School District of River Falls

2026 Annual Electors Meeting/Budget Hearing

September 28, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Meyer Middle School Auditorium
230 N Ninth Street
River Falls, WI 54022

Personnel Committee members: Stacy Johnson Myers (Chair), Lindsey Curtis, and Thong Moua.
A quorum of the School Board may be present for information-gathering purposes only.
Agendas can be viewed at https://www.rfsd.k12.wi.us/district/school-board.cfm or at https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1447

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8. **STATE OF THE DISTRICT - SUPERINTENDENT DAVID BELL** **5**
9. **PRESENTATION AND HEARING ON THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET** **15**
10. **NEW BUSINESS** **25**
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    C. Authorize the School Board to set a date for the 2027 Annual Meeting at a later date.
    D. Other matters as authorized by Wis.Stat.sec.120.20, if any.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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WISCONSIN STATUTES

120.10 Powers of annual meeting. The annual meeting of a common or union high school district may:

(1) CHAIRPERSON AND CLERK. Elect a chairperson and, in the absence of the school district clerk, elect a person to act as the clerk of the meeting.

(2) ADJOURNMENT. Adjourn from time to time.

(3) SALARIES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. Vote annual salaries for school board members or an amount for each school board meeting the member actually attends.

(4) REIMBURSEMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. Authorize the payment of actual and necessary expenses of a school board member when traveling in the performance of duties and the reimbursement of a school board member for actual loss of earnings when duties require the school board member to be absent from regular employment.

(5) BUILDING SITES. Designate sites for school district buildings and provide for the erection of suitable buildings or for the lease of suitable buildings for a period not exceeding 20 years with annual rentals fixed by the lease.

(5m) REAL ESTATE. Authorize the school board to acquire, by purchase or condemnation under ch. 32, real estate and structures and facilities appurtenant to such real estate necessary for school district purposes.

(6) TAX FOR SITES, BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE. Vote a tax to purchase or lease suitable sites for school buildings, to build, rent, lease or purchase and furnish, equip and maintain school district buildings. The tax may be spread over as many years as are required to pay any obligations approved or authorized at the annual meeting including rental payments due in future years under an authorized lease.

(7) TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES. Vote a tax to purchase, operate and maintain transportation vehicles and to purchase liability insurance for such vehicles, and to finance contracts for the use and services of such vehicles.

(8) TAX FOR OPERATION. Vote a tax for the operation of the schools of the school district.

(9) TAX FOR DEBTS. Vote a tax necessary to discharge any debts or liabilities of the school district.

(10) SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE FUND. Vote a tax to create a fund for the purpose of paying all current bonded indebtedness for capital expenditures. All money raised through taxation or otherwise collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited by the school district treasurer in a segregated fund. Such money shall not be used for any other purpose, except as provided by s. 67.11 (1), or be transferred to any other fund except by authorization by a two-thirds majority vote of the total number of electors of the school district.

(10m) SCHOOL CAPITAL EXPANSION FUND. Vote a tax to create a fund for the purpose of financing all current and future capital expenditures related to buildings and sites. All money raised through taxation or otherwise collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited by the school district treasurer in a segregated fund. Such money shall not be used for any other purpose or be transferred to any other fund except by authorization by a majority vote of the electors present at a subsequent annual meeting and only if notice that the issue would be on the agenda was included in the notice of the subsequent annual meeting under s. 120.08 (1) (c).

(11) TAX FOR RECREATION AUTHORITY. Vote a tax for the purposes specified in s. 66.0123.

(14) LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. Direct and provide for the prosecution or defense of any action or proceedings in which the school district is interested.

(15) TEXTBOOKS. Authorize the school board to furnish textbooks under conditions prescribed by the annual meeting or by the school board. The authorization shall continue in effect until revoked by a subsequent annual meeting.

(16) SCHOOL LUNCHES. Direct the school board to furnish school lunches to the pupils of the school district and appropriate funds for that purpose.

(19) CONSOLIDATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS. In a union high school district, vote to consolidate schools or to discontinue a school where more than one high school is operated by the school district.

POLICY 187 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND OTHER MEETINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

The presiding officer and superintendent may include a hearing of visitors or delegations section as part of any agenda for a meeting of the School Board. If such public participation is permitted, those wishing to address the board will be asked to identify their municipality of residence and relationship to the district. Speakers will be allotted a specified length of time to address the School Board on a topic related to the District. Speakers' comments must be respectful and observe the decorum of the meeting.

This allotted time will be no more than two minutes, unless the time is increased by a majority vote of the School Board or committee. Upon completion of public participation, the presiding officer will acknowledge the comments from the visitor(s).

The presiding officer will be guided by the following procedure during any hearing of visitors or delegations section of a meeting:

A. Hearing of visitors or delegations will be permitted as indicated on the meeting agenda.

B. Those wishing to speak must register their intention to participate in the hearing of visitors or delegations section of a meeting upon their arrival at the meeting and prior to the end of the hearing of visitors or delegations part of the meeting agenda.

C. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name and group affiliation, if and when appropriate, municipality of residence, and relationship to the district.

D. No participant may speak more than once.

E. All statements will be directed to the School Board; no person may address or question School Board members or staff individually.

F. The presiding officer may:

    1. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, disruptive, obscene, or irrelevant;

    2. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;

    3. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;

    4. Waive these rules.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes Sections 19.81, 19.83(2), 19.85

CROSS REFERENCE: 171.2 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination, 870 Public Complaints

DATE OF ADOPTION: August 26, 1974

REVISED: September 16, 1991, October 16, 2004, September 19, 2011, August 16, 2016, June 16, 2025

State of the District Report

September 28, 2026

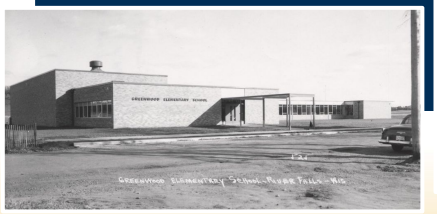
Honoring Tradition, Cultivating Opportunities, and Chasing Excellence

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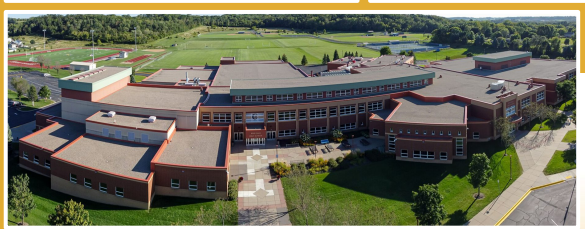














Cultivating Opportunities



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River Falls LEARNS

- Commitment to academic growth of all students.
- Investment in college and career planning experiences.
- Strong systems of support and robust resources for every learner.

