

TRI-CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION
2055 EAST COMMERCIAL AVENUE
LOWELL, INDIANA 46356

RESOLUTION #2026-04

REQUESTING PROPERTY TAX OPERATION LEVY REFERENDUM
TO BE HELD AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 20-46-1 authorizes a school corporation to place a referendum on the ballot to impose a referendum tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the Tri-Creek School Corporation (the "School Corporation") has considered and deliberated as to the need to enact a referendum tax levy to carry out its public education duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the placement of a referendum on the ballot to impose a referendum tax levy pursuant to Indiana Code 20-46-1 at the general election on November 3, 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines that the School Corporation cannot, in a calendar year, carry out its public education duty unless it imposes a referendum tax levy under Indiana Code 20-46-1;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the public question to be submitted to the voters shall be in compliance with the form proscribed by Indiana Code 20-46-1-10 existing on this date, in the form as follows:

Shall Tri-Creek School Corporation increase property taxes paid to the school corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of replacing lost property tax revenue, funding bus transportation, student programs, and school safety by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed seventeen and thirty-eight hundredths cents (\$0.1738) and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000)? If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of \$300,000, the property's annual property tax bill would increase by \$245 per year. The most recent operating referendum public question proposed by the school corporation was held in 2023 and failed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Indiana Code 20-46-1-8(b), the Secretary of this Board is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance, the Lake County Clerk, and the Lake County Auditor

(for informational purposes only) in order to have the public question placed upon the ballot of the general election on November 3, 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and the Executive Director of Business Operations are authorized and directed to incorporate any updates or changes that the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance requires and resubmit the ballot language for approval on behalf of the Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. that the revenue spending plan for the proceeds of the referendum tax levy presented to the Board is hereby approved and adopted by this Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the requirements of Indiana Code 20-46-1-21(a)(1), a minimal portion of the funds generated from the referendum tax levy will be shared or distributed to a charter school; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Members of the Board, the Superintendent, and the Executive Director of Business Operations of the School Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to take all lawful steps necessary and prudent to gain passage of this resolution at general election on November 3, 2026.

Adopted this 16th day of June, 2026



Andrew J. Laub. President
Board of School Trustees
Tri-Creek School Corporation

Witnessed and Certified by



Amber D. Miller, Secretary
Board of School Trustees
Tri-Creek School Corporation

CERTIFICATION
OF
RESOLUTION REQUESTING OPERATING FUND REFERENDUM

Indiana Department of Local Government Finance
Indianapolis, Indiana

Lake County Clerk
Crown Point, Indiana

Lake County Auditor
Crown Point, Indiana

The undersigned duly elected and serving Secretary of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Tri-Creek School Corporation (the "School") hereby certifies that attached hereto is a copy of the signed resolution adopted on June 16, 2026, requesting that an operating fund referendum be held at the general election on November 3, 2026, pursuant to Indiana Code 20-46-1. Upon approval of the ballot language by the Department of Local Government Finance, the School hereby requests by the County Clerk to certify the public question to the Lake County Election Board pursuant to Indiana Code 20-46-1-12 prior to the August 1, 2026, deadline.

Dated this June 17, 2026



Amber D. Miller, Secretary
Board of School Trustees
Tri-Creek School Corporation