

Citizens Vote to Raise Property Taxes to Pay for Schools

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A historic amount of school referenda passed in last week's election to meet the challenges school districts face with increasing student needs without adequate state revenue.

MADISON - A little-told story from the recent election is the change happening across Wisconsin as citizens voted to increase their property taxes to pay for local schools.

According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 2018 was another record year for school districts to pass referenda. State law imposes caps on school spending, so voters must approve referenda to exceed their spending limits to fund property tax increases for their local schools.

According to the Department of Public Instruction, citizens approved at least \$1.3 billion more for schools across Wisconsin in last Tuesday's election. These decisions by local voters will result in higher property taxes in the coming years.