River Falls WORKS

- Supportive collaborative teaching culture focused on student learning and high quality teaching practices.
- Mentoring and coach support for all staff.
- Regionally competitive salary and benefits package.
- Dedicated to a strong district and building culture and climate.

River Falls CONNECTS

- Connected and supportive community.
- Transparent and open communication.
- College and technical college connections.

River Falls Learns



Wisconsin Report Card
The River Falls School District "Exceeds Expectations" on the WI 2024-25 DPI School Report Card. The district's achievement score was the same or higher than 81.6% of districts in the state.

RIVER FALLS HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMICS

165 course offerings

736 industry-wide certifications earned

33 students participated in CVTC academies or associate degree programs

166 student registrations for Dual Academic Credit Program (DACP) UWRF credit

1016 transcripted credits earned in 2024-25, saving families **$191,910**

178 students took AP exams

81% earned a score of **3** or higher

3 student-run entrepreneurial businesses at RFHS

RENAISSANCE CHARTER ACADEMY

A student-centered environment with a focus on personal growth and academic achievement. RCA provides Innovative, personalized learning.

1,600+ students served since 1998

average class size **14**

- state-of-the-art CNC/manufacturing and science labs
- flexible course offerings in collaboration with RFHS, UW-River Falls & Chippewa Valley Technical College

CHARACTER EDUCATION

30 State or National Promising Practice Awards

5 State School of Character Awards

5 National School of Character Awards

3 Honorable Mention State School of Character Awards

River Falls Connects

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Each student receives instruction in music, art, physical education, and library studies. Gifted & Talented programming to qualifying students. Dedicated time for character lessons during the school day.

4 elementary schools

- 5th Grade Patrol
- LEGO Programs
- Leadership opportunities: Character Council & Student Voice

200+ students contribute to our community through the Character Council, completing more than **20** service projects each year

average elementary class size **22**

RIVER FALLS PUBLIC MONTESSORI

Fostering students who are:
Problem solvers| Engaged | Accountable | Collaborators | Empathetic

200+ students each year, 4k-Gr 6

RFPME TEACHERS:

90% hold at least one Master's Degree

100% have Montessori credentials or are in training

MEYER MIDDLE SCHOOL

6 houses in **1** school

Collectively committed to the academic growth, character development and well-being of every student, every day.

88% co-curricular participation

25+ sports and clubs

20+ service learning projects throughout school and community

Community Education

- **3,500** courses
- **11,500+** participants since 2010

Kids Club SCHOOL AGE CARE

Before and after-school care. Summer child care with activities, field trips, outdoor play & more.

- **500** students each year

RF4C COMMUNITY-BASED 4K

- **8** community partner sites
- **2,000+** students since 2011
- **100%** of RF4C teachers are WI-licensed early childhood educators

