

Wausau School District
2024-2025 Budget Hearing
and
Annual Meeting

Longfellow Boardroom
September 23, 2024

2024-2025 Budget Calendar

- May 20, Committee of the Whole
 - Committee approval of the initial 2024-2025 budget
- June 10, Board of Education
 - BOE approval of the initial 2024-2025 budget
- August 26, Committee of the Whole
 - Share equalized value
 - Set Annual Meeting date
 - Recommendation for 2024-2025 budget and tax levy
- September 9, Board of Education
 - Approve the 2024-2025 budget and tax levy for publication and presentation at Annual Meeting
- September 23, Board of Education and Committee of the Whole
 - Regularly scheduled Ed/Ops Committee meeting
 - Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing
- October 14, Board of Education
 - Full Board approvals from September Committee of the Whole
- October 28, Board of Education (Special Meeting)
 - Adopt final budget
 - Adopt District tax levy



School Funding – *Simplified!*

General State Aid Amount

General Fund Levy Amount

Full Revenue Limit—Operational Budget Dollars Available

How much we **spend**
per student in the
General Fund

How much the
State pays

How much
local tax
payers pay

Revenue
Limit

State Aid

Property
Tax Levy

2024-25 Estimated Amounts

\$12,530

\$9,676

\$2,854

77%

23%

*** The impact on individual property taxes varies with home values ***



Estimated Change in Revenue Limit

2023-24 Actual Amounts

Maximum Revenue per Member		Exemptions (Recurring)		Base Revenue per Member
\$11,448	+	\$1	=	\$11,449

2024-25 Estimated Amounts

Base Revenue per Member		Allowed Per Pupil Increase		Maximum Revenue per Member
\$11,449	+	\$325	=	\$11,774

Maximum Revenue per Member		Exemptions Including EEE		Estimated 2024-25 Revenue Limit Per Member
\$11,774	+	\$756 \$0 Recur., \$756 Non-recur.	=	\$12,530



Recommended 2024-25 Budget

- Limited Revenue Available
 - The per-pupil change in the revenue limit goes up by \$325 this year.

YEAR	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
Per-Pupil Increase	\$200	\$200	-\$578	\$50	\$75	\$75	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$175	\$179	\$0	\$0	\$325	\$325
-----ANNUAL PER PUPIL REVENUE LIMIT INCREASES-----																

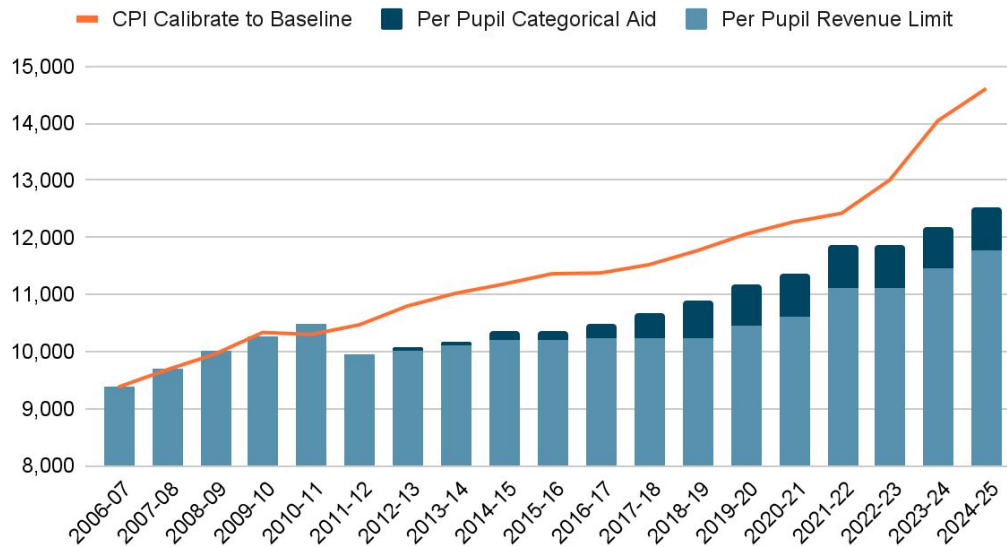
- In recent years per pupil categorical aid had replaced school districts' local revenue limit authority, this appears to be changing.

