



WAUNAKEE

COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 5th, 2024
Referendum





Spanish Instructions - Instrucciones para español

- Instructions to enable Spanish interpretation feature in Zoom (Android):
Instrucciones para activar la función de interpretación en español en Zoom (Android):
 1. En los controles de reunión, toque los puntos suspensivos .
 2. Toque Interpretación de idiomas.
 3. Toque el idioma que desee escuchar.
 4. (Opcional) Toque el botón de alternancia Silenciar audio original.
 5. Haga clic en Done (Finalizado).



Agenda

- Introductions
- Wisconsin State Education Funding
- Waunakee Financial Data
- November 5th, 2024 Referendum
- Q&A



Introductions

- Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown will introduce the administrators and school board members who are present
- There is a Q&A button to ask any questions you may have
- This presentation is being recorded and will be posted on our district website



Wisconsin State Education Funding

- As of 2022, the most recent U.S. Census data available, Wisconsin per-pupil spending on K-12 was 7.2% below the national average, ranking 25th among the 50 states. Twenty years before, in 2002, Wisconsin ranked 11th among the states and spent 11% above the national average. Wisconsin experienced the largest change in state ranking in the nation during that time span.



Wisconsin State Education Funding

Selected years	Class of 2023 Grade	Combined resource change per pupil (revenue limits + per pupil aid)	Amount behind inflation (Cumulative, per pupil)	National spending ranking (Census)	Context Notes
2009-10	4K	\$200	\$75	17th	1 st year revenue limits were decoupled from inflation
2010-11	5K	\$200	\$156	17th	State raised proficiency cut scores, Act 10
2011-12	1st	-\$554	\$998	21st	Revenue limits cut/state aid cut in 2011-13 budget
2013-14	3rd	\$100	\$1,395	21st	Statewide voucher program established
2015-16	5 th	\$0	\$1,856	23rd	Sharp rise in referendum questions and dollars
2019-20	9th	\$263	\$2,365	25th	COVID-19 global pandemic hits
2020-21	10th	\$179	\$2,520	25th	Inflation soars
2021-22	11th	\$0	\$2,863	NA	Revenue limits are frozen, no increases for two years
2022-23	12th	\$0	\$3,235	NA	Graduation! 2 nd year of frozen revenue limits, amid continued inflation



Wisconsin State Education Funding

- As a part of the 2023-2025 state budget, Governor Evers created a line-item veto to increase the per student revenue limit by \$325 per student for the next 400 years. This increase accounts for the majority of school funding increases through the state budget process.
 - 2024-25: $\$325 \times 4412$ students = \$1.43 million
 - 2024-25 CPI increase & Comp system increases = \$2.2 million
 - 2024-25 CPI increase & Comp system benefits increases = \$330K
 - 2024-25 Health insurance increases = \$345K
 - 2024-25 Transportation contract increase = \$67K
 - \$1.5 million deficit

