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JEFFERSON — The Jefferson School District will offer community listening sessions for people to learn more about the upcoming four-year \$5.6 million operational referendum on the Nov. 5 ballot.

“The funding provided through the proposed referendum would help the district avoid significant cuts to programs, services, and staffing,” a release issued by the district Tuesday states.

There will be three evening community listening sessions at Jefferson High School, 700 W. Milwaukee St. The first one will be on Sept. 23 at 5 p.m. The second will be Oct. 8 at 5:30 p.m. The last one will be Oct. 21 at 5 p.m.

“Each session will be a valuable learning opportunity, providing community members with a chance to ask questions and hear about the state of public school funding in Wisconsin. That is, why are so many public school districts in Wisconsin using ballot initiatives to request permission for operational referendums?” the release states.

“We will talk through what a mill rate means and the state of Wisconsin’s system to fund public schools and the voucher program, empowering you with knowledge and understanding.”

Other district public info sessions

Superintendent Charles Urness will have “Coffee with Charlie” events at 7:15 a.m. on select Fridays through Nov. 1. This Friday, Urness will have his first Coffee with Charlie at the district office, 206 Taft Avenue. There will be one at the district office, 206 Taft Ave. on Aug. 30. The following one will be Sept. 27 at the Brickhaus, 126 E. Milwaukee St. Then he will have another at Gaugert’s, 141 Main St., in Sullivan on Oct. 11. On Oct. 18, the event will be at 4 Sisters Restaurant, 149 Collins Rd. The last one scheduled is the one on Nov. 1 in the district office.

In addition, there will also be “Lunch and Learn” sessions. There will be Lunch and Learn sessions in the conference room at the district office at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 6, Oct. 4 and Oct. 28. There will also be a Chamber of Commerce Lunch and Learn on Sept. 20 at 11:30 at a location yet to be determined.

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