

Wausau School District
2023-2024 Budget Hearing
and
Annual Meeting

Longfellow Boardroom
September 25, 2023

2023-2024 Budget Calendar

- May 22, Committee of the Whole
 - Committee approval of the initial 2023-2024 budget
- June 12, Board of Education
 - BOE approval of the initial 2023-2024 budget
- August 28, Committee of the Whole
 - Share equalized value
 - Set Annual Meeting date
 - Recommendation for 2023-2024 budget and tax levy
- September 11, Board of Education
 - Approve the 2023-2024 budget and tax levy for publication and presentation at Annual Meeting
- September 25, Board of Education and Committee of the Whole
 - Regularly scheduled Ed/Ops Committee meeting
 - Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing
- October 9, Board of Education
 - Full Board approvals from September Committee of the Whole
- October 23, 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

2023-24 Estimated Amounts

\$12,081

\$8,790

\$3,291

73%

27%

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



Estimated Change in Revenue Limit

2022-23 Actual Amounts

Maximum Revenue per Member		Exemptions (Recurring)		Base Revenue per Member
\$11,121	+	\$1	=	\$11,122

2023-24 Estimated Amounts

Base Revenue per Member		Allowed Per Pupil Increase		Maximum Revenue per Member
\$11,122	+	\$325	=	\$11,447

Maximum Revenue per Member		Exemptions Including EEE		Estimated 2023-24 Revenue Limit Per Member
\$11,447	+	\$634 \$1 Recur., \$633 Non-recur.	=	\$12,081

Recommended 2023-24 Budget

- Limited Revenue Available
 - The per-pupil change in the revenue limit goes up by \$325 each of the next two years.

YEAR	08-09	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
Per-Pupil Increase	\$275	\$200	\$200	-\$578	\$50	\$75	\$75	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$175	\$179	\$0	\$0	\$325
-----ANNUAL PER PUPIL REVENUE LIMIT INCREASES-----																

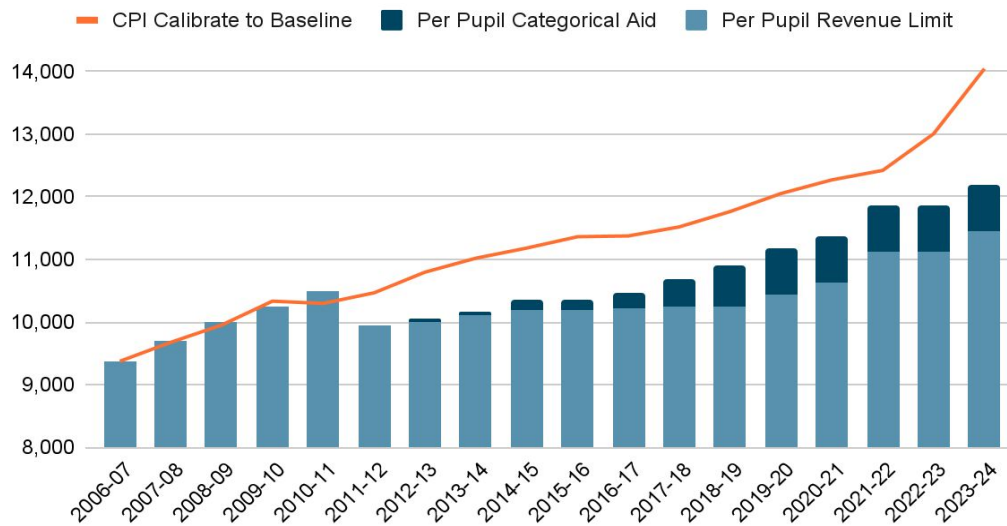
- In prior years per pupil categorical aid has replaced school districts' local revenue limit authority, this appears to be changing.

YEAR	08-09	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
Per-Pupil Increase	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$25	\$75	\$0	\$100	\$200	\$204	\$88	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
-----ANNUAL PER PUPIL CATEGORICAL AID INCREASES-----																

Recommendation for 2023-2024 budget

- Two significant assumptions in operational revenue, the revenue limit will increase \$325 per pupil and per pupil categorical aid will remain flat for the coming year per current state biennial budget.
- The 2021 successful referendum did increase the revenue limit by \$500/pupil in 2021-22.

