

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
ROBYN VINING
13TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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96 Of 99 State Assembly Representatives Have School Districts Pushed To Referendum Since 2024

MADISON— 96 of the 99 State Representatives serving in the State Assembly represent at least one school district that has gone to referendum since 2024. Failure to adequately fund the schools is pushing school districts to referendum, and forcing taxpayers into a difficult choice whether or not to fund their schools by raising their own taxes. These referendums are occurring as the cost of living is becoming more and more unaffordable for Wisconsinites—all the while the State of Wisconsin has a \$4B+ surplus. Rep. Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) released the following statement in response:

“96 of the 99 State Representatives have school districts that have gone to referendum since 2024. That means nearly every single lawmaker in the State Assembly—Democrat and Republican—represents a district with at least one school referendum proposed in 2024 or 2025. 92 Assembly Districts have school districts with 1 or more passed referendum/s, and 4 Assembly Districts have school districts with 1 or more failed referendum/s. Only 3 Assembly Districts have school districts that have not proposed a referendum in 2024 or 2025.

“Multiple Republican lawmakers represent Assembly Districts that have gone to referendum over 20 times since 2024, the highest being 25. That is 25 times constituents in one Assembly district have been asked to raise their property taxes to fund the schools in less than two years.

“One of the top two issues the Joint Finance Committee heard about at the statewide state budget listening tour was funding public schools. School districts across the state have been waving their hands in the air for years, and now taxpayers are screaming—understandably—to end this cycle of referendums that is rooted in about a decade and a half of the state legislature underfunding Wisconsin’s public schools.

“So, how do we end this cycle of school referendums? We fund the schools in the state budget that is being written right now. We increase the special education reimbursement rate to 90%, and we index per-pupil funding to inflation. We as a legislature need to take action to ensure our schools have the state funding they need to provide our students with the constitutionally guaranteed education they deserve.

“This isn’t a Republican v. Democrat issue across Wisconsin, so it shouldn’t be a Democrat v. Republican issue in Madison! Let’s represent our districts well and propose adequate funding for our public schools to move Wisconsin Forward, together.”

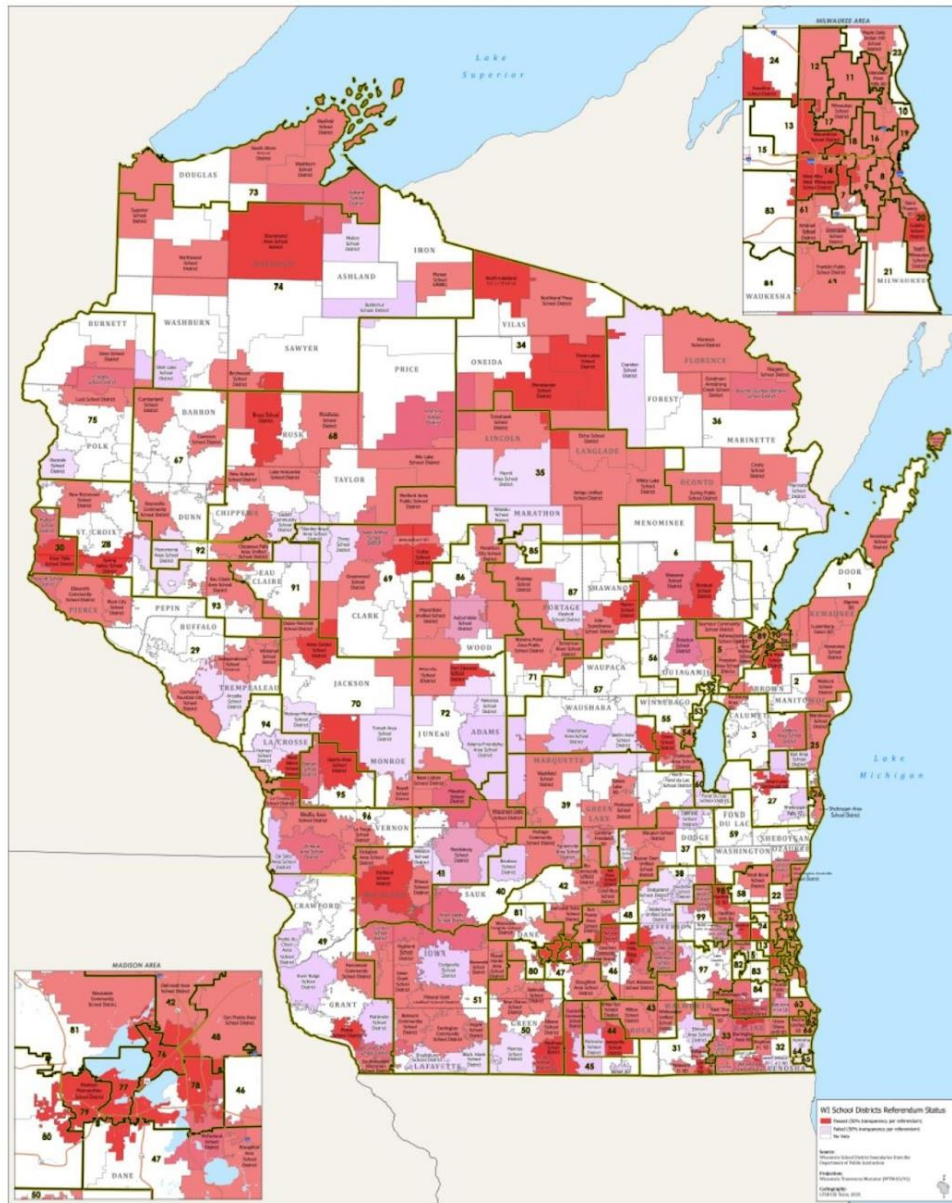
Rep. Vining represents the 13th Assembly District, which includes Elm Grove, and parts of Wauwatosa and Brookfield. For more information visit Rep. Vining’s website [here](http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/13/vining).



