OPERATING REFERENDUM
ADOPTION DISCUSSION

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Since the Board approved a $315 million operating referendum, IPS and the Indy Chamber have continued negotiations. Common ground has been reached at $220 million over an 8 year period.
Proposed Indy Chamber Agreement

Difference in Financial Assumptions

IPS has agreed to make more aggressive and risky assumptions about potential savings, while the Chamber has accepted that IPS had reasonable concerns about some projected savings.

Summary of $95 million additional assumed savings

1. Transportation: $31 million
2. Facilities: $47 million
3. Food Service: $17 million
Tradeoffs for additional savings

- Additional school closures
- Compromised transportation service quality, continuity and safety risks
- Potential insufficient cash balances and credit ratings risk

Revenue Considerations

- Optimistic state revenue forecast
- No cushion for economic downturn reducing assessed valuation
Proposed Indy Chamber Agreement

Commitments from the Indy Chamber:

• Endorse an operating referendum in the amount of $220M over 8 years.
• Fund additional team members for IPS who are tasked with seeking to realize proposed efficiencies through changes in IPS operations.
• Partner with the district to explore additional referenda if proposed savings aren’t realized.
Without referendum funds, IPS could be forced to:

**FREEZE** teacher and employee compensation and reduce 260 teachers.

Significantly **REDUCE** educational programs for students.

**REDUCE** the quality of some services for students with special needs.

**REDUCE** transportation services.
WITH additional taxpayer dollars, IPS will:

**CONTINUE** on its path of **progress**.

Significantly **RAISE** pay for teachers.

**CONTINUE TO PROVIDE** excellent academic offerings.

**CONTINUE** to provide **excellent services** to students with special needs.