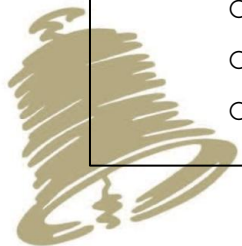
Per Pupil Revenue Limit, Per Pupil Categorical Aid and CPI



Inflation has significantly outpaced revenue

Includes \$500/pupil from 2021 referendum

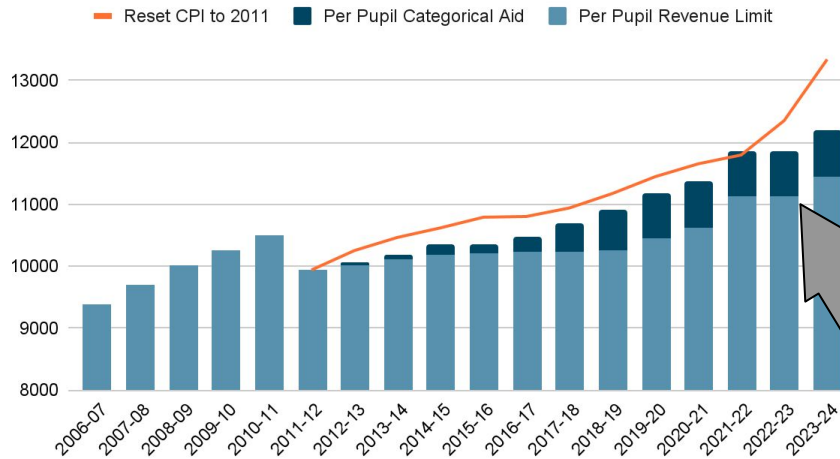
- During the next month the following factors impacting the final budget will be revealed.
 - Certified District property value
 - State equalization aid final certification
 - 3rd Friday pupil count certification
 - Wisconsin Parental Choice Program voucher costs



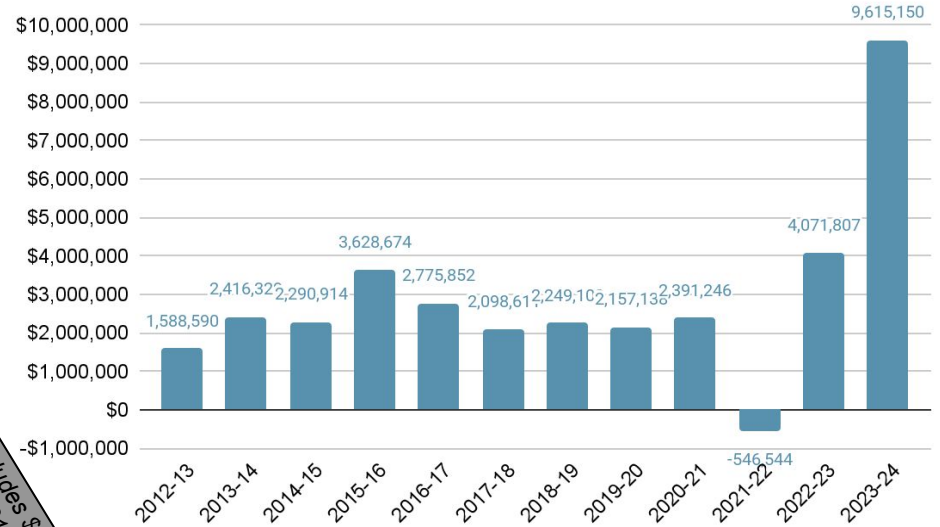
Recommendation for 2023-2024 budget (Revenue fails to keep pace with inflation)

- 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 \$9,615,150 behind the inflationary pace.
- The aggregate of these twelve years represents a deficit of over \$34,000,000.