- **70** school forest acres
- **35** school farm acres

River Falls Works





OUR EMPLOYEES

500+ dedicated employees

274 certified staff

163 teachers & certified staff with MA or higher

60 employees with 20+ years of service

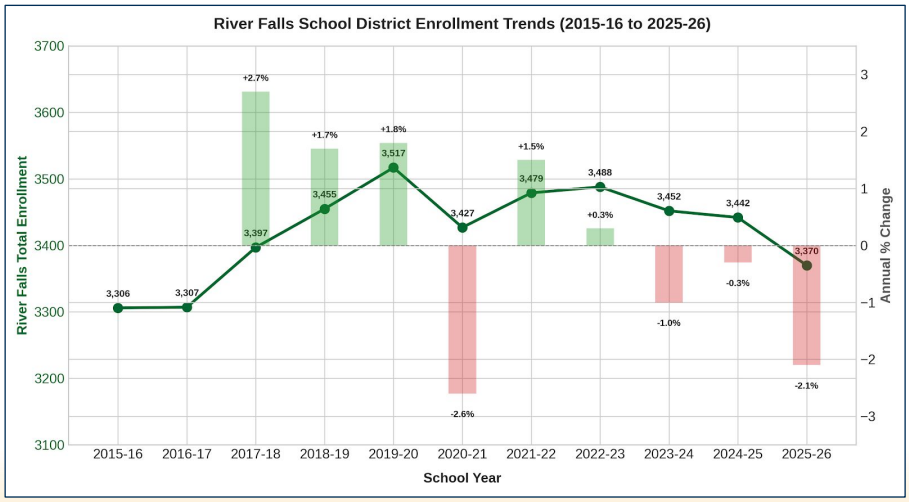


of employees recommend working in our district

Staff Feedback Celebrations

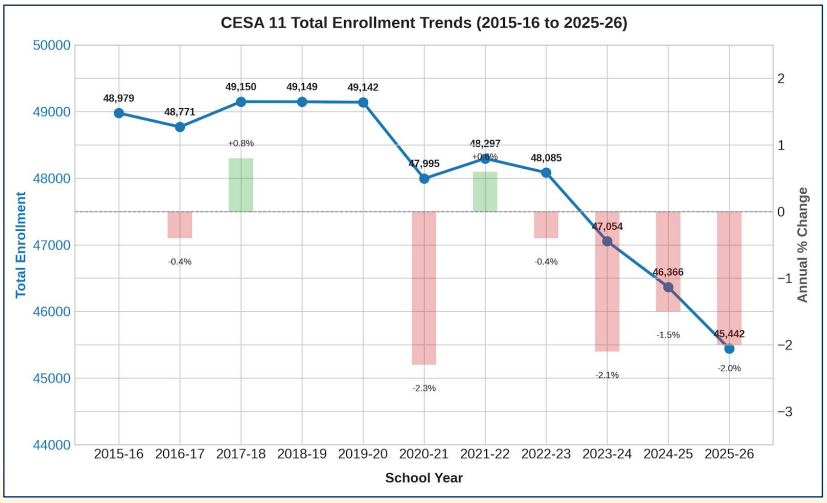
Staff Feedback Survey Celebrations: 23/24-25/26	23-24	24-25	25-26
Participation	**238**	**178**	**257**
I feel a sense of meaning and purpose in my work.	94.2	95.5	97.6
I understand the goals of the District.	92	93.3	97.6
I would recommend this District to others seeking employment.	90.4	93.8	95.7
Teachers in my school work collaboratively to provide the best opportunities for students.	91.6	94.3	95.3
Our District is a family friendly workplace.	92.4	96	95
I have strong relationships with my colleagues.	91.6	93.2	94.9
Our District has a positive culture.	85.3	91.1	93
My principal/supervisor is knowledgeable about areas of his/her responsibilities.	89.5	90.9	93
I am satisfied with the technology support available to me.	88.2	93	92.1
Communication regarding the status of work order requests was appropriate.		91	91.4
Our District has a culture of open dialogue.	86.6	88.2	90.2
My principal/supervisor is willing to help me with problems and situations.	90.4	87.8	90.2

Cultivating Opportunities-Enrollment



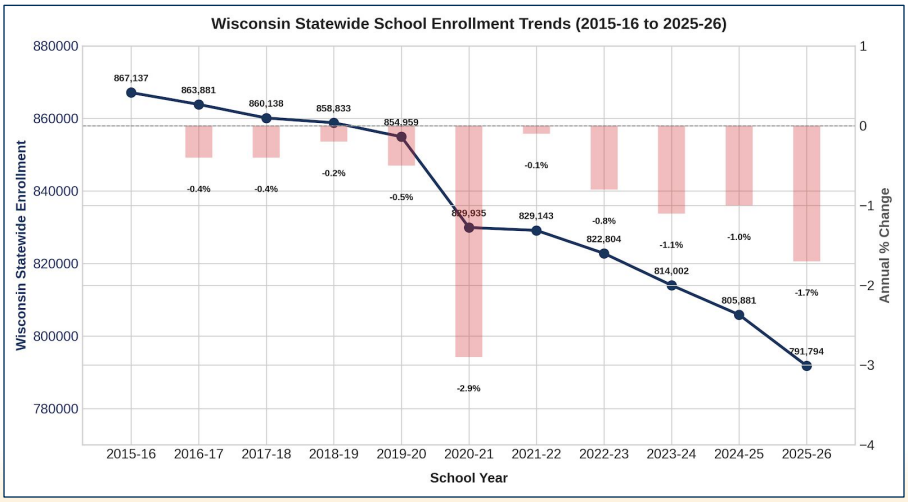
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Cultivating Opportunities-Operational Referendum Increases End

PER PUPIL REVENUE LIMIT	2025-26
River Falls *(if 2024 referendum had not passed.)*	$11,666
River Falls *(because the 2024 referendum passed.)*	$12,344
Regional Average *(Hudson, NR, Menomonie, Prescott, SCC, BW, Ellsworth)*	$12,396

*Includes recurring and non-recurring operational referendum adjustments.

Chasing Excellence-Strategic Plan 2028-2033

- Objective: Facilitate the update of the School District of River Falls Strategic Plan.
- Deliverables:
  - Updated goal areas in alignment to refined Mission Vision, and Values.
  - District-specific scorecard with performance indicators that benchmark progress towards strategic plan goal areas.



OUR MISSION

Inspire all students through challenging, meaningful, and engaging learning experiences, in a safe and collaborative environment.

OUR VISION

In partnership with families and the community, the School District of River Falls is an innovative PK-12 grade educational leader committed to the academic, social, emotional, and physical well-being of every student.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF River Falls

STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2027

OUR VALUES

STUDENTS FIRST | PEOPLE MATTER | EQUITY | RESPECT | INTEGRITY | EXCELLENCE | INNOVATION | COMMUNICATION

GOAL 1:	GOAL 2:	GOAL 3:	GOAL 4:	GOAL 5:
Hold High Expectations for Student Learning	Provide a Safe, Welcoming, and Healthy School Environment	Attract, Retain, and Develop High Quality Staff	Provide Life Readiness Skills	Uphold Operational Excellence
1.1 Support collaborative teaching culture focused on student learning. 1.2 Identify & monitor academic readiness benchmarks. 1.3 Implement equitable systems of support & resources for every learner. 1.4 Ensure high quality, accessible, & meaningful early childhood, K-5, and kindergarten programming. 1.5 Increase student career & college planning and experiences.	2.1 Improve safety plans & crisis response protocols 2.2 Develop school-wide behavior expectations that align to district core values. 2.3 Ensure all students are attached & to curricular activities by removing barriers. 2.4 Conduct bi-annual school culture & climate surveys. 2.5 Create multi-level student support systems for emotional & mental health. 2.6 Review & update curriculum & library resources to be age- and developmentally appropriate with a diverse balance.	3.1 Enhance mentoring & coaching programs for certified teaching staff. 3.2 Implement mentoring programs for paraprofessionals & bus drivers. 3.3 Build time for collaboration to align work with common assessments & share effective instructional practices (PLC). 3.4 Maintain & maintain regionally competitive salary & benefits for all staff. 3.5 Organize comprehensive professional development plans aligned to our mission, vision, & values. 3.6 Maintain & improve proactive communication systems allowing employee feedback.	4.1 Embed into curriculum & instruction critical thinking, problem solving, perseverance, adaptability, socio-emotional awareness, financial literacy, & ideas for lifelong learning. 4.2 Equity, inclusivity, and diversity will be embedded in all staff's learning that promotes global citizenship. Increase opportunities for diverse curricular experiences for our diverse needs. 4.3 Partner with families & community to enhance character education programs and initiatives. 4.4 Research and determine health and wellness priorities for students and staff.	5.1 Develop long-range facility plan addressing educational adequacy, space, community use, safety, security, and accessibility of activities. 5.2 Develop long-range enrollment projection & classroom space needs assessment with related financial projections. 5.3 Analyze enrollment & housing trends to determine the need to revise elementary school attendance boundaries. 5.4 Determine long-range mission for Renaissance Charter School to align with college and career opportunities. 5.5 Provide frequent, ongoing, transparent communication related to all school programs, facilities, resources, & finances.

