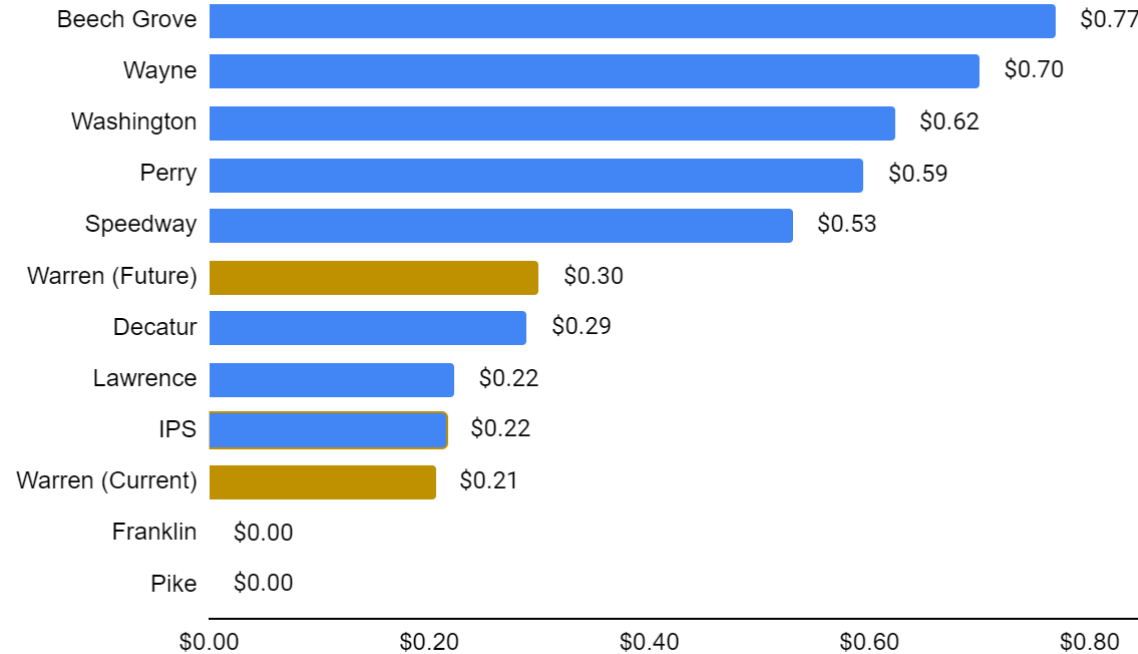
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District	22-23 Starting Salary
Indianapolis Public	\$50,400
Southern Hancock	\$50,000
Lawrence Township	\$48,000
Warren Township	\$47,000
Mount Vernon	\$45,305
Franklin Township	\$44,232

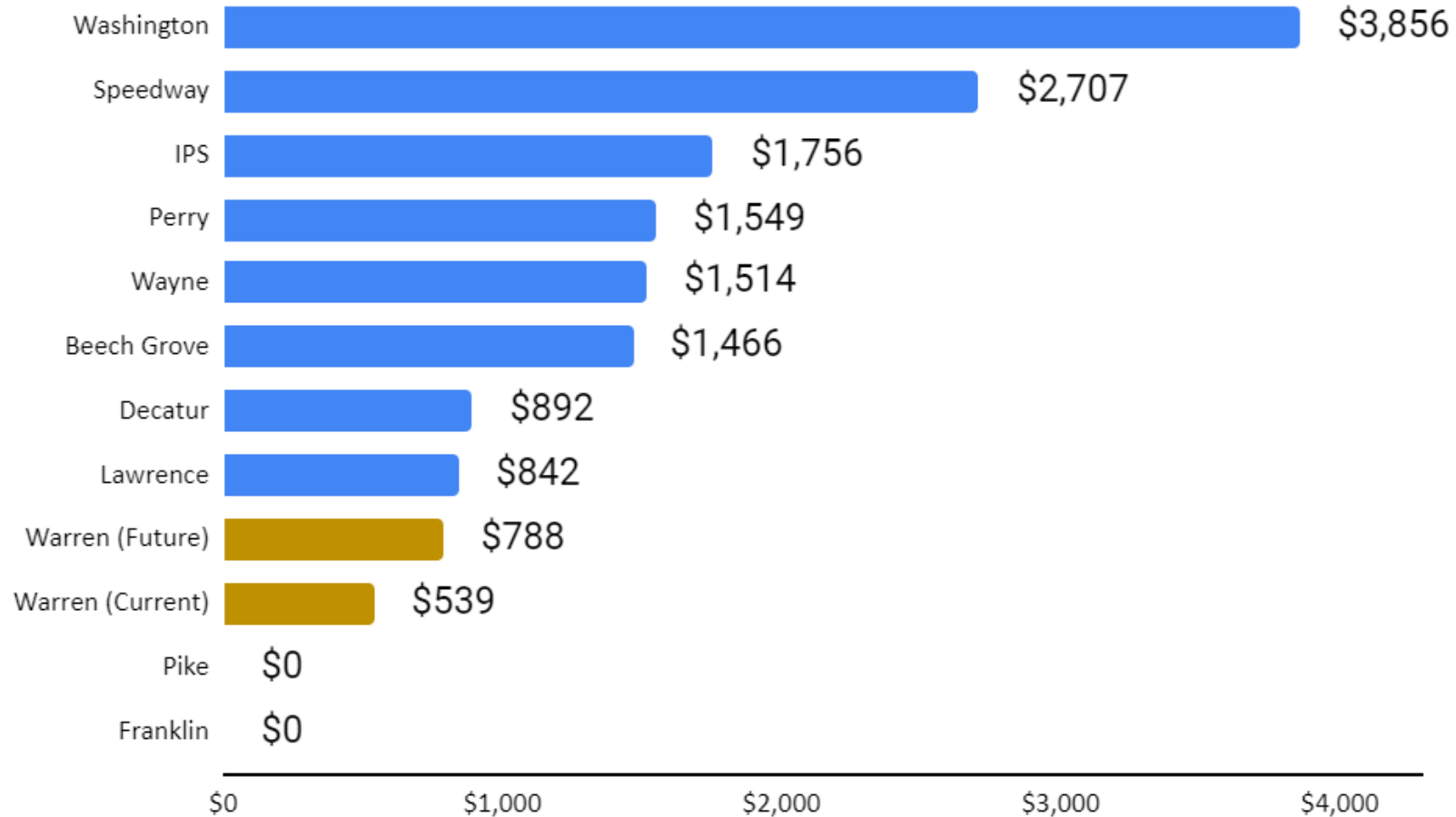


THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
WARREN TOWNSHIP

2022 Referendum tax rate versus peers



2022 Referendum Levy per student



2023 and onward

- The referendum fund is a critical investment from the community in addressing district needs.
- We are asking the community to approve an operating referendum in 2023 to take the place of the 2018 referendum.
- A successful 2023 referendum will allow us to build on our successes and continue programs funded through federal ESSER funding beginning in January 2024.