

AGENDA

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW GLARUS

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

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NEW GLARUS, WISCONSIN 53574

6:00 PM

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Timing for Next Operating Referendum to Replace Current NGSD
Non-Recurring Referendum** **2**

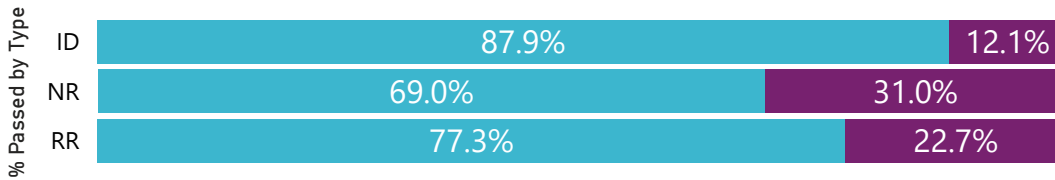
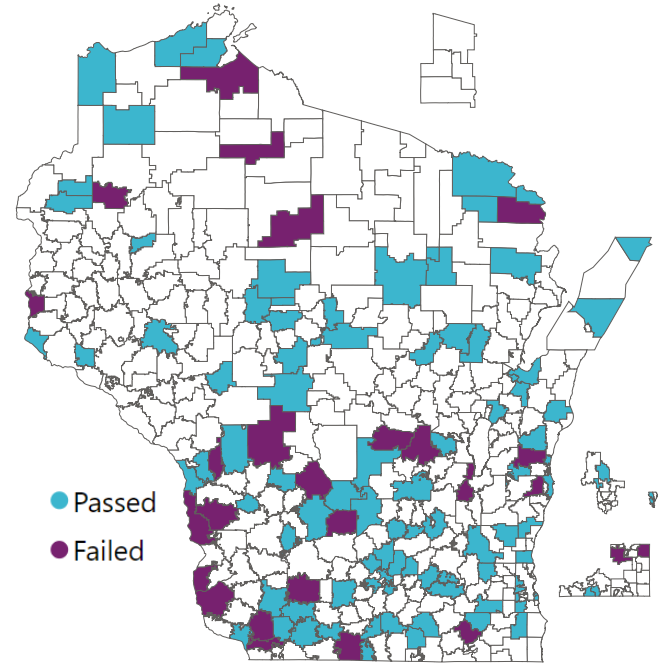
Wisconsin School Referenda Results

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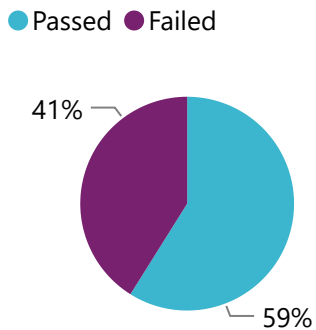
Tuesday, November 05, 2024 *

A total of:	Asked:	A total of:	Passed:
120	138	93	108
Districts	Questions	Districts	Questions

Type		Passed	Failed	Total
Issue Debt	# of ?s	51	7	58
	Total	\$2,810.1M	\$730.8M	\$3,540.9M
Non-Recurring	# of ?s	40	18	58
	Total	\$401.9M	\$121.3M	\$523.1M
Recurring	# of ?s	17	5	22
	Total	\$197.5M	\$17.1M	\$214.6M
Total	# of ?s	108	30	138
	Total	\$3,409.5M	\$869.2M	\$4,278.7M