YEAR	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
Per-Pupil Increase	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$25	\$75	\$0	\$100	\$200	\$204	\$88	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
-----ANNUAL PER PUPIL CATEGORICAL AID INCREASES-----																

Recommendation for 2024-2025 budget

- Two significant assumptions in operational revenue, the revenue limit will increase by \$325, and per pupil categorical aid will remain flat, in the last year of the state biennial budget.
- The 2021 successful referendum did increase the revenue limit by \$500/pupil.

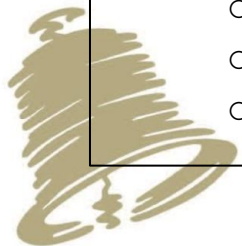
Per Pupil Revenue Limit, Per Pupil Categorical Aid and CPI



Inflation has significantly outpaced revenue

Includes \$500/pupil from 2021 referendum

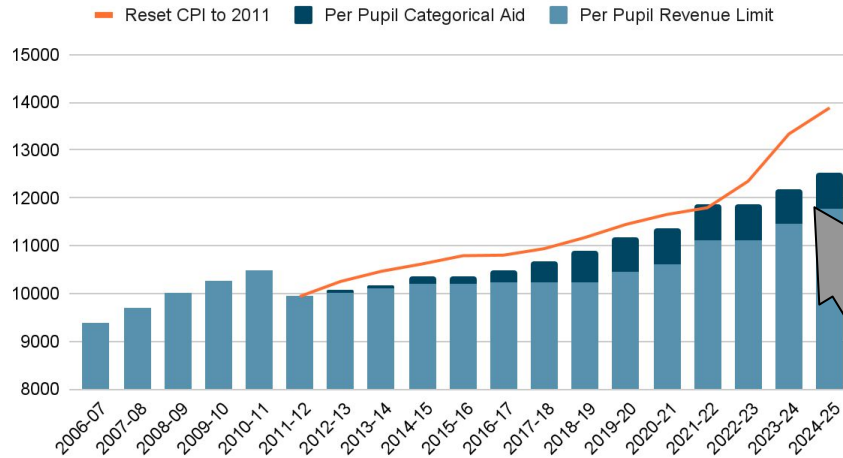
- During the next month the following factors impacting the final budget will be revealed.
 - Final District staffing plan
 - Certified District property value
 - State equalization aid final certification
 - 3rd Friday pupil count certification
 - Wisconsin Parental Choice Program voucher costs



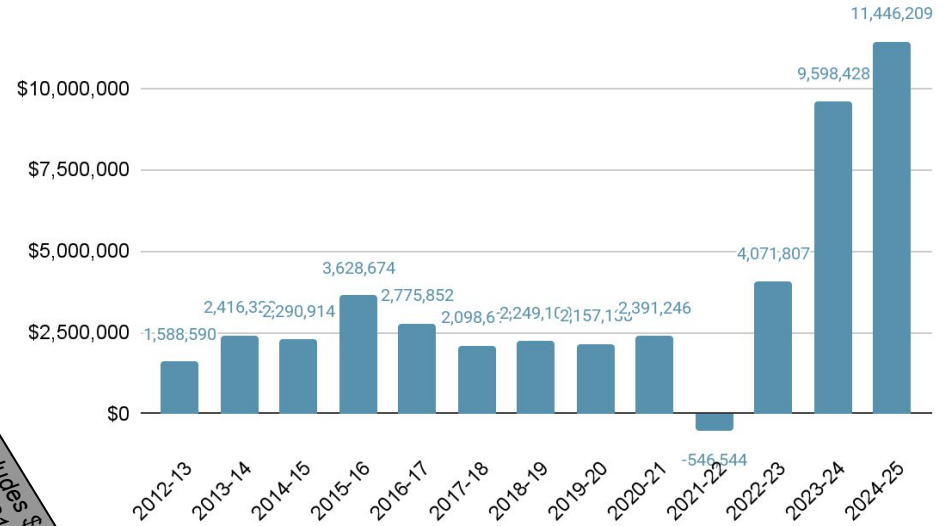
Recommendation for 2024-2025 budget (Revenue fails to keep pace with inflation)

- If the baseline for inflation is reset to 2011, District revenue from the Revenue Limit, Per Pupil Categorical Aid, and the \$4MM 2021 referendum, lags behind inflation considerably.
- This year alone, revenue is over \$11,000,000 behind the inflationary pace.
- The aggregate of these thirteen years represents a deficit of over \$46,000,000.

