



# Indiana Coalition for Public Education

Monroe County

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## Why do we need to pass a local referendum to adequately fund our schools?

Governor Mitch Daniels cut \$300 million from public school budgets in late 2009. Overnight, MCCSC lost roughly \$3 million in state revenue. Those funds have never been restored.

With state funding at subsistence levels, Indiana has become a “referendum state.” Passing a referendum is the one local means that communities have to maintain the quality and variety of public school programs.

### How did our community respond to state cuts?

MCCSC voters authorized a six-year referendum in 2010. This funding supports 81 of our district’s teachers (more than 10%) and has enabled our schools to maintain class sizes, extracurricular activities, world language offerings, experiential learning at Honey Creek and Bradford Woods, and alternative high school education. The funding

also supports six new preschool classrooms and staff who provide individual support for literacy.

The 2010 referendum expires at the end of 2016. To maintain this crucial revenue, the MCCSC board of trustees will place a question on the November ballot to continue referendum funding.

### How will the 2016 referendum affect my tax rate?

Passage of the referendum will not increase your property tax rate. The 2016 referendum is for a slightly lower rate than the 2010 referendum, and it will take effect as the 2010 referendum expires.

2010-2016 Referendum Rate: 14.02 cents per \$100 net assessed valuation (AV)\*

2016-2022 Referendum Rate: 11.5 cents per \$100 net AV

\*Because the AV of local property has risen, MCCSC has never taken the full rate, instead averaging 12.80 cents per \$100 net AV.

## Shaky ground for Indiana’s K-12 schools

- 2008: Source of much school funding shifts from property tax to state sales tax, reducing local control
- 2009: State cuts \$300 million from public education
- 2010: Property tax caps reduce funds for schools

**Vote “Yes” for the  
MCCSC referendum  
November 8. Our  
students need you!**