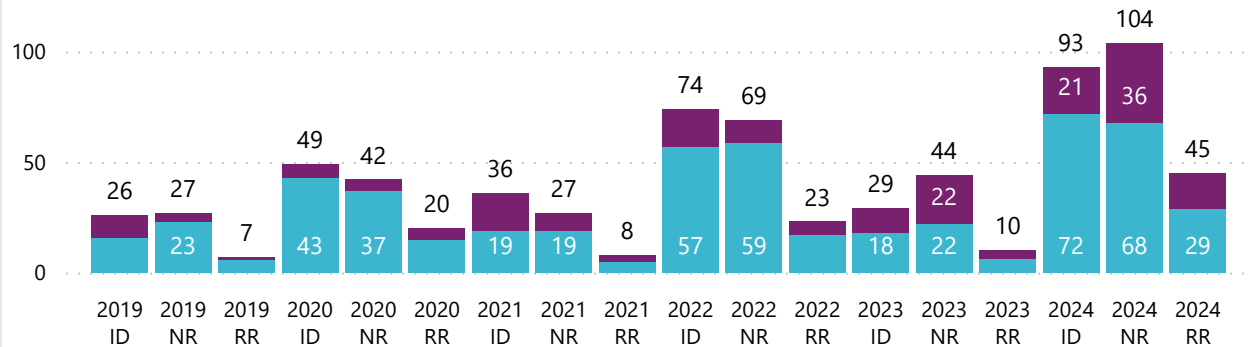


Results 1990 - Present



Historical Referenda Results

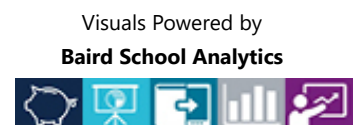
ID - Issue Debt; NR - Non-Recurring; RR - Recurring



School Finance Team	Election				School Business Solutions Team				
	2025	2026	2027	2028					
Brian Brewer – Debby Brunett Michel Clark Jordan Masnica – Kevin Mullen BairdPublicFinance@rwbaird.com	Spring Primary	02/18/2025	02/17/2026	02/16/2027	02/15/2028	Dennis Birr – Mary Blaha Marquez Guzmán Todd Hajewski – Elise Murn SchoolBusinessSolutions@rwbaird.com			
	Spring General	04/01/2025	04/07/2026	04/06/2027	04/04/2028				
	Fall Primary		08/11/2026		08/08/2028				
	Fall General		11/03/2026		11/07/2028				

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*Results are preliminary, data gathered from various news outlets, direct phone calls to Districts, and DPI



WELCOME

GREATER DANE COUNTY



SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE
CONSORTIUM

OCTOBER 8, 2024



MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Greater Dane County School District Consortium (GDCSDGC) is to ensure all of our students receive the highest quality education possible. While we acknowledge the uniqueness of each of our districts, we share many of the same challenges and aspirations. We will leverage our collective knowledge and expertise to focus on three priorities:

- Eliminate academic, social, and emotional gaps for our students;
- Advance best governance practices; and
- Advocate for our public schools at the local, state, and federal levels.

AGENDA



- 5:30 PM Dinner – AzTec Taqueria
- 6:00 PM Welcome and Inclusion Activity
- Today's Focus
 - ❖ Political Advocacy and Strategies for Public School Funding
 - ❖ Discussion on Referendums
- 7:15 PM Questions/Other Business
- Future Meeting Dates
 - ❖ January 15, 2025 – Mount Horeb School District
 - ❖ May 7, 2025 – New Glarus School District
- Adjourn

WELCOME



Verona Area School District Leadership Team

Dr. Tremayne Clardy, Superintendent

Chad Wiese, Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations

Dr. Angela Hawkins, Executive Director of Student Services

Amy Engelkins, Executive Director of Academic Services

Marcie Pfeifer-Soderbloom, Public Information Officer

Board of Education (in attendance)

Jen Murphy, President

John Porco, Vice President

Joe Hanes, Treasurer

Korbey White, Clerk

Juan Carlos Medina

INCLUSION ACTIVITY



POLITICAL ADVOCACY AND STRATEGIES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING



Mike Barry

Executive Director

Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials

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April 2024

PIERCING THE FOG

SHEDDING LIGHT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDA IN WISCONSIN