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 2023-2024

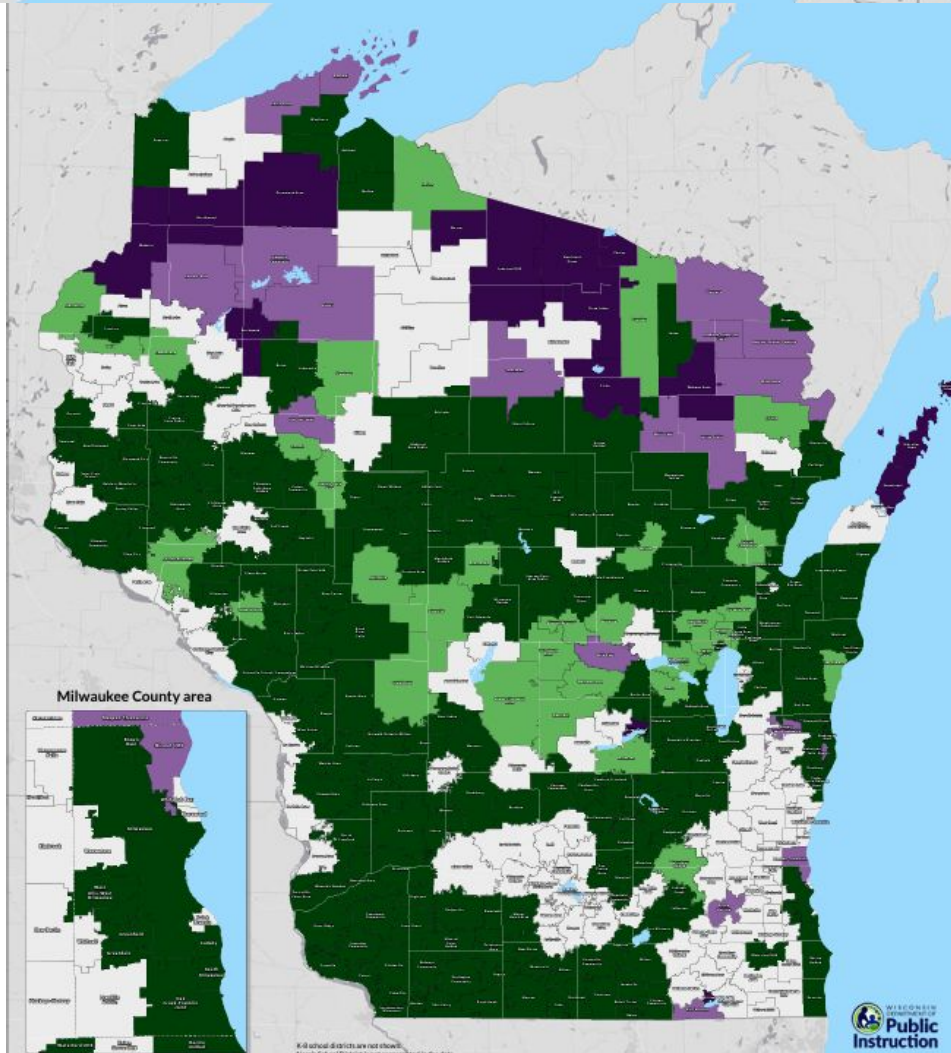
From Wisconsin Department of Revenue. Values available in October.

WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX APPROPRIATION WORKSHEET FY 2023-24									
	CERTIFIED FULL VALUE	PERCENT	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE	10/30 TOTAL	COMMUNITY SERVICE	DISTRICT TOTAL	Prior YR	
C. Wausau	\$3,241,229,457	7.57946%	\$ 14,059,216.47	\$ 14,171,667.44	\$ 28,230,883.91	\$ 381,291.19	\$ 28,612,175.10	1.37%	<---% change in levy
T. Berlin	\$102,193,695	1.81544%	\$ 443,277.24	\$ 446,822.74	\$ 890,099.98	\$ 12,021.84	\$ 902,121.82	4.47%	<---% change in levy
T. Hewitt	\$71,615,800	1.27223%	\$ 310,641.28	\$ 313,125.90	\$ 623,767.18	\$ 8,424.71	\$ 632,191.89	6.17%	<---% change in levy
V. Maine	\$341,990,200	6.07535%	\$ 1,483,422.40	\$ 1,495,287.38	\$ 2,978,709.78	\$ 40,230.97	\$ 3,018,940.75	3.54%	<---% change in levy
T. Rib Mountain	\$1,141,630,800	20.28072%	\$ 4,951,957.40	\$ 4,991,565.03	\$ 9,943,522.43	\$ 134,298.93	\$ 10,077,821.36	0.03%	<---% change in levy
T. Stettin	\$345,075,252	6.13016%	\$ 1,496,805.40	\$ 1,508,777.42	\$ 3,005,582.82	\$ 40,593.92	\$ 3,046,176.74	14.30%	<---% change in levy
T. Texas	\$179,071,200	3.18115%	\$ 776,743.59	\$ 782,956.28	\$ 1,559,699.87	\$ 21,065.58	\$ 1,580,765.45	14.76%	<---% change in levy
T. Wausau	\$206,335,820	3.66549%	\$ 895,005.22	\$ 902,163.81	\$ 1,797,169.03	\$ 24,272.87	\$ 1,821,441.90	20.00%	<---% change in levy
ALLOCATION	\$ 5,629,142,224	100.00000%	\$ 24,417,069.00	\$ 24,612,366.00	\$ 49,029,435.00	\$ 662,200.01	\$ 49,691,635.01	3.02%	<---% change in levy
Property Value Change	9.08%								School District determines amt. of levy