	DISTRICT CRITICAL PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	2024	2025	2026	2027 TARGET[X]
1	Students in Grades K-5 will be proficient or exceed their yearly growth goal as measured by the reading screening assessment.[9]		84.7% (K-3) 79.1% (4-5)		100%
2	Students at Meyer Middle School will be proficient (3.0) on 90% of the priority standards measured on each of their end of course cumulative assessments.		72.1%		100%
3	Students at River Falls High School will achieve grade level reading comprehension expectations or achieve at least 10% growth each year as they progress towards reading mastery.		84.3%		100%
4	Special Education students will show above average growth (Student Growth Percentile of > 50) or demonstrate proficiency on reading screening assessment[8] from Fall to Spring measures.				80%
5	The district's composite score on state report card when compared to regionally or demographically comparable school districts.[7]	4	Released 11/25		2nd
6	The district's achievement score on the state report card will rank 2nd or better when compared to regionally or demographically comparable school districts.[7]	2	Released 11/25		2nd
7	Overall ACT Composite will reflect college and career readiness.	20.5	20.9		22.0
8	Students taking an Advanced Placement Course Exam will earn a 3 or better.	73.4%	76.3%		80%

Chasing Excellence-Strategic Plan 2028-2033

- ***Identify the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC)***
  - Diverse representation→ Employee Groups, Board, Community, Parents, Students (25-30 members)
- ***Gather Feedback and Data***
  - Conduct stakeholder listening sessions
  - Survey entire community
  - Assemble student learning and engagement data
- ***Convene the SPC to develop the new plan***
  - Prioritization and summarization of feedback
  - Revisit and refine Mission, Vision, and Values
  - Identify 5-year strategic objectives
  - Articulate key performance measures

Chasing Excellence-Strategic Plan 2028-2033

- ***SPC presents plan update to School Board for approval***
- ***Create initial communication documents***
  - Detailed Action Plan
  - 'Plan on a Page' Summary
  - Monitoring Dashboard
- ***Launch internal and external communications plan***
- ***Year 1 implementation planning***
  - Identification goal area owners
  - Resource planning
  - Progress monitoring systems development

Community Feedback Survey

- Last community survey→ 2023
- Compliments staff, student, and parent survey that are given annually.
- Topics:
  - Overall satisfaction, feedback on current goals, educational priorities, future district planning, and opportunity to learn more about additional opportunities to provide feedback.

Date	Task
August 6	Confirm key messages
August 17	Board review of draft big ideas
August/September	Draft review
September 14	School board committee reviews draft of survey
September 21	Draft review
September 28	Finalize survey with Board
September 29	Send survey to an outside proofer and then to print (3 weeks)
October 19	Email survey to staff
October 21/22	Survey lands in mailboxes* (*date approximate; see below*)
October 21/22	Email survey to parents (*when surveys land*)
During survey window	Send reminder emails to non-responding staff and parents
November 9	**Survey Deadline**
November 16	School Perceptions creates reports
December 21	Survey results presentation for the school board

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Thank You!

- We are so fortunate to have a community that shows up for our schools.
- Thanks to the strong partnerships between our families and staff, our schools remain a point of pride for everyone.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2026-27			
GENERAL FUND (FUND 10)	**Audited 2024 - 2025**	**Unaudited 2025 - 2026**	**Preliminary Budget 2026-27**
Beginning Fund Balance (Account 930 000)	14,573,748.53	14,719,728.32	15,638,898.12
Ending Fund Balance, Nonspendable (Acct. 935 000)	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balance, Restricted (Acct. 936 000)	57,606.75	8,460.75	0
Ending Fund Balance, Committed (Acct. 937 000)	0	900,000.00	900,000.00
Ending Fund Balance, Assigned (Acct. 938 000)	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balance, Unassigned (Acct. 939 000)	14,662,121.57	14,730,437.37	0
TOTAL ENDING FUND BALANCE (ACCT. 930 000)	**14,719,728.32**	**15,638,898.12**	**15,638,898.12**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
100 Transfers-in	0	0	0
Local Sources 210 Taxes	17,644,156.52	19,972,353.76	22,207,692.00
240 Payments for Services	14,763.03	25,500.04	18,000.00
260 Non-Capital Sales	976.65	2,172.71	1,000.00
270 School Activity Income	58,599.00	52,732.00	45,000.00
280 Interest on Investments	461,684.82	366,231.25	150,000.00
290 Other Revenue, Local Sources	315,829.58	348,307.36	282,000.00
Subtotal Local Sources	**18,496,009.60**	**20,767,297.12**	**22,703,692.00**
Other School Districts Within Wisconsin 310 Transit of Aids	0	0	0
340 Payments for Services	1,844,385.60	2,123,417.16	2,461,534.00
380 Medical Service Reimbursements	0	0	0
390 Other Inter-district, Within Wisconsin	0	0	0
Subtotal Other School Districts within Wisconsin	**1,844,385.60**	**2,123,417.16**	**2,461,534.00**
Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin 440 Payments for Services	0	0	0
490 Other Inter-district, Outside Wisconsin	0	0	0
Subtotal Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin	**0**	**0**	**0**
Intermediate Sources 510 Transit of Aids	4,673.70	8,210.20	3,500.00
530 Payments for Services from CCDEB	0	0	0
540 Payments for Services from CESA	0	0	0
580 Medical Services Reimbursement	0	0	0
590 Other Intermediate Sources	0	0	0
Subtotal Intermediate Sources	**4,673.70**	**8,210.20**	**3,500.00**
State Sources 610 State Aid -- Categorical	406,791.25	405,733.88	350,956.00

