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Shawano Gov. Schools Seek to Increase Debt to \$43.3 Million

Shawano, WI – Taxpayers United of America (TUA) urges Shawano School District taxpayers to **VOTE NO** on the \$14 million property tax increase referendum November 3, 2015.

“Government school bureaucrats in Shawano suffer from the same policies that are destroying cities across the country...borrow, spend, rinse, repeat!” stated Jim Tobin, TUA president and Shawano resident.

“The school district can’t bare to give taxpayers a break by paying off existing debt. Instead, they plan to increase your taxes through new debt of \$14 million to grow their empire. Not to mention they are trying to pull a fast one on us by understating the tax increase on their propaganda and omitting the interest on the debt. Shawano School district’s total debt would climb to \$43.3 million if this referendum is passed.”

“The real reason for the special election is that voter turnout is typically much lower than in a regular election. This gives the bureaucrats the edge because they order the union minions to show up and vote for the referendum. After all, this additional \$14 million in taxpayer expenditures will give plenty of the construction union members more taxpayer-funded jobs.”

“The Shawano School Board bureaucrats have already increased the 2015/2016 budget by \$140,000 and plan on giving an automatic 2% wage increase to all school employees, whether they deserve it or not. I’m guessing that not too many of the taxpayers in Shawano School District have gotten automatic pay increases over the last several years.”

According to the Census Bureau, Shawano County’s per capita income is \$23,500...that’s every man, woman, and child.

“Take a look at the salaries and estimated pensions of the Shawano government teachers and administrators. They are listed on the back of our **VOTE NO** flyer. Do you really think they are underpaid and need another pay increase? The top 8 or so names are all administrators who don’t educate students whatsoever.”

“It’s time for all government employees to understand that when they ask for more money, it is essentially like knocking on their neighbor’s door and demanding a check for \$200 or more! Their employer isn’t some nameless, faceless government entity; they are their neighbors, the taxpayers who employ them and fund their salaries, benefits, and empire building.”

“63% of the Shawano School District operating budget goes to salaries, pensions, and other benefits of government school employees. This is down from about 76%, likely due to Gov. Walker’s reforms requiring teachers to pay into their own pensions.”

“Shawano taxpayers need to defeat this money grab and demand our school bureaucrats live within our means, not to continue to spend beyond what we can afford. They need to learn, once and for all, that the taxpayers refuse to let them treat us like their own personal ATM!”

“**VOTE NO** on the latest money grab on November 3. Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm,” urged Tobin.