

History and Context

- 1989 Ed-Fund Rate Referendum
- 1994 PTELL ('Tax Caps')
- 1999 Building Referendum
- Cook County Billing Delays
- 2003 Financial Task Force

1989 Ed-Fund Rate Referendum

- Increased D97 maximum Education Fund rate to **3.5%** - which is maximum allowed by Illinois
- Not always at maximum in the 1990s, but always above 3%.
- Tax Year 2000 (collected in 2001) at 3.5%
- Tax Year 2008 (collected last year) at **2.0%**
- 1989 Referendum (without tax caps) would support an increase of over **\$25,000,000**.

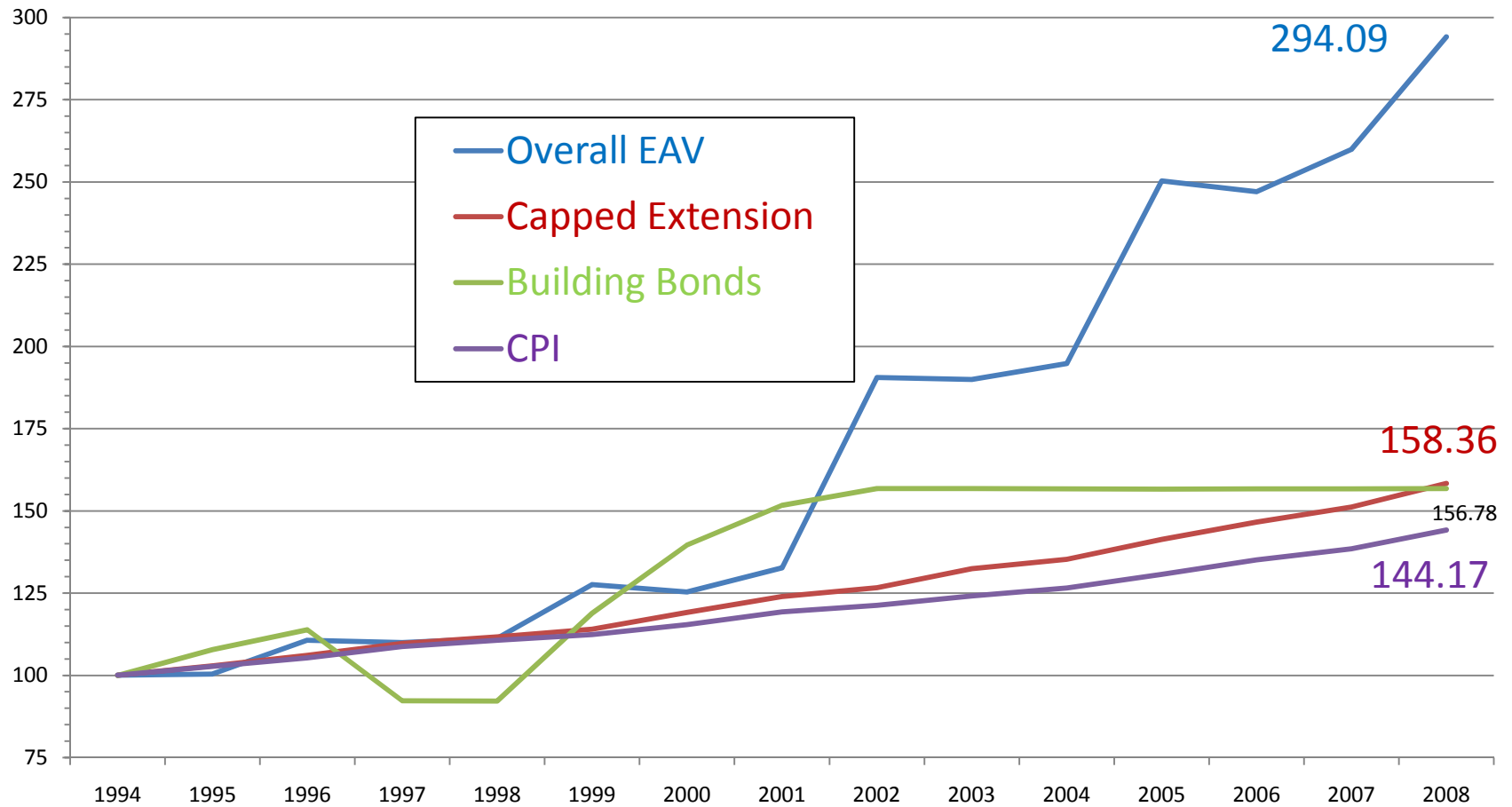
1994 PTELL ('Tax Caps')

