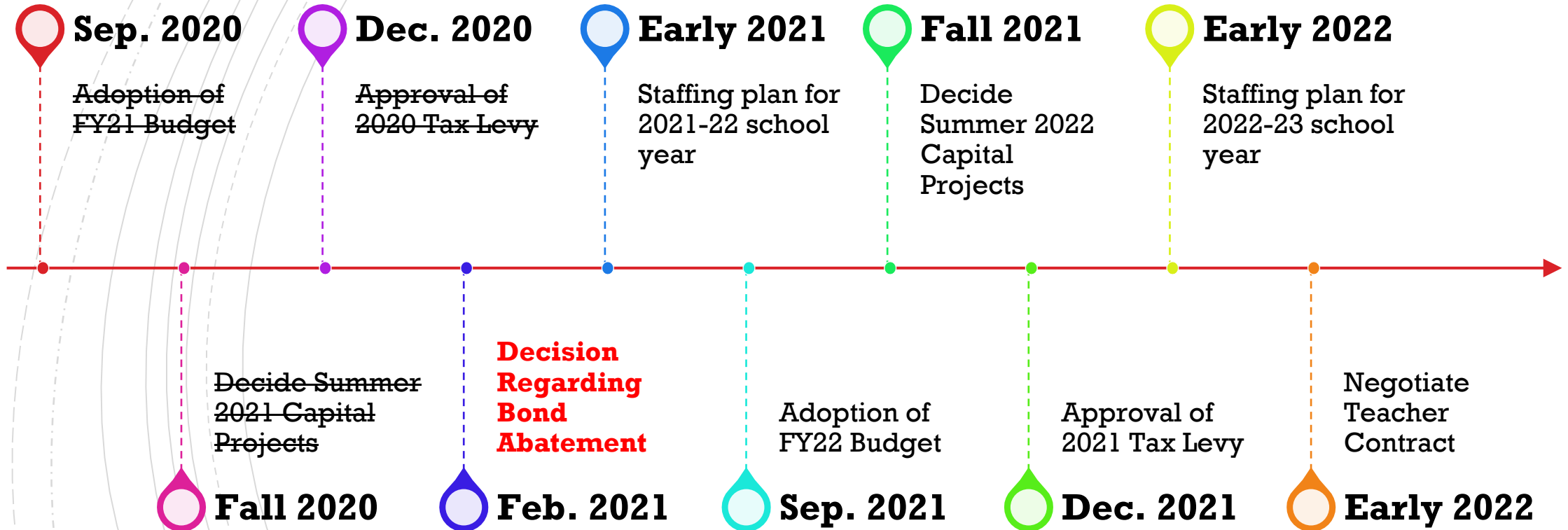


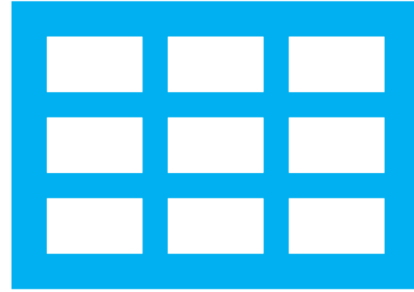


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Consideration of Abatement of Bond Levy**