Per Pupil Revenue Limit, Per Pupil Categorical Aid and CPI



Annual Revenue Deficit Compared to CPI



Includes \$500 pupil from 2021 referendum



Example of School Tax Allocation

General State Aid Amount

General Fund Levy Amount

Full Revenue Limit—Operational Budget Dollars Available

- ESTIMATE* of School Tax Allocation for 2024-25

From the Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue*
(final values available in October)

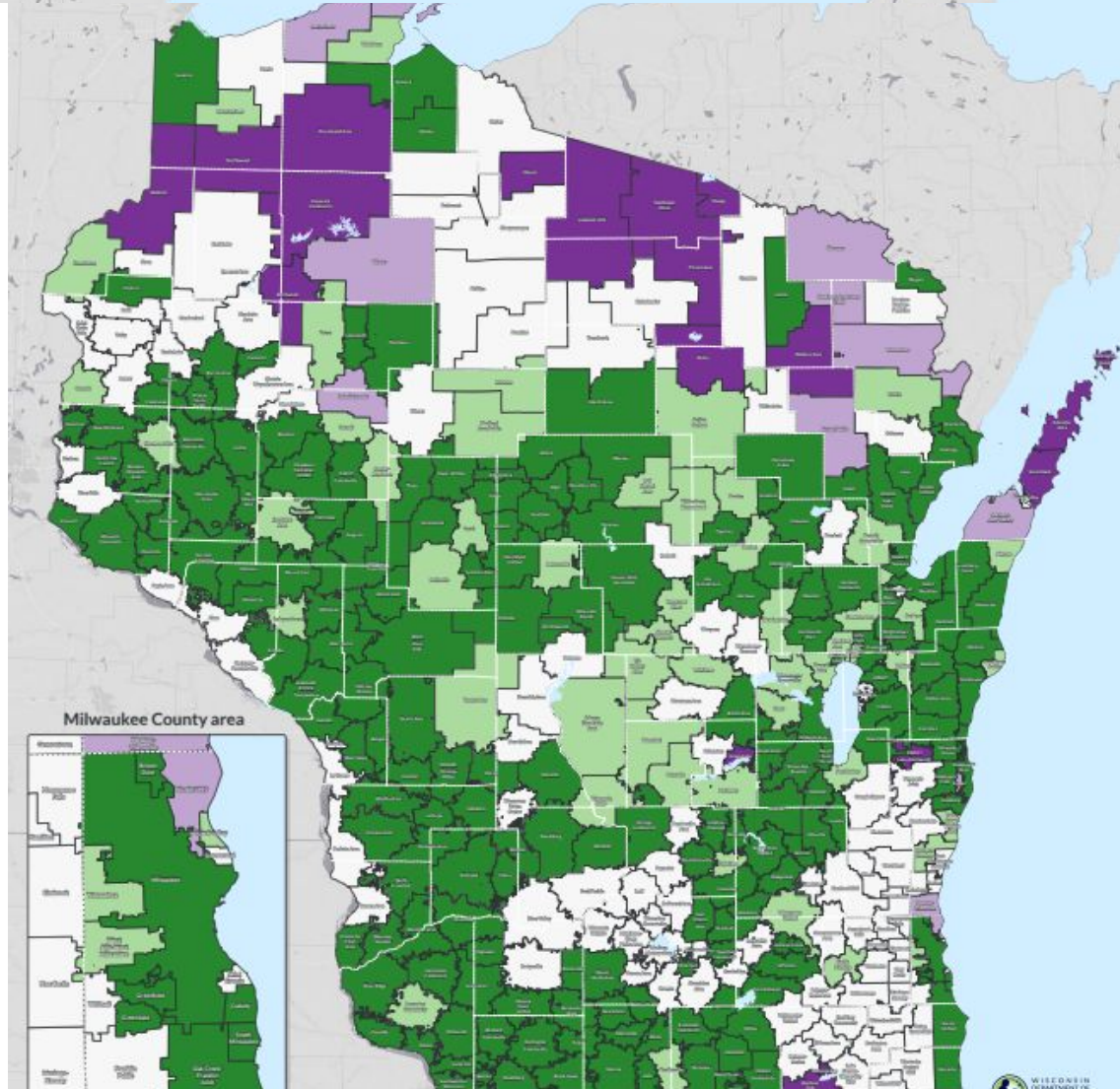
**WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT
TAX APPROPRIATION WORKSHEET FY 2024-25**

