

Community Connections



*Building Strong Foundations
for a Successful Future*

From Superintendent Teresa Dupre | November 1, 2016

Dear Rush City Community Members:

As I write to you we are in the process of making plans for fan buses that will travel to Duluth on Wednesday to support our volleyball team and to Esko on Thursday to support our football team. A very exciting week in the history of Rush City Schools! Please contact our High School Office at 320-358-4795 if you would like more information about the fan buses. I also wanted to mention that our teams have benefited from funds raised through RC Club and 50/50 fundraising at games to support the use of coach buses for their transport. We thank our community for the donations. Please note no general funds were used for the coach buses.



The other exciting news in the history of Rush City Schools is that in one week we will know the results of the Operating Referendum you will be voting on. As a final reminder here are some details you may find helpful as you head to the polls.

The question on the ballot will be asking for \$700.00 per student over 7 years. This translates into cost for taxpayers of about \$14.00 per month on a property value of \$100,000.00. Agriculture property is taxed in the value of the home, garage, and one acre of land.

The district cut over \$240,000.00 in teachers, paraprofessionals, supplies and staff development last year. The Operating Referendum will provide the financial support to reinstate the cuts, plus fully fund our curriculum materials and staff development needs which have been cut steadily over the past few years. In addition to reinstated previously cut funding we will be able to add a counselor at the elementary school, additional classes at the high school which will help better prepare our students for their future, attract and retain high quality staff, enhance and sustain safety and security, and continue with technology upgrades. The total low estimate cost of reinstatements and additions is about \$560,000.00 per year. The total revenue from the operating referendum will bring in about \$660,000.00 per year.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me directly via email at tdupre@rushcity.k12.mn.us or call 320-358-4855.

You will also be receiving an official notice about the ballot question in the mail within the next day or two.

Thank you for ALL your support and I do encourage you to get out and vote on November 8th.

Kindest Regards,

Teresa