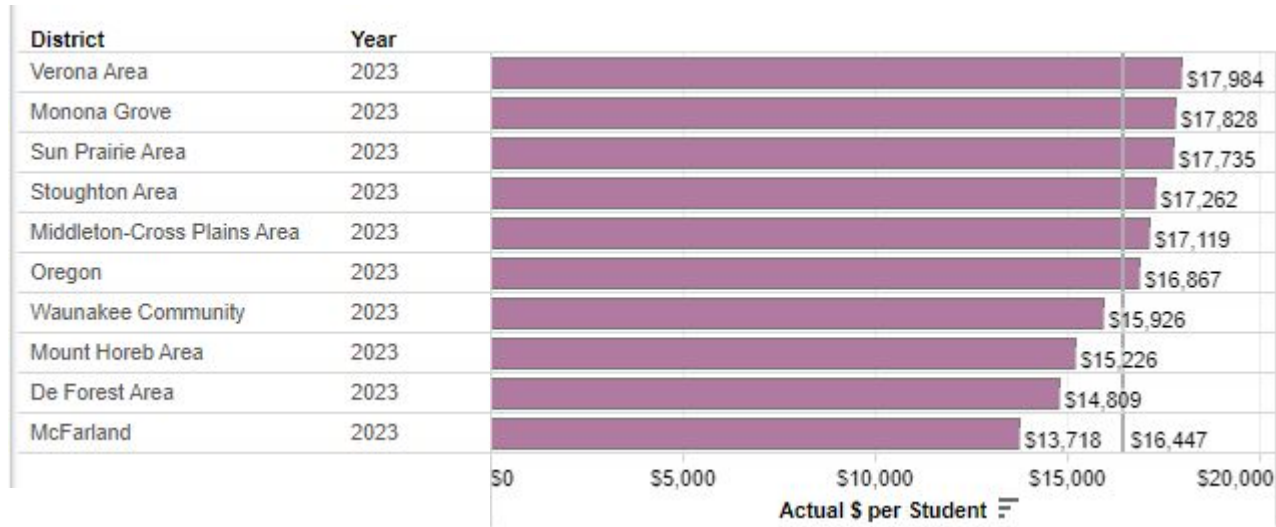


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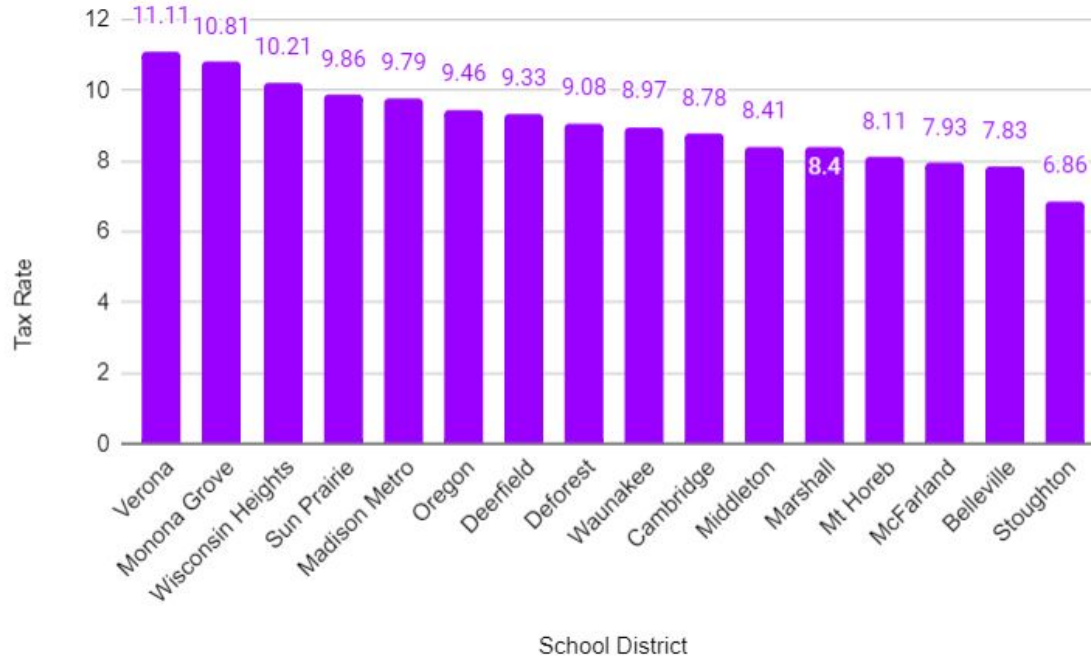


Waunakee Financial Data





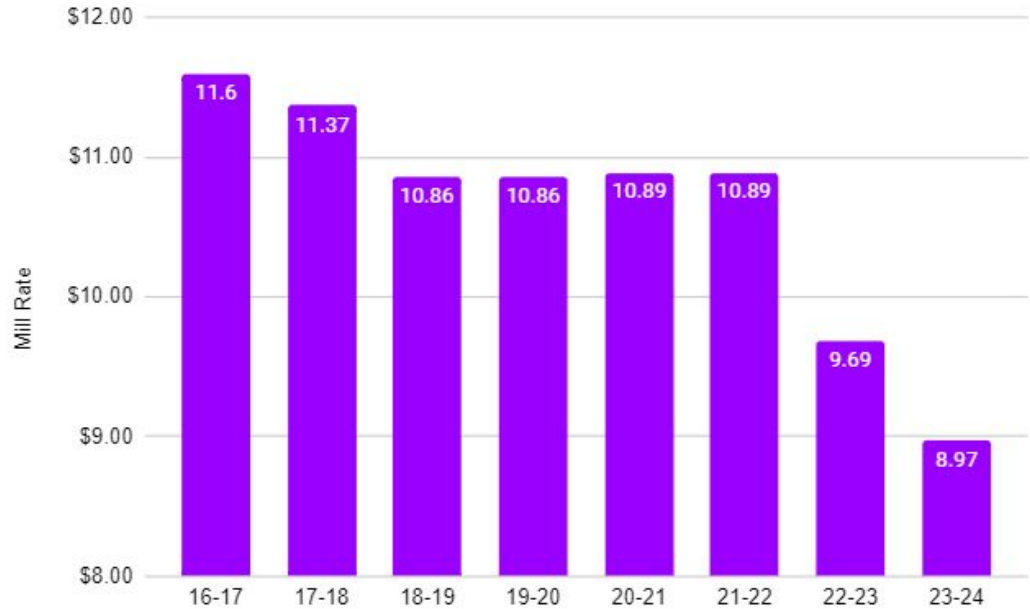
Waunakee Financial Data





Waunakee Financial Data

- 2023-24 decreased to \$8.97 to reflect equalized value increase.
- Example new home
2017: \$6,582
2023: \$6,588.50