February 2021

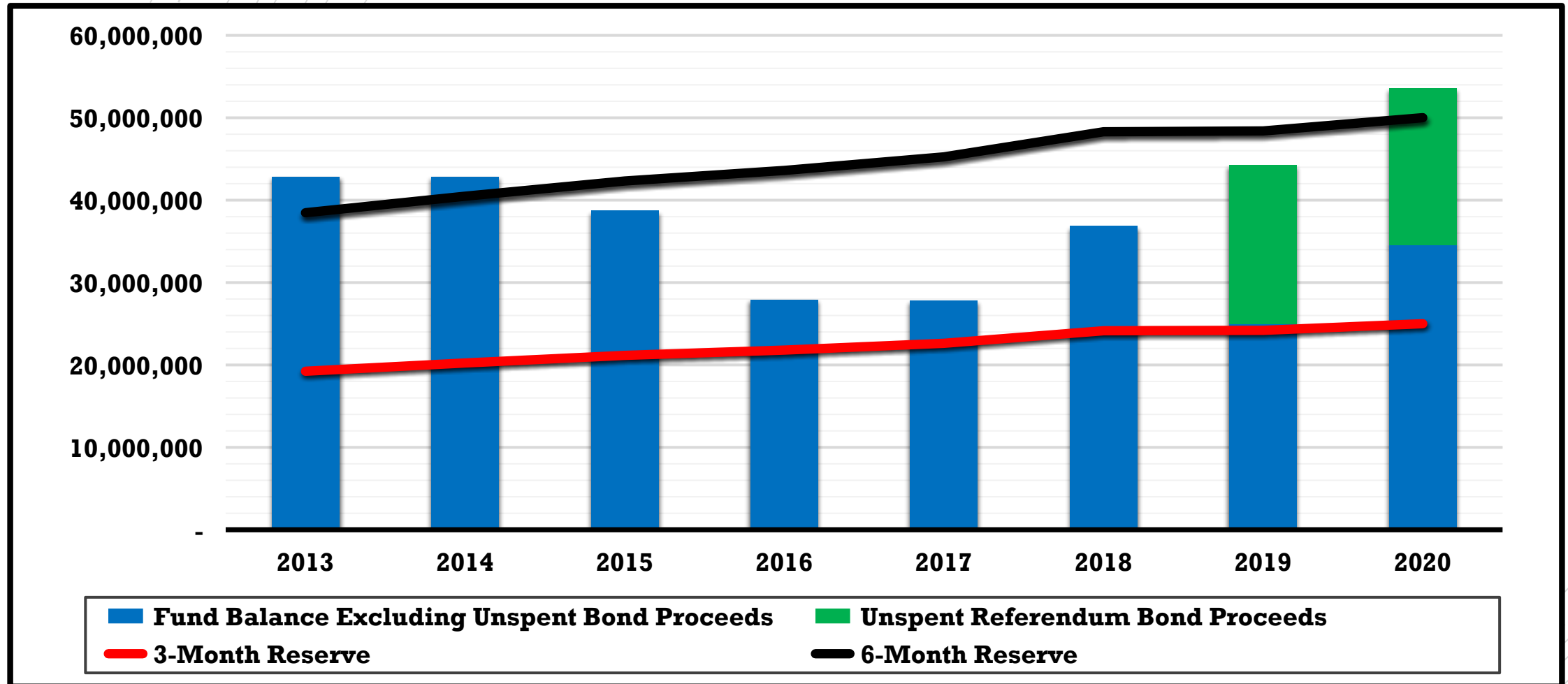
Major Financial Decisions over the Next 24 Months