620 State Aid -- General	21,889,139.00	21,790,947.00	21,378,519.00
630 DPI Special Project Grants	185,127.34	213,818.10	69,334.00
640 Payments for Services	0	0	0
650 Achievement Gap Reduction Program (AGR Grant)	0	0	0
660 Other State Revenue Through Local Units	45,701.16	44,972.71	41,000.00
690 Other Revenue	2,910,102.92	2,908,322.92	2,841,273.00
Subtotal State Sources	**25,436,861.67**	**25,363,794.61**	**24,681,082.00**
Federal Sources 710 Federal Aid - Categorical	19,229.00	19,724.00	23,924.00
720 Impact Aid	0	0	0
730 DPI Special Project Grants	72,579.55	82,584.38	66,531.00
750 IASA Grants	237,758.59	241,677.76	113,807.00
760 JTPA	0	0	0
770 Other Federal Revenue Through Local Units	0	0	0
780 Other Federal Revenue Through State	154,744.25	165,061.05	125,000.00
790 Other Federal Revenue - Direct	0	0	0
Subtotal Federal Sources	**484,311.39**	**509,047.19**	**329,262.00**
Other Financing Sources 850 Reorganization Settlement	0	0	0
860 Compensation, Fixed Assets	5,654.76	8,487.60	5,000.00
870 Long-Term Obligations	148,669.00	0	0
Subtotal Other Financing Sources	**154,323.76**	**8,487.60**	**5,000.00**
Other Revenues 960 Adjustments	16,533.64	32,527.37	0
970 Refund of Disbursement	111,770.30	407,368.46	130,000.00
980 Medical Service Reimbursement	0	0	0
990 Miscellaneous	21,086.69	944.85	5,000.00
Subtotal Other Revenues	**149,390.63**	**440,840.68**	**135,000.00**
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**46,569,956.35**	**49,221,094.56**	**50,319,070.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction 110 000 Undifferentiated Curriculum	8,097,731.02	8,229,367.28	8,866,472.00
120 000 Regular Curriculum	10,913,692.33	11,163,105.20	12,028,151.00
130 000 Vocational Curriculum	1,140,604.59	1,046,766.16	1,126,546.00
140 000 Physical Curriculum	983,040.07	1,045,284.14	1,090,782.00
160 000 Co-Curricular Activities	781,515.48	837,484.14	888,426.00
170 000 Other Special Needs	369,322.98	386,593.63	405,202.00

Subtotal Instruction	**22,285,906.47**	**22,708,600.55**	**24,405,579.00**
Support Sources 210 000 Pupil Services	1,545,420.47	1,612,341.86	1,640,086.00
220 000 Instructional Staff Services	1,480,493.61	1,345,131.63	1,137,082.00
230 000 General Administration	1,131,226.56	1,144,956.10	1,175,108.00
240 000 School Building Administration	3,032,512.29	3,309,390.76	3,330,982.00
250 000 Business Administration	7,828,632.96	7,988,720.33	9,125,068.00
260 000 Central Services	90,067.75	80,449.80	86,500.00
270 000 Insurance & Judgments	410,381.92	430,794.72	456,761.00
280 000 Debt Services	369,236.98	500,794.99	521,405.00
290 000 Other Support Services	527,948.83	887,517.89	894,932.00
Subtotal Support Sources	**16,415,921.37**	**17,300,098.08**	**18,367,924.00**
Non-Program Transactions 410 000 Inter-fund Transfers	5,682,054.86	5,936,335.98	4,986,907.00
430 000 Instructional Service Payments	2,026,112.11	2,351,117.48	2,545,660.00
490 000 Other Non-Program Transactions	13,981.75	5,772.67	13,000.00
Subtotal Non-Program Transactions	**7,722,148.72**	**8,293,226.13**	**7,545,567.00**
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**46,423,976.56**	**48,301,924.76**	**50,319,070.00**
SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS (FUNDS 21, 23, 29)	**Audited 2024 - 2025**	**Unaudited 2025 - 2026**	**Preliminary Budget 2026-27**
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	456,491.78	524,449.03	671,285.40
900 000 Ending Fund Balance	**524,449.03**	**671,285.40**	**671,285.40**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**663,599.90**	**858,240.44**	**750,000.00**
100 000 Instruction	593,442.65	707,354.07	745,000.00
200 000 Support Services	0	0	0
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	2,200.00	4,050.00	5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	595,642.65	711,404.07	750,000.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (FUND 27)	**Audited 2024 - 2025**	**Unaudited 2025 - 2026**	**Preliminary Budget 2026-27**
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	0	0	0
900 000 Ending Fund Balance	**0**	**0**	**0**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
100 Transfers-in	4,832,054.86	5,079,856.63	4,986,907.00
Local Sources 240 Payments for Services	0	0	0
260 Non-Capital Sales	0	0	0

270 School Activity Income	0	0	0
290 Other Revenue, Local Sources	0	0	0
Subtotal Local Sources	**0**	**0**	**0**
Other School Districts Within Wisconsin 310 Transit of Aids	0	0	0
340 Payments for Services	36,733.71	61,999.62	75,654.00
380 Medical Service Reimbursements	0	0	0
390 Other Inter-district, Within Wisconsin	0	0	0
Subtotal Other School Districts within Wisconsin	**36,733.71**	**61,999.62**	**75,654.00**
Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin 440 Payments for Services	6,953.90	7,275.64	0
490 Other Inter-district, Outside Wisconsin	0	0	0
Subtotal Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin	**6,953.90**	**7,275.64**	**0**
Intermediate Sources 510 Transit of Aids	0	0	0
530 Payments for Services from CCDEB	0	0	0
540 Payments for Services from CESA	0	0	0
580 Medical Services Reimbursement	0	0	0
590 Other Intermediate Sources	0	0	0
Subtotal Intermediate Sources	**0**	**0**	**0**
State Sources 610 State Aid -- Categorical	1,868,312.00	2,625,841.00	3,078,444.00
620 State Aid -- General	0	64,593.00	0
630 DPI Special Project Grants	0	0	0
640 Payments for Services	0	0	0
650 Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR grant)	0	0	0
690 Other Revenue	28,868.88	20,991.23	45,364.00
Subtotal State Sources	**1,897,180.88**	**2,711,425.23**	**3,123,808.00**
Federal Sources 710 Federal Aid - Categorical	0	0	0
730 DPI Special Project Grants	766,080.15	772,296.34	853,021.00
750 IASA Grants	0	0	0
760 JTPA	0	0	0
770 Other Federal Revenue Through Local Units	0	0	0
780 Other Federal Revenue Through State	109,297.56	92,943.04	100,000.00
790 Other Federal Revenue - Direct	0	0	0
Subtotal Federal Sources	**875,377.71**	**865,239.38**	**953,021.00**
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0