	<u>CERTIFIED FULL VALUE</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE</u>	<u>DISTRICT TOTAL</u>	<u>% INCR Prior YR</u>
C. Wausau	\$3,574,956,898	57.87042%	\$ 11,919,911.27	\$ 14,105,200.18	\$ 458,449.46	\$ 26,483,560.91	-7.27%
T. Berlin	\$109,555,958	1.77346%	\$ 365,290.00	\$ 432,258.97	\$ 14,049.35	\$ 811,598.32	-10.58%
T. Hewitt	\$84,689,900	1.37094%	\$ 282,380.59	\$ 334,149.69	\$ 10,860.59	\$ 627,390.87	-0.82%
V. Maine	\$370,024,900	5.98986%	\$ 1,233,766.74	\$ 1,459,954.40	\$ 47,451.67	\$ 2,741,172.81	-9.54%
T. Rib Mountain	\$1,264,540,100	20.47002%	\$ 4,216,330.59	\$ 4,989,314.57	\$ 162,163.50	\$ 9,367,808.66	-7.06%
T. Stettin	\$358,224,027	5.79883%	\$ 1,194,419.17	\$ 1,413,393.20	\$ 45,938.33	\$ 2,653,750.70	-14.10%
T. Texas	\$208,103,600	3.36872%	\$ 693,875.10	\$ 821,083.90	\$ 26,687.00	\$ 1,541,646.00	-2.86%
T. Wausau	\$207,425,961	3.35775%	\$ 691,615.54	\$ 818,410.09	\$ 26,600.10	\$ 1,536,625.73	-18.09%
ALLOCATION	\$6,177,521,343	100.0000%	\$ 20,597,589.00	\$ 24,373,765.00	\$ 792,200.00	\$ 45,763,554.00	-7.72%
Property Value Change	9.98%						

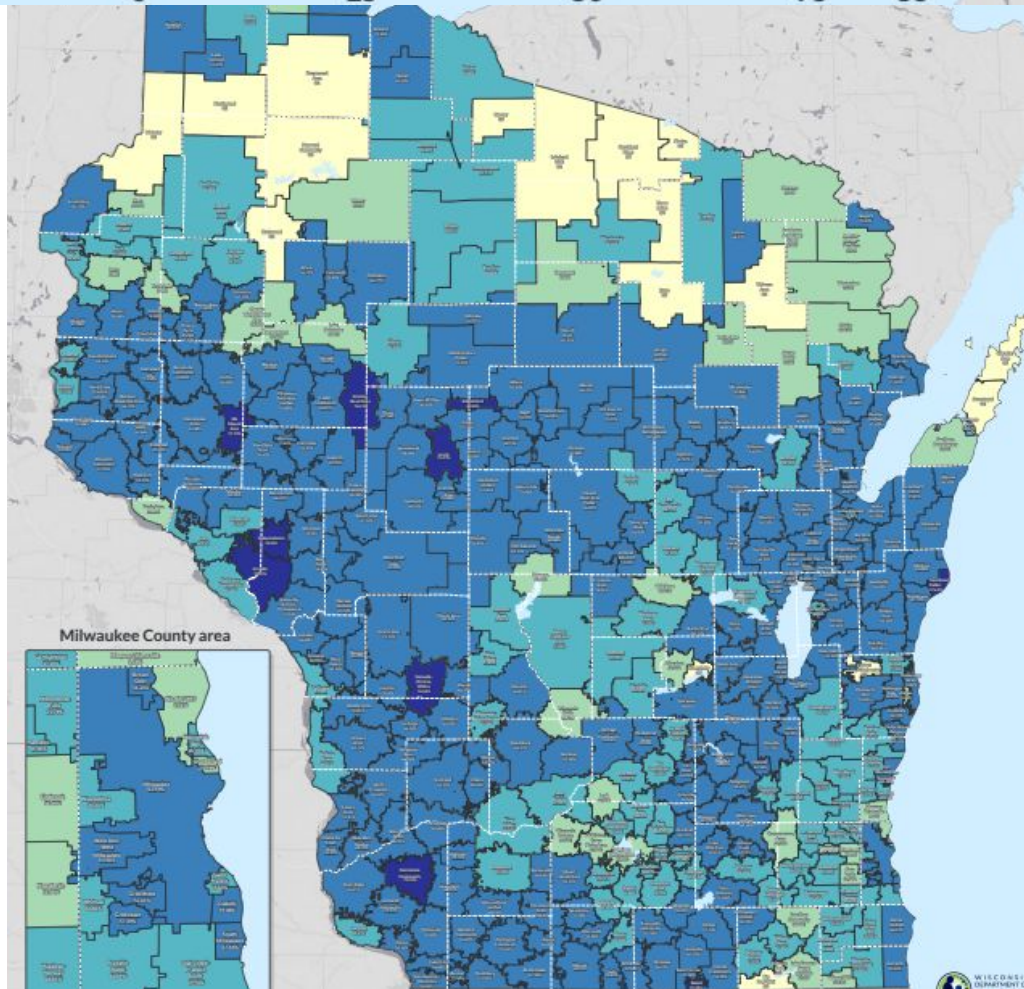
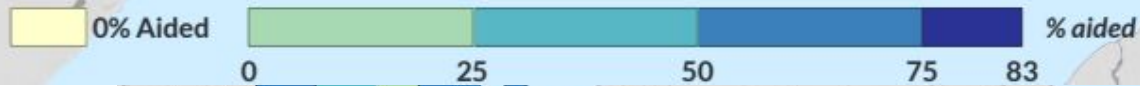
From the WSD Levy Adoption Oct. 28*