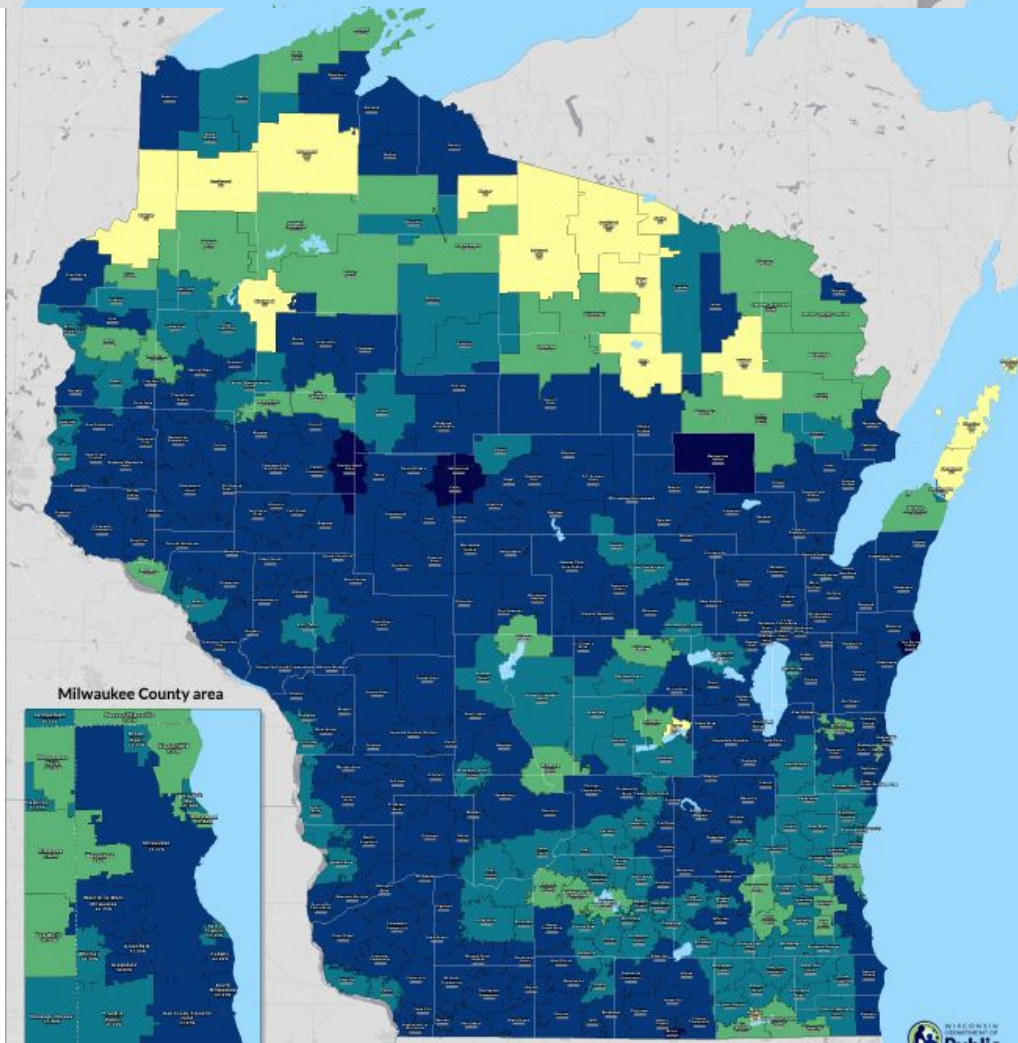
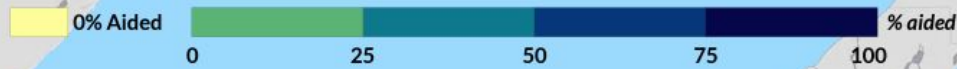
From the WSD Levy Adoption Oct. 23*