860 Compensation, Fixed Assets			
870 Long-Term Obligations	0	0	0
Subtotal Other Financing Sources	**0**	**0**	**0**
Other Revenues 960 Adjustments	0	0	0
970 Refund of Disbursement	0	0	0
990 Miscellaneous	100	0	0
Subtotal Other Revenues	**100**	**0**	**0**
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**7,648,401.06**	**8,725,796.50**	**9,139,390.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction 110 000 Undifferentiated Curriculum	0	0	0
120 000 Regular Curriculum	0	0	0
130 000 Vocational Curriculum	0	0	0
140 000 Physical Curriculum	0	0	0
150 000 Special Education Curriculum	6,130,297.68	6,972,170.07	7,278,568.00
160 000 Co-Curricular Activities	0	0	0
170 000 Other Special Needs	0	0	0
Subtotal Instruction	**6,130,297.68**	**6,972,170.07**	**7,278,568.00**
Support Sources 210 000 Pupil Services	1,019,935.59	1,231,870.93	1,242,376.00
220 000 Instructional Staff Services	327,188.59	344,125.85	369,206.00
230 000 General Administration	0	0	0
240 000 School Building Administration	0	0	0
250 000 Business Administration	136,410.19	177,629.65	242,740.00
260 000 Central Services	0	0	0
270 000 Insurance & Judgments	0	0	0
280 000 Debt Services	0	0	0
290 000 Other Support Services	0	0	0
Subtotal Support Sources	**1,483,534.37**	**1,753,626.43**	**1,854,322.00**
Non-Program Transactions 410 000 Inter-fund Transfers	0	0	0
430 000 Instructional Service Payments	34,569.01	0	0
490 000 Other Non-Program Transactions	0	0	6,500.00
Subtotal Non-Program Transactions	**34,569.01**	**0**	**6,500.00**
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**7,648,401.06**	**8,725,796.50**	**9,139,390.00**

DEBT SERVICE FUND (FUNDS 38, 39)	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Preliminary Budget 2026-27
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	3,086,149.52	1,831,687.07	1,786,604.70
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCES	**1,831,687.07**	**1,786,604.70**	**1,757,253.70**
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**8,394,730.05**	**7,101,822.63**	**6,305,055.00**
281 000 Long-Term Capital Debt	9,649,192.50	7,146,905.00	6,334,406.00
282 000 Refinancing	0	0	0
283 000 Operational Debt	0	0	0
285 000 Post Employment Benefit Debt	0	0	0
289 000 Other Long-Term General Obligation Debt	0	0	0
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**9,649,192.50**	**7,146,905.00**	**6,334,406.00**
842 000 INDEBTEDNESS, END OF YEAR	**66,445,000.00**	**61,825,000.00**	**57,835,000.00**

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (FUNDS 41, 46, 48, 49)	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Preliminary Budget 2026-27
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	28,863,594.45	18,905,747.54	5,423,248.41
900 000 Ending Fund Balance	**18,905,747.54**	**5,423,248.41**	**1,423,248.41**
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**1,936,230.80**	**1,524,673.74**	**200,000.00**
100 000 Instructional Services	0	0	0
200 000 Support Services	11,894,077.71	15,007,172.87	4,200,000.00
300 000 Community Services	0	0	0
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**11,894,077.71**	**15,007,172.87**	**4,200,000.00**

FOOD SERVICE FUND (FUND 50)	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Preliminary Budget 2026-27
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	400,206.68	349,681.44	303,430.49
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE	**349,681.44**	**303,430.49**	**303,430.49**
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**1,929,201.24**	**1,963,025.91**	**2,016,275.00**
200 000 Support Services	1,979,726.48	2,009,276.86	2,016,275.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**1,979,726.48**	**2,009,276.86**	**2,016,275.00**

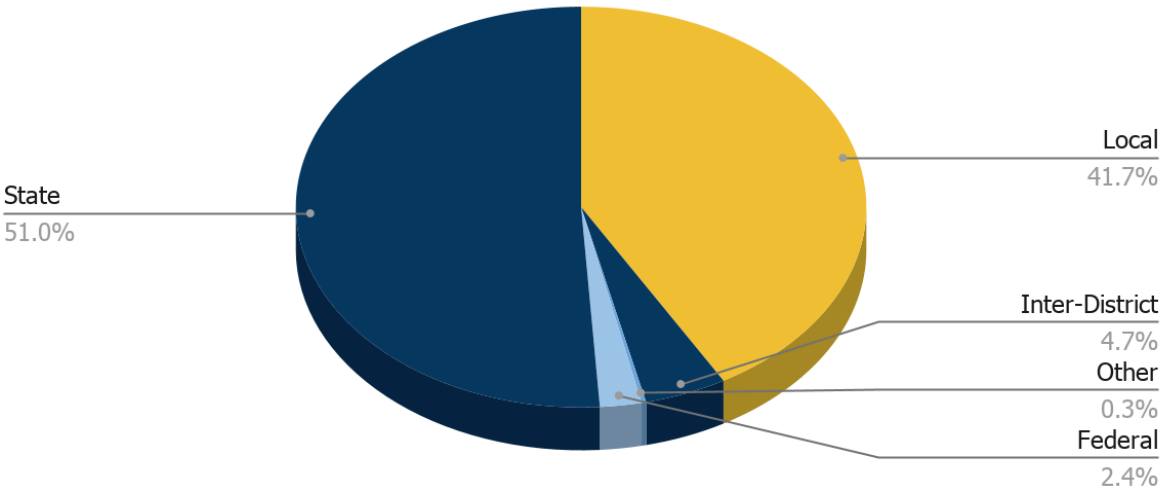
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (FUND 80)	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Preliminary Budget 2026-27
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	177,711.47	127,775.43	181,590.25
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE	**127,775.43**	**181,590.25**	**208,745.25**
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**1,218,546.69**	**1,398,534.63**	**1,384,000.00**
200 000 Support Services	64,182.31	69,338.53	62,700.00
300 000 Community Services	1,204,300.42	1,275,381.28	1,294,145.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**1,268,482.73**	**1,344,719.81**	**1,356,845.00**
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY			
Levy Summary	**Audited 2024 - 2025**	**Unaudited 2025 - 2026**	**Preliminary Budget 2026-27**
General Fund	$17,623,254	$19,954,725	$22,194,692
Referendum Debt Service Fund	$7,908,636	$7,055,655	$6,259,055
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	$0	$0	$0
Capital Expansion Fund	$0	$0	$0
Community Service Fund	$220,000	$220,000	$260,000
Prior Year Levy Chargeback	$11,903	$1,862	$0
Other Levy	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	**$25,763,793.00**	**$27,232,242.00**	**$28,713,747.00**
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		5.70%	5.44%