School Districts by Category of State Equalization Aid in 2022-2023

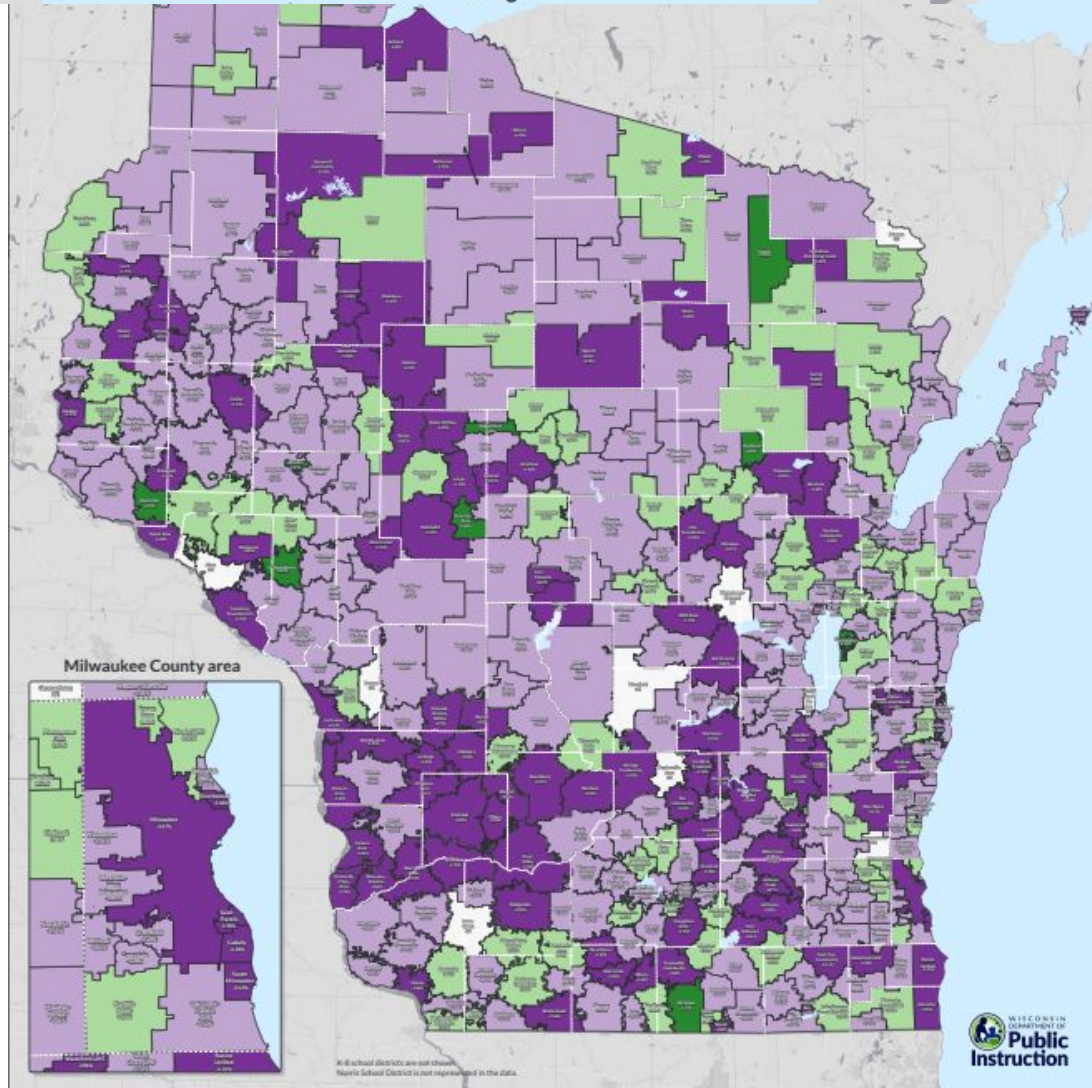
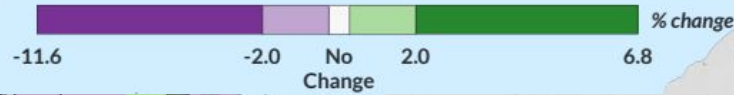
Legend: No Aid (Dark Purple), Primary Aid Only (Light Purple), Negative Tertiary Aid (White), Positive Primary & Secondary Aid (Light Green), Positive Primary, Secondary, & Tertiary Aid (Dark Green)