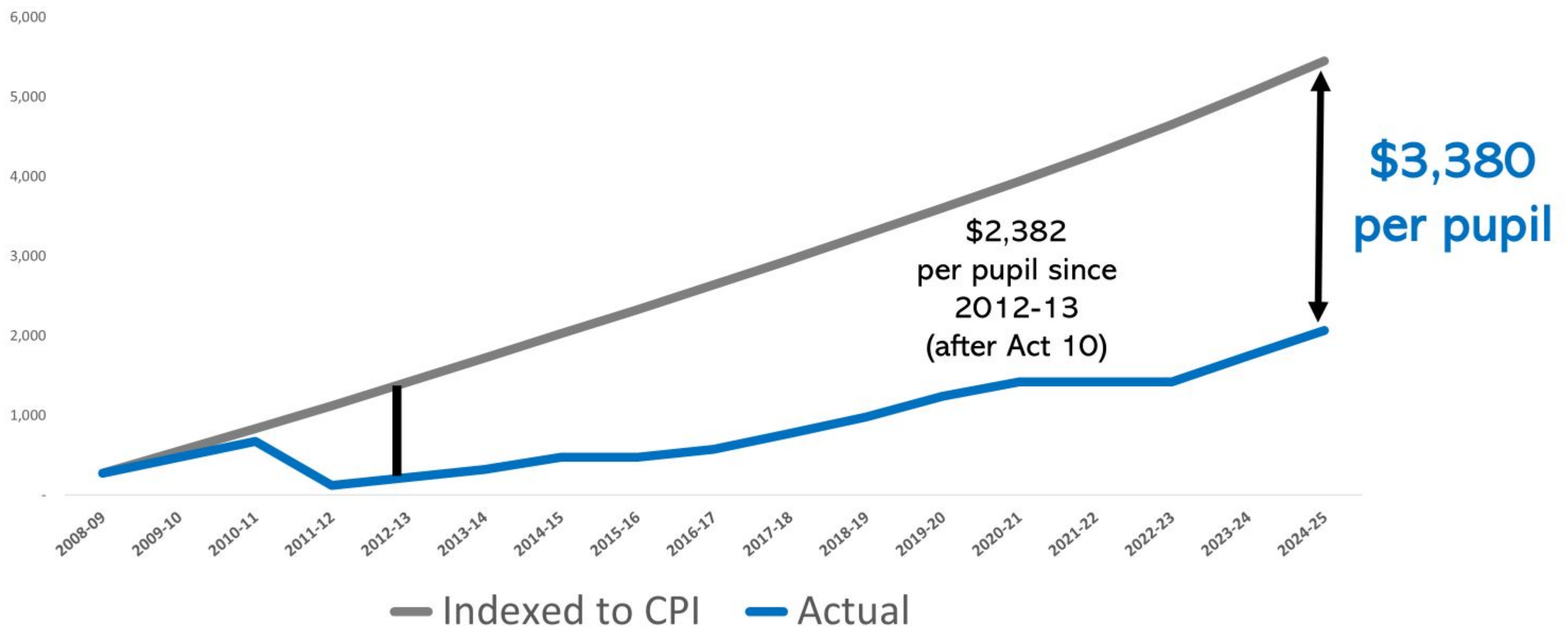
Will Flanders, PHD.
Kitalya Spencer



These limits were initially set in the fall of 1993. Since then, the legislature has raised the base revenue limits 24 times. Though districts have received these increases over time...

- Of the 24 increases, **17 happened consecutively**, from 1994-95 through 2010-11 when the revenue limit was **indexed to inflation**. Indexing stopped in 2009-11 during the Great Recession.
- In the past 14 years, from 2011-12 onward, the legislature increased the revenue limits **just half the time**, in 7 of the 14 years. 3 of those increases were \$75 per pupil or less.
- In the past 14 years, from 2011-12 onward, there was **no increase** in the revenue limits **6 times** and **one cut of (\$528) per pupil**.

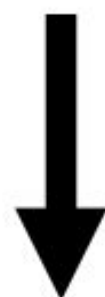
General school district revenues per pupil lag inflation by more than \$3,300 since 2009





Wisconsin's ranking has fallen relative to the nation on per pupil spending on K-12 education

11th in 2002
11% above national average



25th in 2022 **7.2% below**
national average

Wisconsin provides **disproportionately less funding to rural districts: 11th lowest** in the nation on state revenue to schools per local dollar (\$.82 versus \$1.18 nationally)