The District established a trust fund in 2007-08 which is used to account for other post employment benefits. The activity from the trust fund is summarized below:

7/1/2025 Beginning Balance	2025-26 Disbursements	6/30/2026 Ending Balance
$4,808,818.44	$580,877.10	$4,664,560.72

The rate of return on the trust averaged 1.8% during the 2025-26 fiscal year.
The investments are managed by MidAmerica Administrative & Retirement Solutions, Inc.

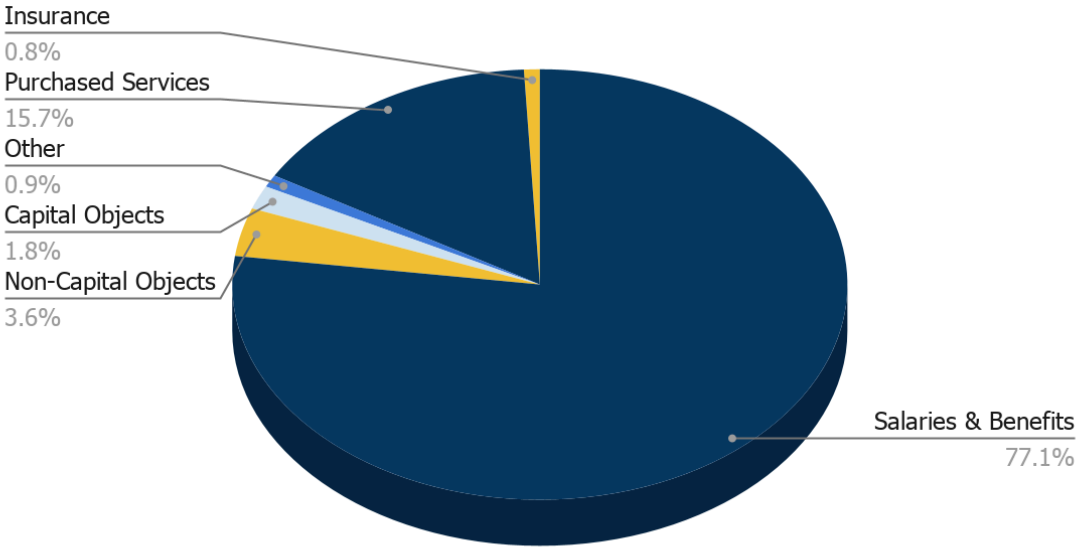
Revenue Sources 2026-27* - General & Special Ed Funds