School Districts by Category of State Equalization Aid in 2021-2022

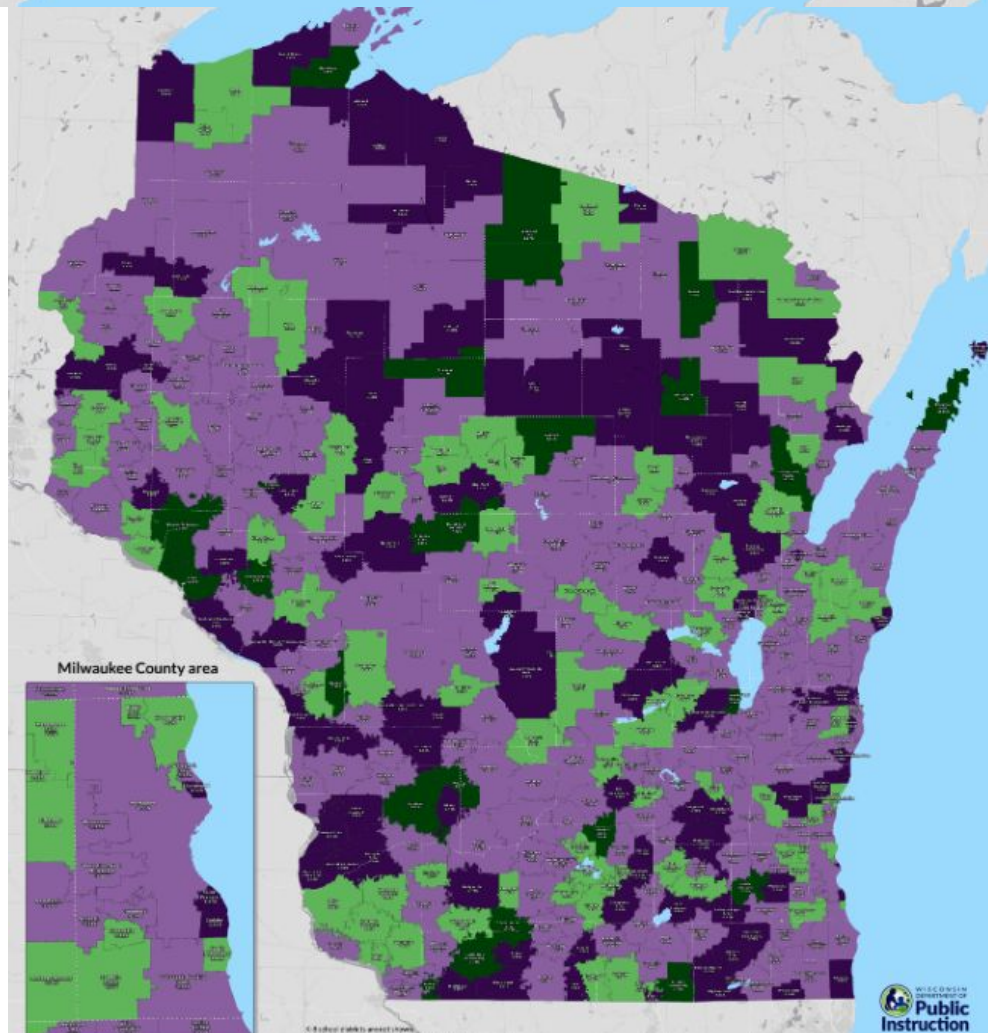
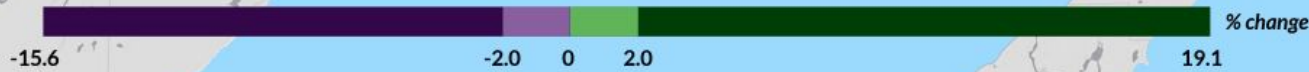
No Aid Primary Aid Only Negative Tertiary Aid Positive Primary & Secondary Aid Positive Primary, Secondary, & Tertiary Aid



Percentage of School Districts' Shared Costs Aided by State Equalization Aid in 2021-2022



Percentage Change in School Districts' Base Revenue Limit Authority Between 2020-2021 and 2021-2022



Fund 10 Revenues

2022-23 Budget

- Property Tax \$28,537,110 25.49%
- Equalization Aid \$63,469,157 56.70%
- Other State Aid \$ 3,763,664 3.36%
- Per Pupil Adj. Aid \$ 5,997,586 5.36%
- Deductible Receipts \$10,168,255 9.08%

