

## **259 Vote – FAQs**

### **1. What is the 259 vote?**

This vote would ask the community to approve adding the library's budget as a line on the Jamestown Public Schools' budget.

The library's annual tax would be included on your school tax bill, and no longer be included on your city tax bill.

### **2. When would this vote happen, and where?**

This vote would be an additional ballot measure that you would vote on at the same time as the school budget. Voting will occur in the spring, at the school in your neighborhood.

### **3. Who can vote on this decision?**

Anyone who is a Jamestown resident and who is registered to vote in the general election is eligible to vote on this issue.

### **4. Would the library vote impact the school budget vote?**

No. The vote on the library funding would be a separate line on the ballot.

### **5. If the vote passes, can the library raise the tax in the future?**

No. If the library wanted to increase taxpayer support beyond the current proposed tax, the community would have to approve it just as they approve school budget increases.

### **6. How does the proposed tax rate compare to other libraries' funding?**

Olean Library, which serves a city half the size of Jamestown, has a tax rate of \$1.82/\$1,000 assessed property value.

Prendergast is seeking a tax rate of 23 cents/\$1,000 assessed property value.

Olean Library receives over \$1 million a year in taxpayer support. Prendergast currently receives \$50,000 and is seeking a vote to increase that to \$350,000 a year.