



**Greater Waunakee Area Chamber of Commerce Official Endorsement of
November 5th, 2024, Waunakee Community School District Referendum**

The Waunakee Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has reviewed and understood the upcoming Waunakee Community School District referendum. We recommend to the membership and to the community to vote YES in favor of the referendum based on the following factors:

- The requested funding is essential to maintaining the district's current quality of education. After reviewing the facts, we believe the district provides excellent value for the cost per student. Without the funding, maintaining the current quality would be extremely challenging.
- The district's exceptional education is essential to attracting families to the community, boosting the essential customer base for local businesses. Passing the referendum will help to ensure the district can continue delivering this high level of quality.
- Studies show that strong communities and strong public-school education go hand in hand. The benefits of a quality school system include attracting businesses to a community, maintaining and increasing property values, providing a qualified workforce, lowering crime rates, and expanding service and partnerships between students, schools, and the community. These studies also indicate such benefits apply to all members of a community, not just those with school-aged children.

For these reasons, the Waunakee Area Chamber of Commerce recommend a YES vote in favor of the referendum.

For more information:

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Sincerely,

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