- Property Tax Extension Limitation Law
- Passed October 1991, but not Cook County
- Cook added February 1995 for 1994 Tax Year
- Extension increase - minimum of 5% or CPI
- Minimum 2009 (**0.1%**), Maximum 2008 (**4.1%**)
- New Growth & Bonds are excluded from Tax Caps
- Capped (2.35%), Total (2.81%) lowest in 20 years
- 1988 (3.19% & 3.75%) before either referendum

1999 Building Referendum

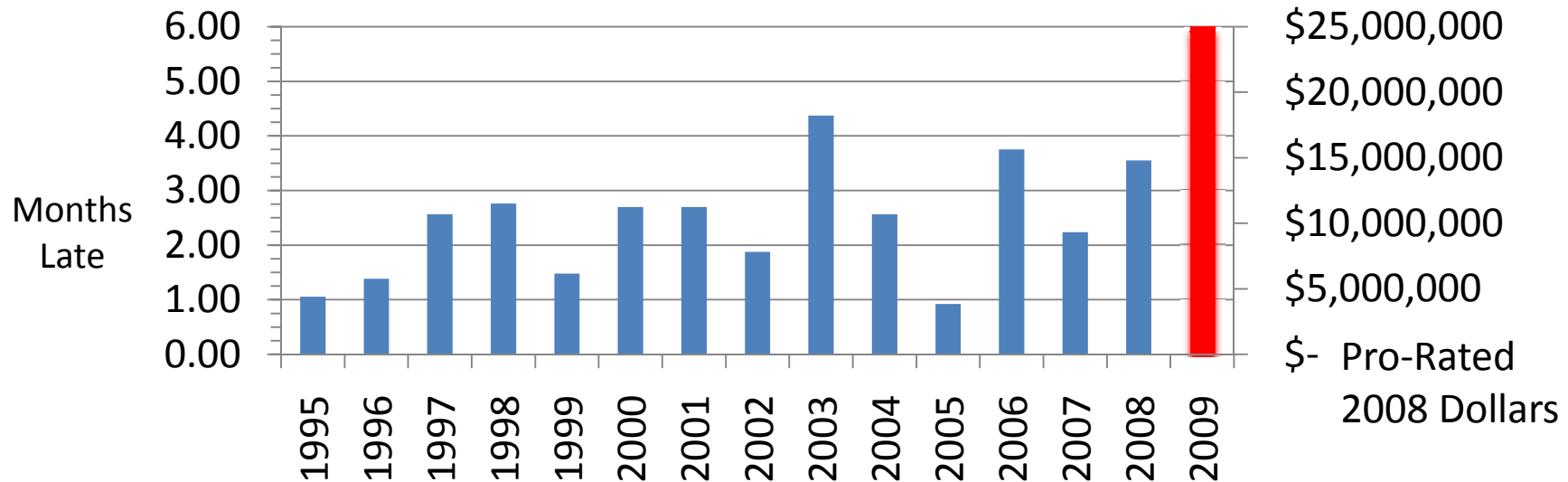
- Over \$70M of Site and Construction Work
 - New Middle Schools & Additions Holmes & Beye
 - Improvements at all eight Elementary Schools
- \$8.4M Alternate Revenue Bonds
 - Defeased after state funding received.
- Over \$17M of state funding received
- \$40M of Building Bonds – expire Tax Year 2017
- About \$90M of Debt Limit available
 - About \$30M of additional debt still a state score of 3

Comparison of EAV, Extensions, & CPI



Cook County Billing Delays

- First Installment - Mailed January 31, Due March 1
 - Starting in 2010, 1st Installment 55% (was 50%)
- 2nd Installment - mailed June 30, Due August 1
 - Between 1 and 5 months late for at least 15 years
 - 2nd installed could be due 12/2010 or 1/2011



2003 Financial Task Force

- Formed fall 2002 – Recommendations February 2003
- Expense Reductions
 - FY2003: \$1,823,014 including 9 administrators and 18 certified staff
 - FY 2004: \$1,452,562 including 1.5 admin staff, 7.5 certified staff, teaching assts, supplies and materials, technology supplies and equipment
- Revenue Enhancements
 - TIF carve-out agreement with the Village.
 - three-year grant from the Village for transportation and diversity reimbursement for \$1.3 annually.
- Led to 2006 Finance Advisory Committee and use of PMA