Total Revenues \$111,935,772

2023-24 Projected

- Property Tax \$24,408,069 20.87%
- Equalization Aid \$69,712,475 59.60%
- Other State Aid \$ 3,612,301 3.09%
- Per Pupil Adj. Aid \$ 5,939,710 5.08%
- Deductible Receipts \$13,289,293 11.36%

Total Revenues \$116,961,848

Net Revenue Increase \$5,026,076

Fund 10 Expenditures

2022-23 Budget

- **Salary/Benefits** **\$86,840,291** **78%**
- **Non-Salary/Benefits** **\$25,111,576** **22%**

Total Expenditures \$111,951,868

2023-24 Projected

- **Salary /Benefits** **\$89,345,126** **76%**
- **Non-Salary/Benefits** **\$28,340,682** **24%**

Total Expenditures \$117,685,808

Net Expenditure Increase \$5,733,940



2023-24 Estimated Grant Fund

The Wausau School District receives approximately \$9.9 million in grants in Fund 10, \$3.1 million in Fund 27.

**Carl Perkins
Vocational &
Technical**

CTE Incentive

**Pre-School
Flow Through**

Flow Through

Title I

Title IV-A

ESSER Funds
Elementary and Secondary
Schools Emergency
Relief Funds

Title III-ELL

**Wisconsin Educator
Effective**

**Assessment of
Reading Readiness**

Mini Grants

Title IIA



Phase 2 Energy Efficiency Exemption

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION			
§ 121.91 (4) (a) 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			9.2
Years of Debt Payments			10
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility			10
Prior Year Resolution Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2023	\$1,039,800
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2023	\$985,779
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2023	\$54,021
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$56,181
Savings Reported for 2023			
Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
Controls Improvements - East High School	\$ 55,055	\$6,804	\$136,496
Controls Improvements - Elementary Schools	\$ 731,567	\$7,061	\$25,912
HVAC and Controls Improvements - Elementary Schools	\$ 5,415,376	\$20,050	\$406,752
Controls Improvements - Horace Mann MS	\$ 538,577	\$3,700	\$56,870
HVAC and Controls Improvements - John Muir MS	\$ 164,565	\$4,245	\$34,809
Controls Improvements - Maintenance Building	\$ 73,306	\$377	\$16,515
HVAC and Controls Improvements - West High School	\$ 1,254,323	\$9,275	\$120,630
Electrical Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 3,279,666	\$4,670	\$525,526
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$11,512,434	\$56,181	\$1,323,511

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 Resolution Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2023	\$1,148,535
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2023	\$1,120,689
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2023	\$27,846
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$28,960
Savings Reported for 2023			
Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
Building Envelope Improvements	\$ 1,526,742	\$3,175	\$84,662
Heating System Upgrades	\$ 801,304	\$10,133	\$34,783
Technology and Controls Upgrades	\$ 3,785,895	\$8,556	\$471,547
Ventilation and IAQ Improvements	\$ 5,563,898	\$7,096	\$291,024
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$11,677,838	\$28,960	\$882,016