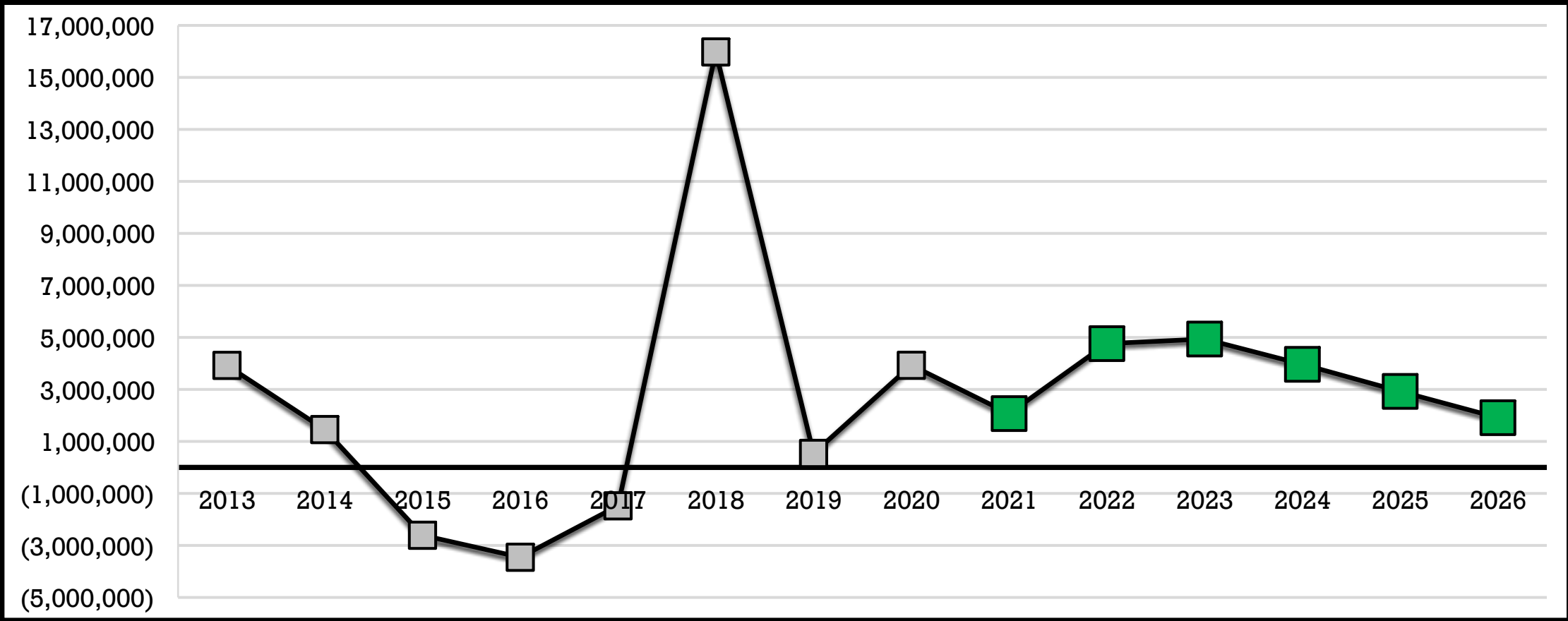
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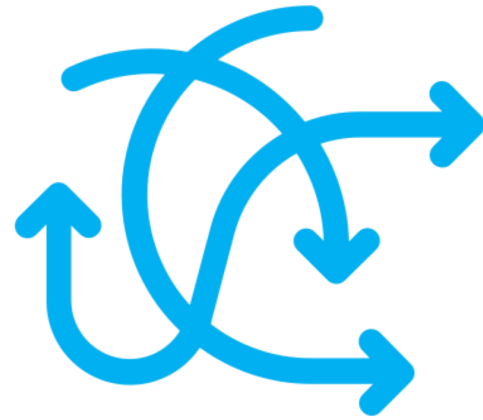
Historical Fund Balances – All Funds



Projected Revenues vs. Expenses (Surplus/Deficits – All Funds) Excluding Five-Year Facility Plan Costs

The District is projected to maintain a structural surplus annually throughout the projection period





Future Challenges to D97

**After Referendum
Projects are
Addressed, the
District Still has
Major Capital Needs**

- The District is expected to exhaust all referendum dollars upon completion of the Summer 2021 capital projects.
 - After this work, the 5-Year Facility Plan includes the following items:
 - Accessibility Improvements \$ 2,100,000
 - Library STEM Project \$ 2,400,000
 - Temperature Controls \$ 1,400,000
 - **Priority B** Life Safety Items* \$ 4,700,000
 - **Priority C** Life Safety Items* \$15,700,000
- TOTAL \$26,300,000**

Priority B (Required) – Items necessary for a safe environment but present less of an immediate hazard to the students. These items must be corrected within five (5) years

Priority C (Recommended) – Items that do not present any immediate hazard to the students and are not required by code. In D97, most items that were priority C during last 10-year survey (2013) will likely fall into priority B on the 2022 survey. Primary items include roof and mechanical repair.

**The State of Illinois'
Fiscal Crisis May
Impact the District's
Future Financial
Condition**

The State is experiencing a major fiscal crisis that began pre-COVID and has dramatically worsened since COVID

- Unpaid bills estimated at \$5.3 billion as of 1/15/21. (over 50,000 vouchers backlogged)
- \$4.3 billion has been borrowed so far from Federal government to fund budget

In order to address the crisis, the State will consider the following actions:

- Pension shift to schools
- Income tax increase paired with a property tax freeze
- Significant reductions in State funding to school districts.