Percentage of School Districts' Shared Costs Aided by State Equalization Aid in 2022-2023



Percentage Change in School Districts' Revenue Limit Membership Between 2021-2022 and 2022-2023



Fund 10 Revenues

2023-24 Budget

- Property Tax \$24,550,622 20.91%
- Equalization Aid \$69,309,221 59.02%
- Other State Aid \$ 3,612,301 3.08%
- Per Pupil Adj. Aid \$ 5,939,710 5.06%
- Deductible Receipts \$14,016,420 11.94%

Total Revenues \$117,428,274

2024-25 Projected

- Property Tax \$20,597,589 17.58%
- Equalization Aid \$76,057,528 64.93%
- Other State Aid \$ 3,965,328 3.39%
- Per Pupil Adj. Aid \$ 5,936,742 5.07%
- Deductible Receipts \$10,584,403 9.04%

Total Revenues \$117,141,590

Net Revenue Decrease \$286,684

Fund 10 Expenditures

2023-24 Budget

- **Salary/Benefits** **\$89,024,181** 76%
- **Non-Salary/Benefits** **\$29,120,151** 24%

Total Expenditures \$118,144,332

2024-25 Projected

- **Salary /Benefits** **\$91,781,579** 77%
- **Non-Salary/Benefits** **\$26,844,037** 23%

Total Expenditures \$118,625,616

Net Expenditure Increase \$481,284



2024-25 Estimated Grant Fund

The Wausau School District receives approximately \$6.04 million in grants in Fund 10, \$2.07 million in Fund 27.

**Carl Perkins
Vocational &
Technical**

CTE Incentive

**Pre-School
Flow Through**

Title I

Flow Through

ESSER Funds
Elementary and Secondary
Schools Emergency
Relief Funds

Title III-ELL

Title IV-A

**Wisconsin Educator
Effective**

**Assessment of
Reading Readiness**

Mini Grants

Title IIA



Phase 2 Energy Efficiency Exemption

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION			
§ 121.91 (4) (o) Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies-Evaluation of the Energy Performance Indicators			
Name of Qualified Contractor	Nexus Solutions		
Performance Contract Length (years)			10
Total Project Cost (including financing)			\$11,512,434
Total Project Payback Period			8.8
Years of Debt Payments			10
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility			40
Prior Year Planned Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2024	\$1,040,675
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2024	\$984,494
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2024	\$56,181
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$58,428
		Savings Reported for 2024	
Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
Controls Improvements - East High School	\$ 55,055	\$ 7,075	\$ 141,956
Controls Improvements - Elementary Schools	\$ 731,567	\$ 7,344	\$ 26,949
HVAC and Controls Improvements - Elementary Schools	\$ 5,415,376	\$ 20,852	\$ 423,022
Controls Improvements - Horace Mann MS	\$ 538,577	\$ 3,848	\$ 59,145
HVAC and Controls Improvements - John Muir MS	\$ 164,565	\$ 4,415	\$ 36,201
Controls Improvements - Maintenance Building	\$ 73,306	\$ 392	\$ 17,175
HVAC and Controls Improvements - West High School	\$ 1,254,323	\$ 9,645	\$ 125,456
Electrical Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 3,279,666	\$ 4,857	\$ 546,546
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$ 11,512,434	\$ 58,428	\$ 1,376,448