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

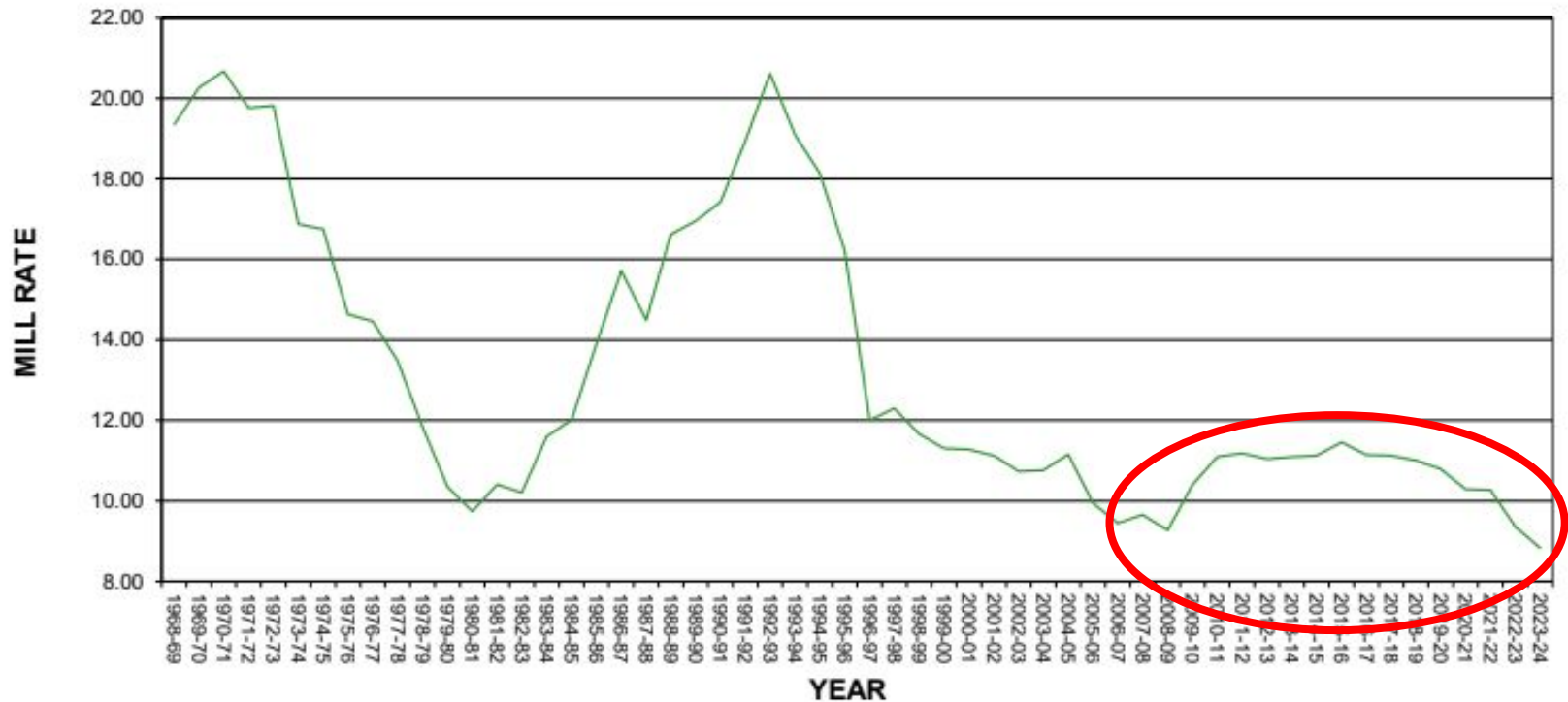
In summary, this year's funding includes:

Out of School Enrichment Programs	\$ 446,700
School Resource Officer Program	\$ 140,000
Buildings and Grounds for Community Use	\$ 35,000
<u>Planetarium</u>	<u>\$ 40,500</u>
Total Tax Levy	\$ 662,200
<u>Carry over</u>	<u>\$ 538,874</u>
Total Community Service Fund Budget	\$ 1,201,074



Mill Rate History Wausau School District

GRAPH OF EQUALIZED MILL RATES



Proposed 2023-24 Tax Levy

Wausau School District


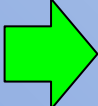


Fund	Estimated 2023-24 Levy	Final 2022-23 Levy	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Equalized Mill Rate
General Fund	\$24,417,069	\$28,545,714	(\$4,128,645)	(14.46%)	4.34
Debt Service Fund	24,612,366	19,027,026	5,585,340	29.35%	4.37
Community Service	662,200	662,200	0	0.00%	0.12
Total	\$49,691,635	\$48,234,940	\$1,456,695	3.02%	8.83

Mill Rate Component	Estimated 2023-24	Final 2022-23	Change	Percent Change
Total Levy	\$49,691,635	\$48,234,940	\$1,456,695	3.02%
Equalized Value	\$5,629,142,225	\$5,160,532,708	\$468,609,517	9.08%
Gross Mill Rate	8.83	9.36	(0.53)	(5.66%)



Components of Mill Rate Change

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

will change		Increase / (Decrease)	Mill Rate
	2022-23 Final Mill Rate		9.36
	Increase in Revenue Limit with Recurring Exemptions	.37	9.73
	Increase Referendum Debt Service with Defeasance and Prepayment of Future Debt	.99	10.72
	Increase in Equalization Aid	(1.15)	9.57
	Increase in Property Values, District-Wide	(.74)	8.83
	2022-23 Proposed Mill Rate		8.83

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