What is the referendum proposal?

- BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Waunakee Community School District, Dane County, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$8,600,000 for the 2025-2026 school year, and by an additional \$500,000 (for a total of \$9,100,000) for the 2026-2027 school year and thereafter, for recurring* purposes consisting of maintaining programs and services and for employee compensation; and by an additional \$1,050,000 for the 2025-2026 school year (for a combined total of \$9,650,000), and by \$2,100,000 for the 2026-2027 school year (for a combined total of \$11,200,000), for non-recurring** purposes consisting of employee compensation expenses.

* a recurring referendum allows a school district to levy additional dollar amounts on a permanent basis

** a non-recurring referendum allows a school district to levy additional dollar amounts for a temporary period of time as defined in the resolution (set end date)



What will
I see on
the
ballot?

Official Ballot 21
Partisan Office and Referendum and Special Election for Nonpartisan Office
November 5, 2024

Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initiated by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initiated by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials.)

General Instructions	Congressional	County (cont.)
<p>If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask a poll worker for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk.)</p> <p>To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●</p> <p>To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Federal</p> <p>When voting for President and Vice President, you have one of two choices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote for candidates on one ticket, or • Write in names of persons on both write-in lines <p>A write-in vote for only a vice presidential candidate will not be counted.</p> <p>President / Vice President Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kamala D. Harris / Tim Walz (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump / JD Vance (Republican)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Randall Terry / Stephen Broden (Constitution)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chase Russell Oliver / Mike ter Maat (Libertarian)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jill Stein / Rudolph Ware (Wisconsin Green)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Claudia De la Cruz / Karina Garcia (Party for Socialism and Liberation)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Cornel West / Melina Abdullah (Justice For All)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Robert F. Kennedy Jr. / Nicole Shanahan (We The People)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in (President)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in (Vice President)</p>	<p>United States Senator Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tammy Baldwin (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Eric Houde (Republican)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Phil Anderson (Disrupt The Corruption)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Thomas Leager (America First)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p>Representative in Congress District 2 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mark Pocan (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Erik Olsen (Republican)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Legislative and State</p> <p>Representative to the Assembly District B1 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Alex Joers (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p>District Attorney Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ismael Ozanne (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">County</p> <p>County Clerk Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Scott McDonnell (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p>County Treasurer Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Adam Gallagher (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	<p>Register of Deeds Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kristi Chlebowski (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special Election for Nonpartisan Office</p> <p>County Executive Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dana Pellebon</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Melissa Agard</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Referendum</p> <p>To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●</p> <p>To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;">State</p> <p>Eligibility to vote. Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School District</p> <p>Shall the Waunakee Community School District, Dane County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$8,600,000 for the 2025-2026 school year, and by an additional \$500,000 (for a total of \$9,100,000) for the 2026-2027 school year and thereafter, for recurring purposes consisting of maintaining programs and services and for employee compensation, and by an additional \$1,050,000 for the 2025-2026 school year (for a combined total of \$9,650,000), and by \$2,100,000 for the 2026-2027 school year (for a combined total of \$11,200,000), for non-recurring purposes consisting of employee compensation expenses?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
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Official Ballot
Partisan Office and
Referendum and Special
Election for Nonpartisan
Office
November 5, 2024
for
T Dane Wd 1
T Springfield Wds 1-4
T Westport Wds 1-5
V Waunakee Wds 1-5
V Waunakee Wds 6-13

Ballot issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of municipal clerk or deputy clerk

(If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.)

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read about this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

For Official Use Only

Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade.

Overvoted

Damaged

Other

If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here: _____

If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here: _____

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot



What is the purpose of the referendum?

