

Investing in our Future!

# REFERENDUM RENEWAL

for Southwest Allen County Schools



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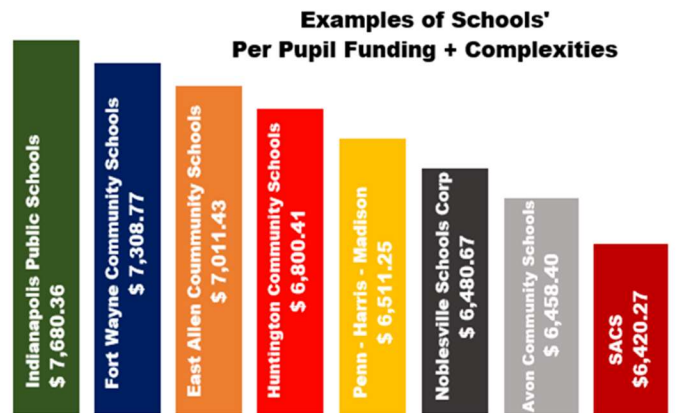
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Since 1985, Southwest Allen County Schools has been operating with the assistance of a taxpayer-supported operating referendum. The current referendum, supported in 2009 and again by 72% of voters in 2016, must be renewed every \*eight years. (\*Indiana Code was updated in 2021, and after this year's renewal, the referendum renewal will move to an eight-year cycle).

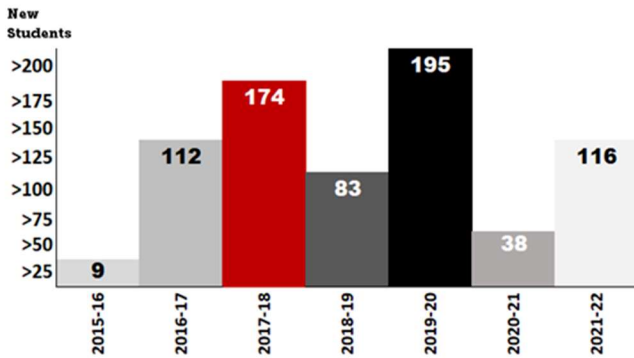
## State funding

The state determines a fixed funding for all public schools based on a per-pupil basis. Schools may be eligible for extra complexity funding. Additional monies are then added to the per pupil amount.

In 2022, of the 372 school corporations and charter schools receiving money from the State's Education Fund, SACS ranks #355: 95% of Indiana schools receive more funding than SACS.



## The need is now...



**727** New SACS Students Since 2015-2016

**2100** New HOMES Planned for our district in the next 3 years

Southwest Allen County has grown exponentially since 2009. The growth of 727 new students, coupled with years of inflation outpacing funding increases from state and federal sources, has placed increasing pressure on SACS budgets.

SACS has managed these challenges for years with the help of the current referendum but SACS has determined, and the **Yes! for SACS** PAC agrees, more funding is needed to retain and recruit exceptional teachers, maintain small class sizes, increase safety and wellness services, and remain a sought-after school district and community.

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