Retire w/ 2024 Levy

Phase 3 Energy Efficiency Exemption

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION			
§ 121.91 (4) (o) Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies-Evaluation of the Energy Performance Indicators			
Name of Qualified Contractor	Nexus Solutions		
Performance Contract Length (years)			10
Total Project Cost (including financing)			\$11,677,838
Total Project Payback Period			12.0
Years of Debt Payments			10
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility			40
Prior Year Planned Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2024	\$1,146,935
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2024	\$1,117,975
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2024	\$28,960
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$30,118
	Savings Reported for 2024		
	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products			
Building Envelope Improvements	\$ 1,526,742	\$ 3,303	\$ 88,048
Heating System Upgrades	\$ 801,304	\$ 10,538	\$ 36,174
Technology and Controls Upgrades	\$ 3,785,895	\$ 8,898	\$ 490,409
Ventilation and IAQ Improvements	\$ 5,563,898	\$ 7,379	\$ 302,665
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$ 11,677,838	\$ 30,118	\$ 917,297

Retire w/ 2026 Levy

Community Service Fund

Community Service - Funds were established to pay for activities that are accessible to the community at large. The fund pays for costs associated with the out of school enrichment programs, the planetarium, school resource officer programming, and some buildings and grounds personnel used to support community use.

- **Growing Great Minds (G2M)** offers out- of-school enrichment programs at multiple sites throughout the Wausau School District and includes Kids on the Grow, Community Connection and Family University Network. These programs offer academic support (that complement established curriculum) and enrichment activities outside the normal school hours, for age appropriate community members. Adult programming, literacy activities and opportunities for family engagement are also provided.
- The **planetarium located at Wausau West High School** is a unique learning environment presenting an opportunity to inform, engage and foster community collaborations that are mutually beneficial in both service and finance. The increasing demand for post-school day community usage is greater than what the District can currently provide. Funding 40% of the planetarium director position expenses will offer the ability to staff this resource on nights and during weekends and summers in an effort to provide for its expanded role in the community.



Community Service Fund

- **The School Resource Officer program** is a robust partnership between the Wausau School District and the Wausau Police Department. The program includes 4 full-time SROs and 2 Therapy Dogs, along with the necessary training, support services, equipment and Core Values for effective service. The SROs authority, support and impact extends outside the District schools, in benefit of the Wausau community year-round.
- **Adequate maintenance of buildings and grounds** necessary through expanded availability of District facilities for **community use** is not fully funded by minimal facility use fees that are charged based on policy. In order to ensure high quality facilities that are well maintained and safe, as the community has come to expect, it is necessary to employ a seasonal employee(s) to perform a variety of buildings and grounds functions supported by the community service levy.



