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Board of Education to Hold 2024-25 Budget Meetings

GREEN BAY, WI – October 11, 2024 – During the month of October the Green Bay Area Public School District Board of Education will hold two meetings regarding the 2024-25 budget.

- **October 14, 5:00 p.m. – Special Board of Education Meeting.** The budget will be presented by Chief Financial Officer Angie Roble.
- **October 28, 5:30 p.m. – Public Hearing.** Immediately after the hearing, the Board of Education will hold their regular board meeting to vote on the budget and tax levy.

“The 2024-25 District budget continues to address several challenges the District is facing including declining enrollment, inflation, and the end of one-time ESSER dollars,” stated Chief Financial Officer Angie Roble. “The District’s budget includes the recurring \$325 per pupil increase included in the 2023-25 state biennium budget; however, a flat dollar amount does not account for year-to-year inflation. With the increase in revenue limits to \$11,000 per student, staff attrition, school consolidations, and use of ESSER dollars to pay for operational expenditures such as summer school, the District was able to balance the budget. The District is still projecting future deficits, as there has not been a per pupil cost of inflation increase since 2009.”

Highlights of the budget include the following:

- The 2024-25 general fund budget of approximately \$311.4 million is a balanced budget.
- The 2024 mill rate is projected to be \$7.65 per \$1,000 of fair market value with the passage of the referendum, which is a decrease from the 2023 mill rate of \$8.26. If the referendum does not pass, it is expected to be \$5.30 per \$1,000 of fair market value. The mill rate

remains one of the lowest mill rates that the District is able to find on record. If the referendum passes, the mill rate will be slightly higher than the state average of \$7.22 for K-12 school districts (Source DPI).

- The average fair market value change is +7.99% for properties in the District attendance boundaries, which is mostly due to inflation. The property value increases for the various municipalities range from +1.59% to +12.38%.
- The budget includes \$4.6 million of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) dollars which was earmarked to support operations and other allowable expenditures through September 30, 2024, like paying for summer school. These one-time funds allowed for the District to close the deficit for this upcoming fiscal year.
- The state budget increased Special Education reimbursement to 33% (the District received 32.4% last year). The 2024-25 budget has set aside \$35 million from the general fund to transfer to the Special Education Fund to cover expenditures not reimbursed by the state.
- The budget includes levying an estimated \$12.9 million which reduces the amount of state aid received by the district to cover the cost of voucher and independent school charter payments. The increase in voucher amounts from the prior year for grades K-8 was 3.5%, grades 9-12 was 2.8%, 2.3% for special education, and 3.5% for independent charter schools.

Information is available on the District website regarding how the public can participate in the budget public hearing on October 28th. The budget meetings will be streamed live on [YouTube](#).

Founded in 1856 with the opening of the Sale School, the Green Bay Area Public School District is more than 160 years old. A unified school district of 92 square miles, it covers the city of Green Bay, all of the village of Allouez, the village of Bellevue, the town of Scott, as well as part of the towns of Ledgeview, Eaton, Green Bay and Humboldt. For more information, visit the district website <http://www.gbaps.org>.