

ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING REFERENDUM 2015

WHY VOTE NO?

Rochester Public Schools is seeking an OPERATING referendum on the November 2015 ballot. In the past 5 years, as our students struggle with test scores and increased class sizes, the district has spent down our reserves to the minimum 6% and spent MILLIONS in consultants, iPads, and administrative pay raises.



BALLOT QUESTION

Increase your property taxes \$15.28/month plus an annual increase at the rate of inflation for 10 years, enabling the district to continue to:

- Spend \$2 MILLION a year for iPad Program
 - Provide administrative compensation increases of 13%
 - Spend over \$4 MILLION a year for consultant fees
 - Increasing the Edison staff is preventing lowering class sizes
- *NOTE: And you will still be assessed a property tax levy yearly with no voter approval. Last year alone was almost 10%.

- 7TH LARGEST DISTRICT
 - #1 BEST SMALL TO MID-SIZE CITY TO LIVE IN THE USA*
- * Are these are reasons to raise your taxes ?

BY DEFEATING THE REFERENDUM, THIS IS WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN

EXAMPLES OF WAYS THE DISTRICT COULD SAVE MONEY

- Eliminate the Assistant Superintendent and other cabinet.
- Staff would negotiate contracts instead of paying consultants.
- Invest in One on One technology only as the budget allows and after proven results.

EXAMPLES OF WAYS STAFF COULD BE REASSIGNED

39 staff members are on *SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT* All these staff members could be reassigned back to classrooms and school administration to reduce class sizes.

EXAMPLES OF WHY CLASS SIZE WOULD NOT HAVE TO INCREASE

- Funding from the state legislature was doubled over the districts projections which now includes an additional \$351.00 in per pupil finding.
- Reduce Edison administrative staff.

CURRENT LEVY SCENARIO

- The average home value in Rochester is \$147,000 compared to one other large district is \$307,000. So comparing Rochester to Metro districts is misleading.
- The district is overspending, test scores are dropping, and our students are not benefitting.
- In addition there is a 3% inflation tax that can be assess every year for 10 years. This is in addition to year levy increases.

**VOTE NO:
NOVEMBER 3
2015**

For more information, visit WWW.ROCHESTERTEAPARTYPATRIOTS.COM
Questions? Send us an email at ROCHESTERTEAPARTY@GMAIL.COM