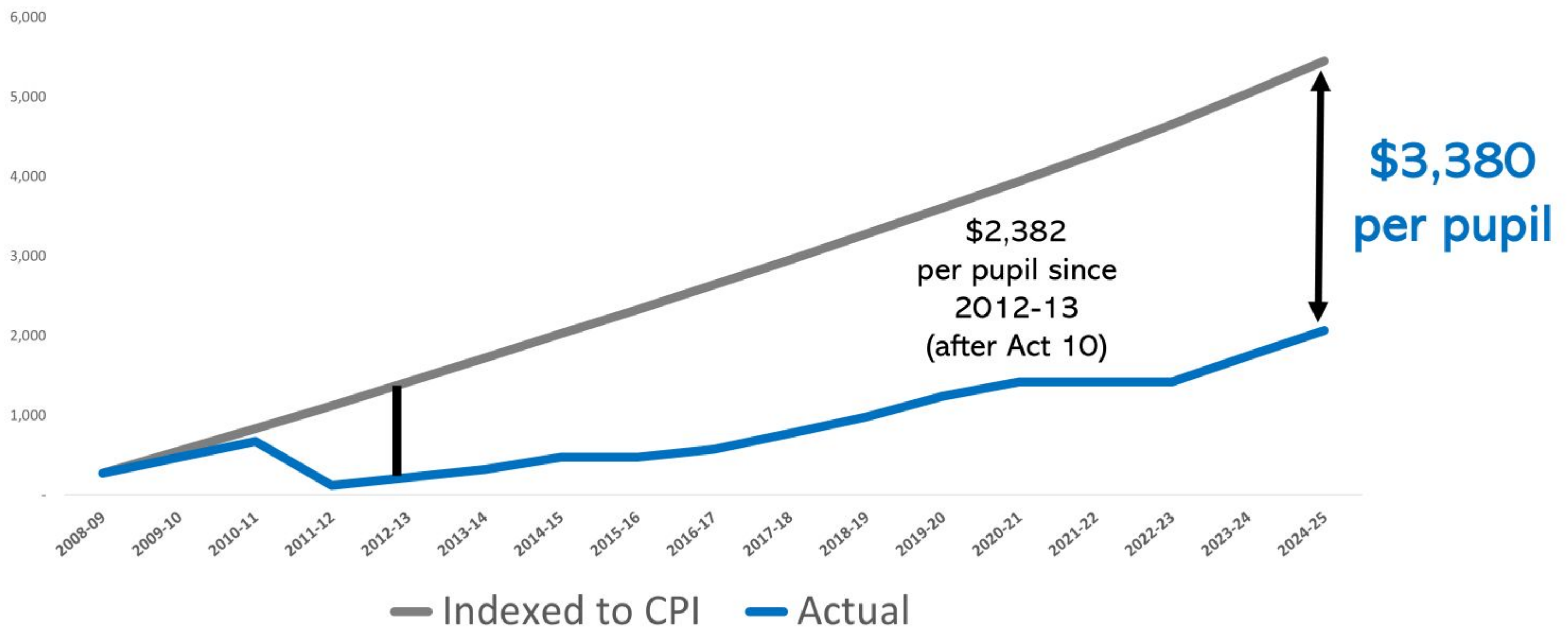


K-12 ON THE BALLOT

USING REFERENDA TO FUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dale Knapp, Director

