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Pittsville, WI –Community members of the Pittsville School District (PSD) have approved a \$6.7 million referendum to build a new CTE Facility, replace the Elementary School Primary Wing roof, and purchase a new boiler for the High School. Official results of 746 - YES to 623 - NO reflect ballots cast at the polls on April 7 and by absentee through the April 13 deadline.

Community approval of the referendum follows efforts by the Board and administration to engage residents, confirm priorities for Pittsville schools, and shape solutions to address aging facilities and outdated career, technical and agriculture program space and equipment. In recent months the District has worked to broadly communicate program goals, a conceptual CTE Facility design, and the cost of a not-to-exceed, \$6.7 million referendum. Owners of a \$100,000 property will see a maximum increase over current school tax levels of \$20 on their December 2020 tax bill. In subsequent years (2022-2035), the increase over current school tax levels is estimated at \$13 annually for \$100,000 of property value.

“We are grateful for the support of our community and their recognition of the opportunity CTE provides to Pittsville students,” shared PSD Superintendent, Rodney Figueroa. “At the same time, we remain highly aware of the critical health and economic concerns across our nation. Balancing our priorities for both require focus on our current realities while projecting forward in a responsible manner,” added Superintendent Figueroa. Other factors shared that provided legitimate momentum for the \$6.7 million project included the practical needs of aging facilities, increasing construction costs, historically low interest rates, and the opportunity to extend work to qualified trades and suppliers at a critical time in the economy.

With the community's vote of support, the School Board and administration will set preliminary design, bid and construction meetings with the Design-Build Firm of Keller, Inc. in the coming weeks. The District will maintain its commitment to providing comprehensive and timely information to all residents. Visit www.pittsville.k12.wi.us to learn more.

Our best for their best.
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