Community Service Fund

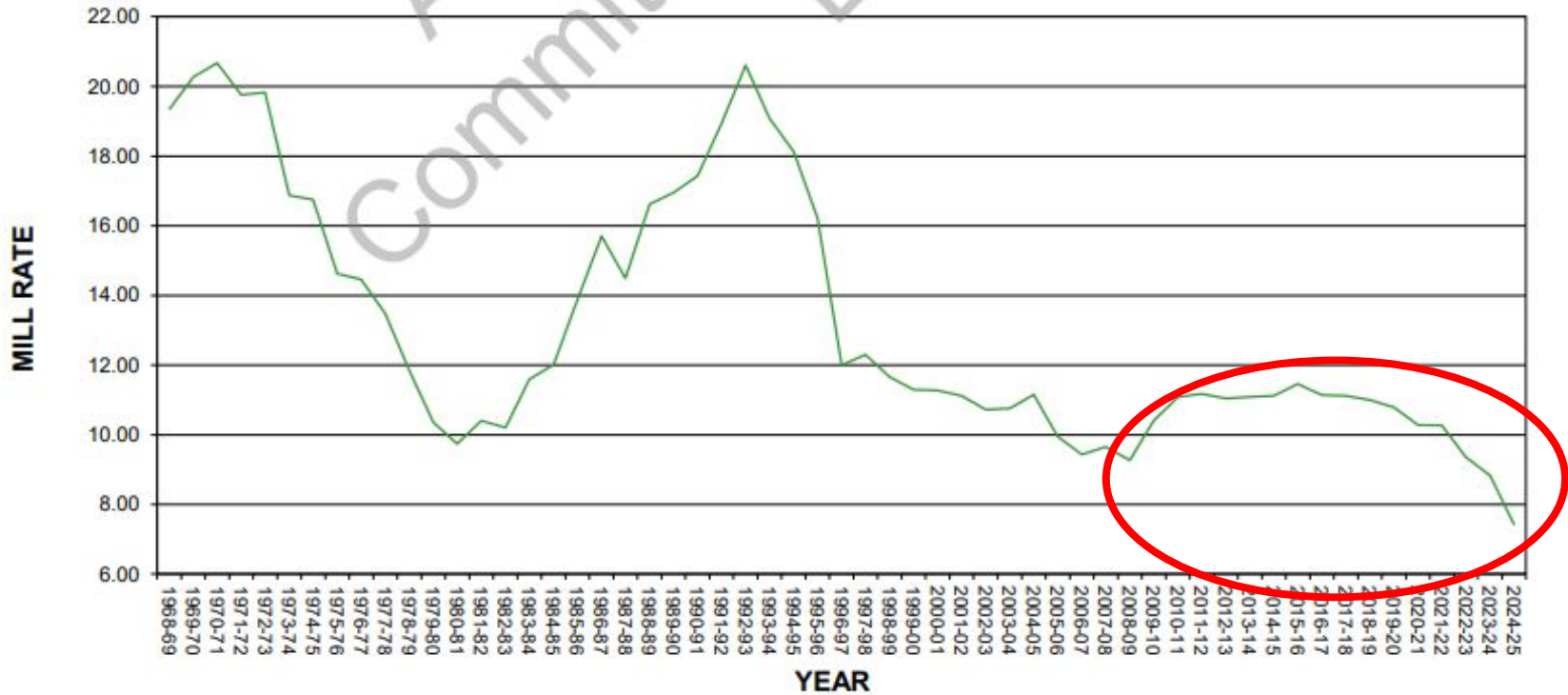
In summary, this year's funding includes:

Out of School Enrichment Programs	\$ 446,700
School Resource Officer Program	\$ 270,000
Buildings and Grounds for Community Use	\$ 35,000
<u>Planetarium</u>	<u>\$ 40,500</u>
Total Tax Levy	\$ 792,200
<u>Carry over</u>	<u>\$ 487,619</u>
Total Community Service Fund Budget	\$ 1,279,819



Mill Rate History Wausau School District

GRAPH OF EQUALIZED MILL RATES



Proposed 2024-25 Tax Levy

Wausau School District

Fund	Estimated 2024-25 Levy	Final 2023-24 Levy	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Equalized Mill Rate
General Fund	\$20,597,589	\$24,550,662	(\$3,953,033)	-16.10%	3.33
Debt Service Fund	24,373,765	24,379,070	(5,305)	-0.25%	3.95
Community Service	792,200	662,200	130,000	19.63%	0.13
Total	\$45,763,554	\$49,591,892	(\$3,828,338)	-7.72%	7.41

Mill Rate Component	Estimated 2024-25	Final 2023-24	Change	Percent Change
Total Levy	\$45,763,554	\$49,591,892	(\$3,828,338)	-7.72%
Equalized Value	\$6,177,521,343	\$5,617,078,411	\$560,442,932	9.98%
Gross Mill Rate	7.41	8.83	(1.42)	(16.08%)



Components of Mill Rate Change

Mill Rate = Tax Per \$1,000 of Equalized Value

will change		Increase / (Decrease)	Mill Rate
	2023-24 Final Mill Rate		8.83
	Increase in Revenue Limit with Recurring Exemptions	.32	
	Increase in Non-Recurring Exemptions	.13	
	Increase in Equalization Aid	1.11	
	Increase in Property Values, District-Wide	.76	
	2024-25 Proposed Mill Rate		7.41



**Questions,
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**More information including the full
Annual Budget and the District
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