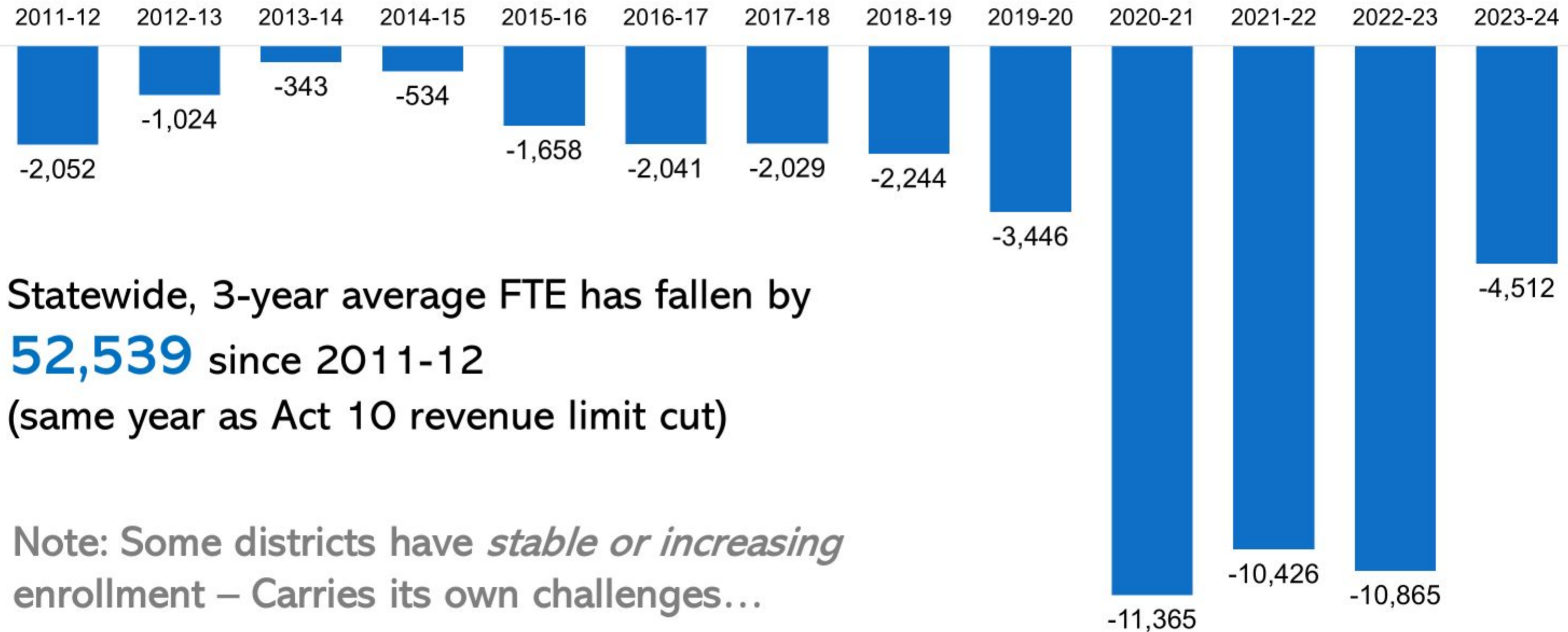
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Declining enrollment (2012-12 to 2023-24)



Statewide revenue limit 3-year average FTE decline



Statewide, 3-year average FTE has fallen by **52,539** since 2011-12 (same year as Act 10 revenue limit cut)

Note: Some districts have *stable or increasing* enrollment – Carries its own challenges...

Operating referendums in 2024...



Spring 2024 operating referendums: 68 school districts

Mixed results: About 60% passage rate across all types

Fall 2024 operating referendums: 81 school districts

Total questions for 2024: 149
far exceeds previous record of 92 in 2022



Trends to watch:

- Passage margins have been narrowing
- Growth of referendum dollars driving school district budgets

Why These Priorities?



- ❑ Provide the most resources, the most flexibly, for the most students, in every district
- ❑ Long-standing and data-driven (these ideas were integral to proposals in 2019 Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding)
- ❑ A focus on these priorities: Helps every district meet their particular needs

School Administrators Alliance (SAA)

Key draft state budget priorities

Special education

The Ask

- Increase reimbursement to AT LEAST 60% (from 32.4%)
- Convert the appropriation to be sum sufficient – this is the foundation!

Rationale

- Guarantees vital resources for mandated services will not be pro-rated to a lower amount
- Ensures we can provide more than the minimum for SwD while reducing needs to draw resources away from programs that serve all students, including SwDs

School Administrators Alliance (SAA)

Key draft state budget priorities

General spending authority

The Ask

- Increase the **revenue limit** beyond \$325 to align with an estimated 3% increase in CPI
 - 2025-26: \$416.36 (+\$90)
 - 2026-27: \$428.84 (+\$105)
- Increase equalization aid pool to offset tax levy increases
- Provide \$100 in each year in **per pupil aid** (for those who have fallen out of aid formula)

Rationale

- Flexible, spendable revenue is crucial for school districts to sustainably address diverse needs
- Inflationary spending authority would help mitigate the growing need of school districts going to operating referendum