Each of these actions could dramatically harm the District's long-term financial condition



Framing the Question Regarding the Bond Abatement

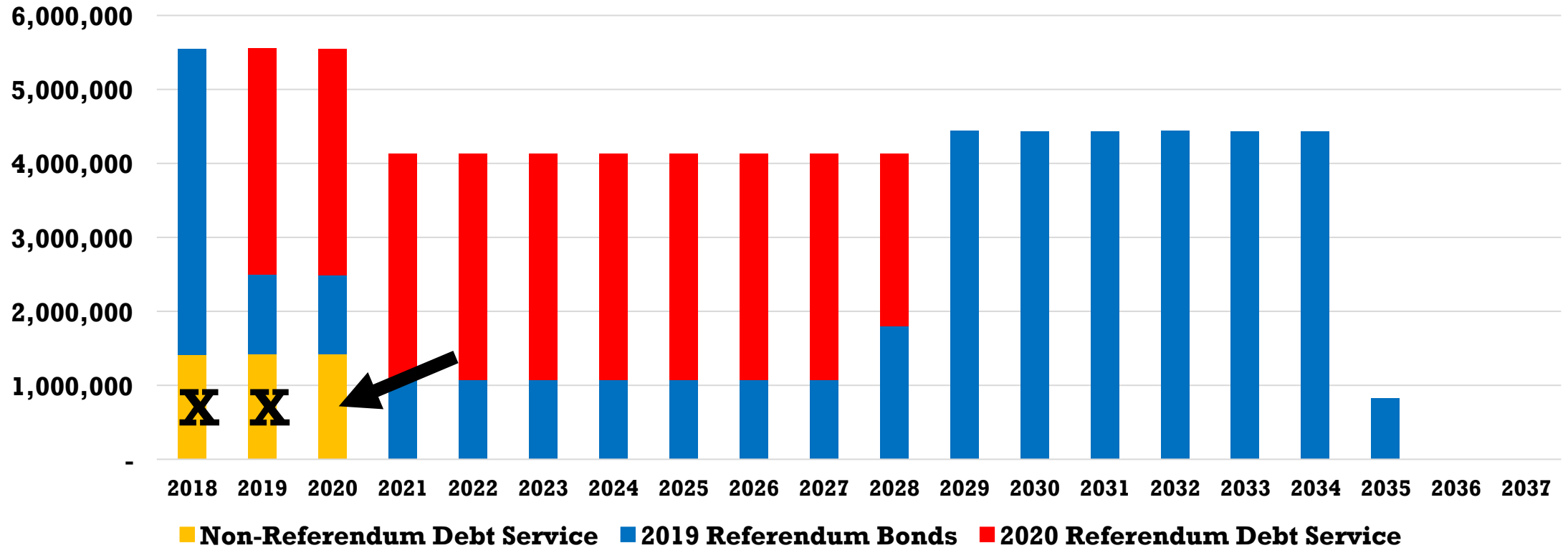
Recent Action Taken to Provide Relief to the D97 Community

- In each of the past two years, the Board has taken action to reduce the bond levy by \$1.4 million. Approval of a third consecutive abatement would result in a cumulative reduction in taxes in excess of \$4 million.
- The Board of Education approved waiving most student fees for the entire 2020-2021 school year with a total fiscal impact of approximately \$420,000.
- The Board of Education approved provided full or partial reimbursement for childcare expenses for all families with income levels below \$100,000. The budget amount allocated for this expense was \$1.4 million.
- Collectively, with the approval of the tax abatement in February 2021, the Board will have authorized the use of \$6 million in fund balances to provide relief to its families and community.

Abate the Final Year of Non-Referendum Debt Service ?

Decision Must be Made by February 2021

Future Tax Levies for Debt Service



**Estimated
Impact to the
Taxpayer
(Assuming
\$400,000 Market
Value Home)**

The abatement of the bond levy would provide approximately \$90 in tax relief on a homeowner with a \$400,000 market value home.

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