



## KINNIKINNICK CCSD #131 REFERENDUM INFORMATION

### **These are the facts:**

- Kinnikinnick's current tax rate is the **lowest** combined elementary and high school tax rate in Boone and Winnebago county (11<sup>th</sup> out of 11).
  - Kinnikinnick hasn't passed a tax referendum in 16 years.
  - Kinnikinnick spends \$7,757 per student, while the State Average is \$11,842 per student.
  - Kinnikinnick has the **lowest operating cost** of the other Hononegah feeder schools.
  - Kinnikinnick has the lowest operating cost per student compared to other large elementary K-8 districts and still produces similar achievement scores.
  - Kinnikinnick home values are the highest in the area.
- The following factors continue to erode the high quality education which has defined Kinnikinnick:
    - State funding (General State Aid) has been reduced 11%.
    - State funding for transporting our students to and from school (which is required by the state) has been reduced by 42%.
    - Federal contributions to the No Child Left Behind programs have been reduced by \$97,420 in the past four years.
    - Since 2008, **a total of \$2,901,937 of federal and state revenues have been cut** that help pay for the programs that positively impact our students' education in the district.
  - Kinnikinnick CCSD #131 has tackled these financial challenges:
    - Spending on average \$460,627 out of the District reserves each year for the past five years to maintain a quality education.
    - Multiple reductions have been made since 2002.
    - Personnel expenditures are back to the 2009 budgeted levels.
  - The Board of Education has placed a referendum question on the **March 18, 2014** primary election ballot to maintain the quality of education for our students and the Kinnikinnick community.

***What does this mean to a \$100,000 household?*** An additional \$269 dollars more a year phased in over two years. (Year 1= \$159 & Year 2= \$110)

***Our goal is to continue to provide our students a quality learning environment with educational and extracurricular programming that will keep the Kinnikinnick District students moving forward toward their dreams!***