Funding Initiatives	2025-26	2026-27
Maintaining current programs/services (recurring)	\$8.1 million	\$8.1 million
Increasing hourly employee compensations (recurring)	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Increasing employee compensation costs (non-recurring)	\$1.05 million	\$2.1 million
Total	\$9.65 million	\$11.2 million



Maintaining Current Programs & Services

- \$8.1 million to replace:
 - \$2.1 million from November 2020, non-recurring operational referendum
 - \$6 million from November 2022, non-recurring operational referendum
- Funds have been fully utilized in the 2024-25 budget planning process
- These funds have been primarily used for supporting compensation increases, including CPI, district compensation systems, and the loss of federal ESSER funding



Increasing Hourly Employee Compensation

- \$1 million over two fiscal years to close the compensation gap between Waunakee hourly employees and our Dane County comparable school districts
- Waunakee hourly employees are the only employee group not at an average compensation level



Increasing Employee Compensation Costs

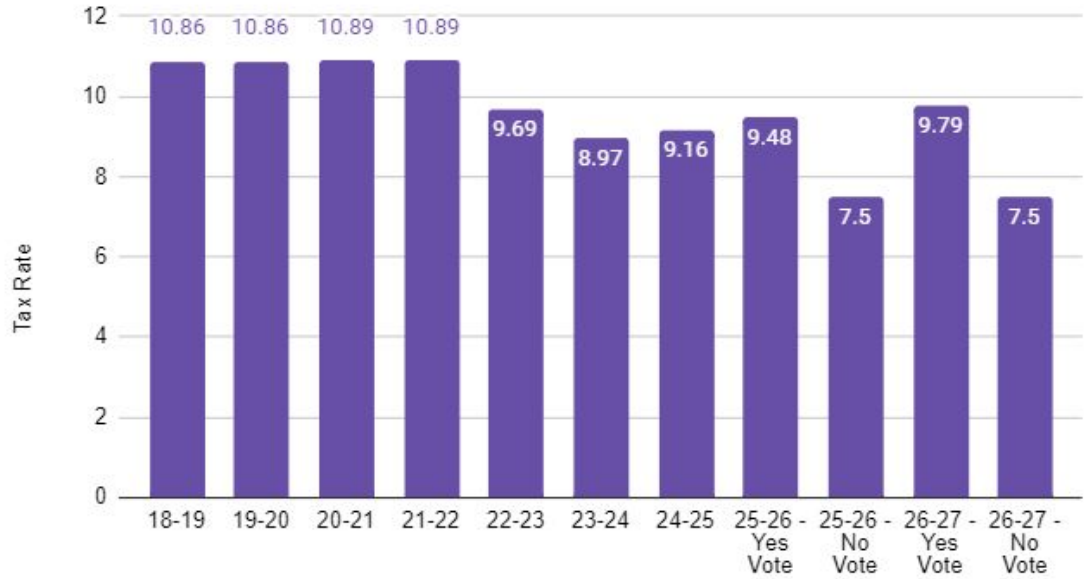
- \$2.1 million over two fiscal years to support compensation increases, including CPI and district compensation systems
- The \$2.1 million is an estimate of the difference between the increase in state revenues (\$325/student) and cost increases
- The goal of the \$2.1 million is to keep all other employee groups competitive with Dane County comparables



Tax Impact

- **Yes Vote**
 - 25-26 increase is an additional \$0.32 per \$1,000 of property value (\$160 for a \$500K home)
 - 26-27 increase is an additional \$0.31 per \$1,000 of property value (\$155 for a \$500K home)
- **No Vote**
 - 25-26 & 26-27 decrease would be \$1.66 per \$1,000 of property value (\$830 for a \$500K home)

Tax Rate





Tax Impact

- \$8,127,502 of the 25-26 request for \$9,650,000 will already be included in the 24-25 tax rate.
- The tax impact calculations do not assume property value growth that could absorb a portion of the tax levy increase.
- The tax impact calculations do not make any assumptions regarding the 2025-27 state budget.



What happens if the referendum is not approved?

- The district would need to reduce \$8.1 million in existing expenditures between the 2024-25 school year and the 2025-26 school year. This reduction would equate to 12% of the district's operating budget. As an example, 12% of the district's staffing level equates to 79 FTE. The district has not created a list of specific reductions.
- Hourly staff compensation will remain below our Dane County comparables.
- Compensation increases for 2025-26 will be dependent on the resources provided through the 2025-27 Wisconsin state budget. Other employee group (teachers, administrators, admin support) compensation may fall below our Dane County comparables.



Where can I learn more information?

Visit our website:

<https://www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/community/fall-2024-referendum>

Email us:

wcsd_fall2024referendum@waunakee.k12.wi.us



Do you have questions?

We invite you to ask questions you might have.

Thank you for joining us!