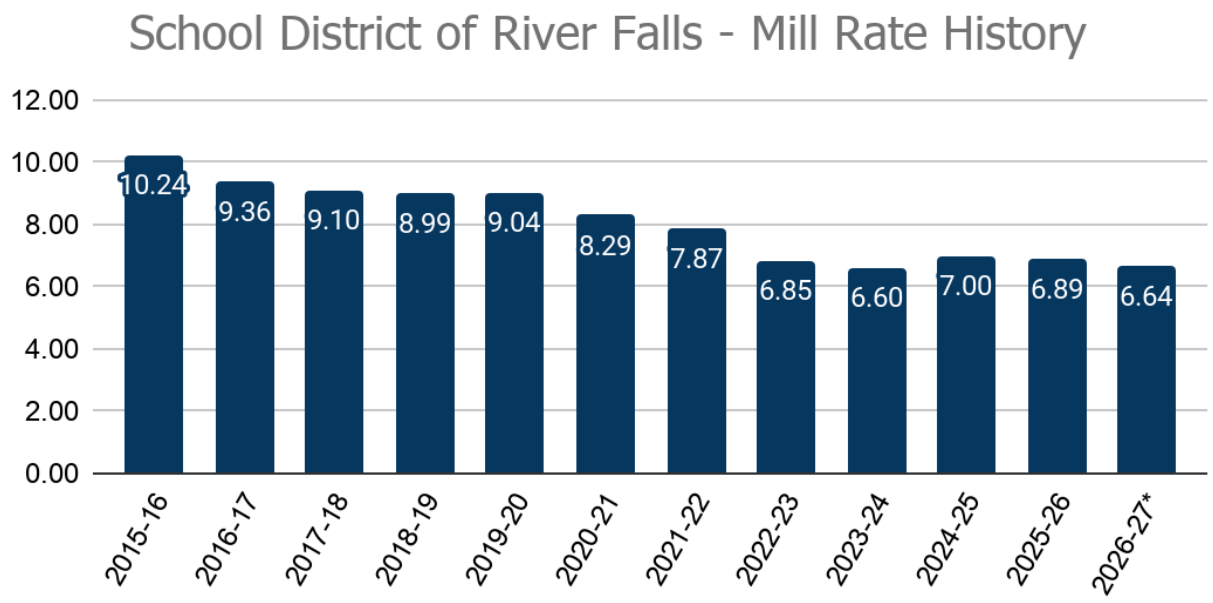


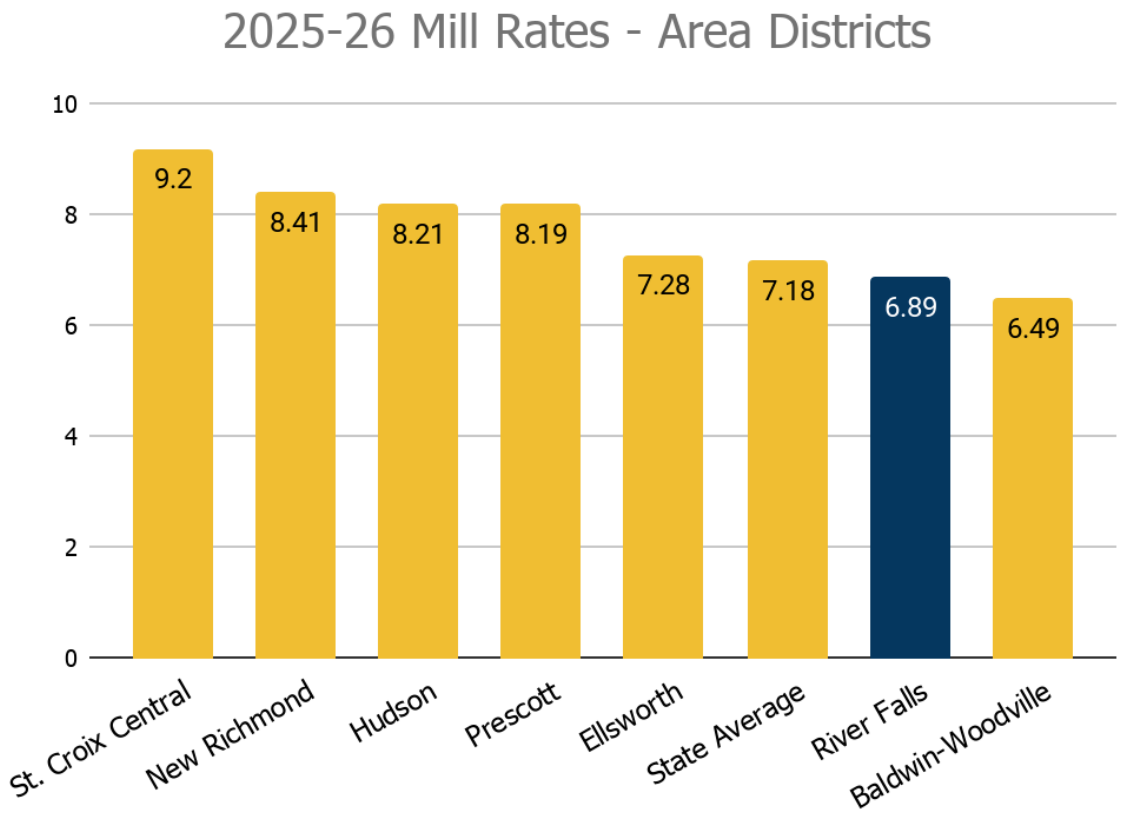
Not including $4.9 million transfer from General Fund to Special Ed Fund

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Expense Objects 2026-27* - General & Special Ed Funds




School District of River Falls - Mill Rate History
12.00
10.00
8.00
6.00
4.00
2.00
0.00
10.24
9.36
9.10
8.99
9.04
8.29
7.87
6.85
6.60
7.00
6.89
6.64
2015-16
2016-17
2017-18
2018-19
2019-20
2020-21
2021-22
2022-23
2023-24
2024-25
2025-26
2026-27*


2025-26 Mill Rates - Area Districts
10
8
6
4
2
0
9.2
8.41
8.21
8.19
7.28
7.18
6.89
6.49
St. Croix Central
New Richmond
Hudson
Prescott
Ellsworth
State Average
River Falls
Baldwin-Woodville

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RIVER FALLS

2026 Estimated District Levies & Valuations

by Municipalities

	Municipality	*Equalized Valuation* (TID OUT)*	*Percent of Tax Levy*	*2026-27 Levy**
Pierce Co	City of River Falls	1,269,314,600	29.36%	$8,430,187
	Town of Clifton	318,815,700	7.37%	$2,117,423
	Town of Martell	108,779,413	2.52%	$722,461
	Town of River Falls	464,225,699	10.74%	$3,083,168
St.Croix Co	City of River Falls	818,833,900	18.94%	$5,438,308
	Town of Kinnickinnic	427,170,498	9.88%	$2,837,064
	Town of Pleasant Valley	27,563,375	0.64%	$183,063
	Town of Rush River	487,361	0.01%	$3,237
	Town of Troy	888,174,543	20.54%	$5,898,835
	TOTALS	**4,323,365,089**	**100.00%**	**$28,713,747**
	General Fund Levy (Fund 10)			$22,194,692
	General Fund Levy/Mill Rate (Fund 10)			5.134
	Debt Service Fund Levy (Fund 39)			$6,259,055
	Debt Service Fund Levy/Mill Rate (Fund 39)			1.448
	Community Fund (Fund 80)			$260,000
	Community Fund Levy/Mill Rate (Fund 80)			0.060
	Total School Levy			**$28,713,747**
	Net Levy/Mill Rate			**6.64**

*Estimate is based on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue 2026 Statement of Changes in Equalized Values. School District Equalized Values will be certified October 1st, 2026.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RIVER FALLS

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, September 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Meyer Middle School Auditorium
230 N. 9th Street

MOTION TO APPROVE SCHOOL BOARD SALARIES AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED WHILE COMPLETING DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

Move to set School Board members' annual salaries at $_____ per School Board member with the president, clerk and treasurer salaries at $_____ for the 2026-2027 election year and reimbursement for expenses incurred while completing district responsibilities.

Motion made by: _____
Seconded by: _____

RESOLUTION TO SET THE TAX LEVY FOR 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED that there be and hereby is levied upon the taxable property of the district for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the district for the school year ending June 30, 2027, a tax in the sum of $_____.

Motion made by: _____
Seconded by: _____

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE THE 2027 ANNUAL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED that in the 2026-2027 school year the School Board of the School District of River Falls be authorized to set the 2027 Annual Meeting at a later date.

Motion made by: _____
Seconded by: _____