**School
Administrators
Alliance (SAA)**

**Key draft state
budget priorities**

Low Revenue Ceiling

The Ask

- Raise LRC statewide to close the gap between highest and lowest revenue limits (e.g., get as many districts as possible within about 10% of each other)
- Provide equalization aid to offset tax levy impacts

Rationale

- Revenue limits per pupil vary widely: From \$10,347 to \$24,949
- Voucher high schools get \$12,731 per pupil – exceeds the revenue limit for many districts which are held to higher standards

DISCUSSION FOR REFERENDA



Verona Area School District
"Every Student MUST Be Successful!"

11-8-22 CHARTING OUR PATH FORWARD
VASD OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM

In November 2022, the Verona Area School District (VASD) is asking residents to vote on a \$19 million recurring operational referendum question.

OUR WHY?
In the Verona Area School District (VASD), we believe the magic happens in our classrooms with our world-class educators. The Verona Area School District, along with all Wisconsin school districts, is faced with balancing a budget with cost-of-living increases at 4.7%. This must be accomplished with no new recurring funding authority from the State of Wisconsin.

VASD AND OUR COMMUNITY VALUES

- Rich programs and specialized services
- Robust curricular offerings
- Desirable staff-to-student ratio
- Retain and recruit highly qualified educators

VASD MILL RATE TIMELINE
Source: Verona Area School District 2012-25 Preliminary Budget

Year	Mill Rate
2017	\$11.98
2018	\$12.86
2019	\$12.77
2020	\$12.77
2021	\$12.88
2022	\$12.64
2023	Proposed mill rate with preliminary budget: \$11.78

VASD has Paid Taxes to Keep Mill Rates Steady

700 N Main Street | Verona, WI 53593 | verona.k12.wi.us/referendum2022

CHARTING OUR PATH FORWARD | **FORWARD**

DID YOU KNOW?

Over the past decade, more than **130** OPERATIONAL REFERENDUMS have been brought forward in Wisconsin school districts, with an approval rate of about **72%**

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Custom Referenda Reports

MILL RATE NEUTRAL PROPOSAL
- YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKING FOR YOU

The VASD Board of Education is asking for different permission to spend the same amount of tax dollars, in turn, spending more on students, services, and programs and less on pre-payment of capital debt.

The operational referendum would give the VASD Board of Education permission to shift funds from capital (facilities and pre-payment of debt on those facilities) to operational. The same before utilities where your tax dollars would be allocated both with and without a voter-approved operating referendum, based on a home value of \$100,000:

Spending Category	WITHOUT Operating Referendum	WITH Operating Referendum
Operations, staff compensation, etc.	\$726	\$777
Paying off previous referendum debt and capital maintenance projects	\$445	\$384
Community Use	\$17	\$17
TOTALS	\$1,178	\$1,178

Source: Verona Area School District 2022-23 Preliminary Budget

WE ARE PARTNERS

The Verona Area School District is proud to partner with the greater Verona community. As partners, it is our goal to be good stewards of our taxpayers' dollars while ensuring the best educational experience for our students.

- We are operating a world-class organization together
- The district is working to take care of taxpayers by not increasing taxes
- The district needs approval from taxpayers in building a long-range operational and facilities plan that sustains quality and does not cost residents more

To learn more about the operational referendum visit us online at verona.k12.wi.us/referendum2022 or scan the QR code below!

700 N Main Street | Verona, WI 53593 | verona.k12.wi.us/referendum2022

Referendum Community Information Session

11-8-22

CHARTING OUR PATH FORWARD

VASD OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM

Community Engagement and Feedback

- 10 school sessions, 550 participants
- 7 community sessions, 170 participants
 - Facebook Live - over 200 viewers
 - Spanish language session - over 30 attendees
- Staff and community members who attended information sessions largely support the idea of going to referendum

Our Students Look Toward the Future

Foundation of...
Financial Literacy
Physical Health
Mental Wellness

Exposure and Preparation in...
Dual Credit Courses with Madison College
Computer Science (via Forge, HTML)
Robotics and Engineering
Trades (youth apprenticeships & internships)
Multilingual Skills

En VASD, sabemos que la magia se da en nuestros salones con nuestros educadores de clase mundial.