School District Referendum Results

Spring 2024, Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Elections

STATE OF WISCONSIN



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Red: School districts with passed referendums. The deeper the red, the more referendums passed in that district—that's right, some districts have passed more than one referendum in 2024 and 2025. (I represent one of them.)

Purple: School districts with failed referendums

White space: No referendums proposed

Assembly District lines and numbers provided. All data compiled by the nonpartisan Legislative Reference Bureau and mapped by the nonpartisan Legislative Technical Services Bureau.

District	Representative	Passed	Failed	Total	District	Representative	Passed	Failed	Total
51	Todd Novak	14	11	25	56	David Murphy	4	2	6
41	Tony Kurtz	12	11	23	61	Bob Donovan	6	0	6
39	Alex Dallman	13	9	22	73	Angela Stroud	5	1	6
49	Travis Tranel	9	13	22	3	Ron Tusler	2	3	5
33	Robin Vos	10	9	19	14	Angelito Tenorio	5	0	5
68	Rob Summerfield	11	8	19	20	Christine Sinicki	5	0	5
46	Joan Fitzgerald	14	4	18	60	Jerry O'Connor	0	5	5
74	Chanz Green	11	6	17	78	Sheila Stubbs	4	1	5
69	Karen Hurd	12	4	16	91	Jodi Emerson	3	2	5
38	William Penterman	8	7	15	5	Joy Goeben	4	0	4
40	Karen DeSanto	8	7	15	26	Joe Sheehan	1	3	4
97	Cindi Duchow	7	8	15	71	Vincent Miresse	3	1	4
42	Maureen McCarville	12	2	14	80	Mike Bare	4	0	4
50	Jenna Jacobson	10	4	14	88	Benjamin Franklin	4	0	4
70	Nancy VanderMeer	10	4	14	92	Clint Moses	2	2	4
32	Amanda Nedweski	7	6	13	7	Karen Kirsch	3	0	3
99	Barbara Dittrich	5	8	13	9	Priscilla Prado	3	0	3
31	Tyler August	8	4	12	10	Darrin Madison	3	0	3
34	Rob Swearingen	10	2	12	12	Russell Goodwin	3	0	3
35	Calvin Callahan	8	4	12	18	Margaret Arney	3	0	3
96	Tara Johnson	8	4	12	22	Paul Melotik	3	0	3
29	Treig Pronschinske	9	2	11	23	Deb Andraca	3	0	3
36	Jeffrey Mursau	8	3	11	24	Daniel Knodl	3	0	3
37	Mark Born	6	5	11	55	Nate Gustafson	3	0	3
57	Kevin Petersen	5	6	11	58	Rick Gundrum	2	1	3
72	Scott Krug	5	6	11	89	Ryan Spaude	3	0	3
25	Paul Tittl	4	6	10	93	Christian Phelps	2	1	3
45	Clinton Anderson	5	5	10	4	David Steffen	2	0	2
63	Robert Wittke	6	4	10	13	Robyn Vining	2	0	2
84	Chuck Wichgers	5	5	10	21	Jessie Rodriguez	2	0	2
95	Jill Billings	7	3	10	76	Francesca Hong	2	0	2
28	Rob Kreibich	7	2	9	77	Renuka Mayadev	2	0	2
44	Ann Roe	6	3	9	79	Lisa Subeck	2	0	2
47	Randy Udell	7	2	9	83	Dave Maxey	2	0	2
48	Andrew Hysell	7	2	9	8	Sylvia Ortiz-Velez	1	0	1
59	Robert Brooks	6	3	9	11	Sequanna Taylor	1	0	1
87	Brent Jacobson	7	2	9	16	Kalan Haywood	1	0	1
6	Elijah Behnke	7	1	8	17	Supreme Moore Omokunde	1	0	1
27	Lindee Brill	2	6	8	19	Ryan Clancy	1	0	1
30	Shannon Zimmerman	6	2	8	54	Lori Palmeri	1	0	1
67	David Armstrong	5	3	8	62	Angelina Cruz	1	0	1
75	Duke Tucker	4	4	8	64	Tip McGuire	0	1	1
86	John Spiros	6	2	8	65	Ben DeSmidt	0	1	1
94	Steve Doyle	4	4	8	66	Greta Neubauer	1	0	1
98	Jim Piwowarczyk	5	3	8	85	Patrick Snyder	0	1	1
2	Shae Sortwell	7	0	7	90	Amaad Rivera-Wagner	1	0	1
81	Alex Joers	5	2	7	52	Lee Snodgrass	0	0	0
1	Joel Kitchens	6	0	6	53	Dean Kaufert	0	0	0
15	Adam Neylon	4	2	6	82	Scott Allen	0	0	0
43	Brienne Brown	6	0	6					