

# SMYRNA

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 15, 2025

## OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM



The Smyrna School District is committed to providing a safe, high-quality education for all students and this operational referendum is essential to achieving that goal. Passage of the referendum provides the district the funds needed to recruit and retain talented teachers, enhance school safety, support current and future programs/extracurricular activities, such as high school band uniforms, clubs and sports at the new middle school, and improve instructional technology for students to keep the promise of one device for each child. Additionally, this funding will help cover rising operational costs, ensuring the district can continue to meet the needs of students and families. Investing in these priorities is crucial to maintaining and improving the educational experience for every child in our community!

### District Priorities



#### WHY IS THE DISTRICT ASKING FOR THIS MONEY?

#### THE MONEY WILL BE USED FOR:

STAFFING	SCHOOL SAFETY	NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL	TECHNOLOGY	PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS
<b>\$5,400,000</b>				

Staff compensation to retain and recruit the best educators for our students

School constables and other safety measures to ensure the safety of students and staff in our district

Support programming and extracurricular activities for our new middle school

Enhance students instructional technology materials & keep promise of one device for each student

Provide band uniforms and other program enhancements for students. Counter rising costs of consumable goods, utilities, and other necessities for day-to-day operations

For more information on the March 15, 2025, operational referendum, visit [www.smyrna.k12.de.us](http://www.smyrna.k12.de.us)

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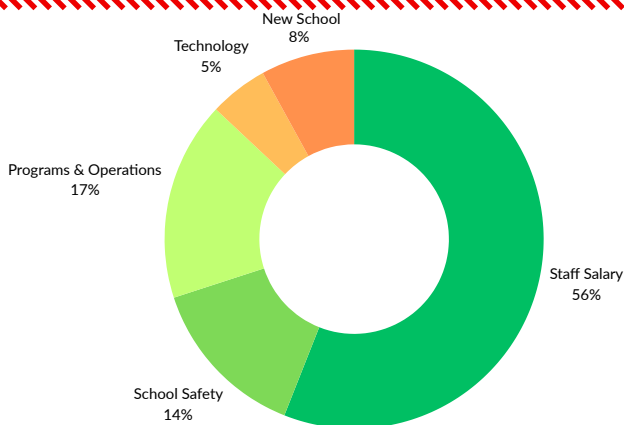




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## TAX IMPACT

- In New Castle County, taxes would increase by \$0.3933 for every \$100 of a property's assessed value.  
\*based on current assessed value
- In Kent County, taxes would increase by \$.0924 for every \$100 of a property's assessed value.



## FAQs

### What is an operating referendum?

The Smyrna School District is asking for an increase in property taxes to provide funding for important school programs, staffing, and operational costs. The additional funding will ensure that our schools can continue to provide safe, high-quality education to all students.

### What if the referendum does not pass?

If the referendum is not approved, the district will face budget shortfalls, which could result in cuts to programs, staffing issues, and other resources that directly impact students and staff.

### Why does the district need more funding?

- The funding will support:
- Hiring and keeping talented teachers and staff
  - Enhancing school safety
  - Supporting programs and extracurricular activities at the new middle school
  - Improving technology for students and classrooms
  - Purchasing new high school band uniforms and instruments

### How do I vote?

All district residents, 18 years or older, are eligible to vote on **March 15, 2025**, from 7am-8pm.

Voting locations include:

Smyrna Elementary School, Clayton Intermediate School, Kenton Ruritan Club, Smyrna Middle School, Sunnyside Elementary School

## Learn More



Visit our website:  
smyrna.k12.de.us



Contact the District:  
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Attend a **Vote For Community Meeting**  
February 12, 2025, 6pm Central Office  
March 11, 2025, 7pm Smyrna Middle