VASD y nuestros valores comunitarios:
 → Educadores altamente calificados
 → Una sólida oferta curricular
 → Índice deseable de maestros por estudiante
 → Programas variados y servicios especializados

QUESTIONS?



FUTURE MEETING DATES



Future Meetings:

January 15, 2025 - Mount Horeb School District

May 7, 2025 - New Glarus School District

Full Day 4K Data & Meetings with Childcare Providers

November 2024

Student Data:

- Kindergarten Fall iReady Diagnostic Assessments -
 - Full-day students scored 5 to 7 percentage points higher than half-day
 - 7 kindergarten students qualified for Tier Three intensive intervention
 - One student with an IEP
 - Two new to the district
 - Remaining four were half-day 4K students
- Beginning of the year Kindergarten - First assessment of K ELOs
 - No full-day 4K students required a Tier Two intervention

Parent Data:

- 42 incoming 4K parents responded to the spring survey
 - 64% - strongly wanted all day 4K
 - 14% - strongly wanted half-day 4K
 - 21% - were open to either

Meetings with Childcare Providers:

- Dr. Eicher and Dr. Thayer met with the 5 local childcare providers; 3 in-home providers and 2 center directors
- No childcare providers were opposed to the district providing all-day 4K
- One childcare center director and one in-home provider would like to see the district do a community collaboration approach to all-day 4K
- Dr. Thayer has gathered contracts from multiple districts that have contracts with childcare providers for community collaboration 4K, including the three districts recommended by one of the childcare providers

All-Day 4K Budget Considerations

Additional Annual Costs:

- Additional Teacher: \$80,000 (mid-range - salary and benefits)
- Additional 4K Aide: \$43,000 (mid-range - salary and benefits)
- Increase current 4K Aide to full-time: \$20,000

Total Additional Costs: \$143,000 (\$80,000 + \$43,000 + \$20,000)

Total Cost Savings or Additional Revenue for All-Day 4K:

Annual Cost Savings for Eliminating Busing Midday (Based on 2023-24 Bussing when $\frac{2}{3}$ of students in 4K were half day):

- Midday Fuel for Bus Routes:
 - **\$4,711**
 - 44.87 miles/day divided by 5 miles/gallon (avg mpg for school buses) multiplied by \$3.50/gallon (current avg price for diesel fuel in WI) multiplied by 150 days of half-day 4K
- Midday Bus Driver
 - **\$6,750**
 - \$45 per day for 150 days
 - The other midday driver is currently full-time; would find other uses for her time such as custodial, recess, etc.
 - Small Bus Depreciation per Year for One Bus (We would keep one bus so not including that depreciation)
 - **\$10,500**
 - Average cost for a small bus - \$105,000
 - Average number of useful years for a school bus - 10

Possible Lost Revenue and Extra Expenses from Students not Attending 4K in NG:

It is important to note that although we know we have lost half-day 4K students to full-day programs in other districts and/or some parents have chosen to keep them at home instead of sending them to our half-day 4K program, we do not know the exact impact.

- **Difference in NG Resident Students Attending 4K in 2023 and K in 2024**
 - **\$55,200**
 - The difference in # of resident students from 4K in 2023 to K in 2024 = 8. This is the amount if those students had attended 4K at the 4K reimbursement rate of 0.6 FTE and the district revenue limit per pupil amount of \$11,900
- **Amount of Expense For 4K Student Open Enrolling Out of the District**
 - **\$25,845**
 - 4K OE expense out for 23-24
 - **\$32,263**
 - 4K OE expense out for 24-25

IV. Adjourn

PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE LAW, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A QUORUM OR A MAJORITY OF THE NEW GLARUS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING. INFORMATION PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING MAY HELP FORM THE RATIONALE BEHIND FUTURE ACTIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN BY THE NEW GLARUS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD.

UPON REQUEST TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE, SUBMITTED TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS IN ADVANCE, THE DISTRICT SHALL MAKE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT FOR A DISABLED PERSON TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.