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BASD VOTERS DID NOT APPROVE EITHER REFERENDUM QUESTION

Berlin, WI: Voters in the Berlin Area School District did not approve either of the two referendum questions on the April 4th spring election ballot.

The first question was a non-recurring operational referendum that would have allowed the district to exceed its state-set revenue limit by \$2.5 million each year for five years beginning with the 2023-24 school year. The money would have been used to pay for operating expenses in the district including such items as transportation, staff salaries, and curricular materials.

The second question was a capital referendum that would have given the district the authority to borrow \$20 million to pay for high priority facility improvement projects. Most of those projects were slated for the 60 year-old Clay Lamberton Elementary School with a few additional projects in other areas of the district.

“While we are disappointed with the election outcome, we are pleased that we had this opportunity to inform the district residents about the incredible work being done in our schools,” said Dr. Emmett Durtschi, Superintendent. “We hope to use this information campaign as a springboard for continued dialogue with our stakeholders going forward.”

“The Board would like to thank district residents for taking the time to vote,” noted Catherine Kujawa, BASD School Board President. “We have more work to do to ensure the district continues to provide a high quality education for all of our community’s children.”

The Board of Education will review the results of the election and decide on next steps.