



**WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT
103RD ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING
& ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS**

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022
6:30 P.M.
WEST BEND HIGH SCHOOLS
SILVER LINING ARTS CENTER

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WEST BEND
JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION

Preparing All Students for
College Readiness and
Career Success

WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT VISION

Excellence for All



WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUES

- We value visionary leadership and learning for all and are committed to improved outcomes for all students.
- We value stewardship and the engagement of our people and are committed to creating and providing a culture of service excellence.
- We value our people and we are committed to maintaining a physically and emotionally safe environment so everyone can achieve their fullest potential.
- We value innovation and results and are committed to instituting effective and efficient methodology for all levels of the organization.



**103rd Annual Meeting of the Electors
West Bend Joint School District #1**

Monday, September 26, 2022
West Bend High Schools Silver Lining Arts Center
1305 East Decorah Road, West Bend, WI 53095

6:00 p.m. Registration for Annual Meeting

6:30 p.m. Public Hearing: 2022-2023 Budget

Agenda

1. Call to Order: Mr. Chris Zwycart, President – School Board
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Overview of Common Questions
4. Presentation of Proposed Budget: Mr. Andrew Sarnow, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations
5. Hearing
6. Adjournment

7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting

Agenda

1. Call to Order: Mr. Chris Zwycart, President – School Board
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Ground Rules
4. Election of Chairperson for Annual Meeting
5. Approval of Agenda
6. State of the District Report: Ms. Jennifer Wimmer, Superintendent
7. Consideration of Proposed Resolutions
 - a. Resolution No. 1 - Tax Levy
 - b. Resolution No. 2 - Disposal of District Property
 - c. Resolution No. 3 - Board Member Compensation
8. Adjournment



Resolution No. 1 - Tax Levy

RESOLVED, by the Electors of West Bend Joint School District No. 1, West Bend, Wisconsin, that there be and hereby is levied on the taxable properties within the confines of the District taxes in the amount of \$42,852,512 including \$6,902,189 to be applied on long term debt obligations of the District, \$1,725,000 to be applied to the capital projects fund, \$550,000 to be applied to the Community Services Fund and the balance of \$33,675,323 to be applied to the General Fund for the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with the recommendation of the School Board.

Administrator Notes: A reminder to the community that this is an advisory resolution that is non-binding. Several of these amounts remain estimated for the Annual Meeting and a final levy recommendation will be brought forward for formal Board approval on Monday, October 24, 2022, with concrete Department of Public Instruction and Department of Revenue information that will become available on October 15, 2022.

Resolution No. 2 - Disposal of District Property

BE IT RESOLVED that Electors support the alignment of School Board Policy 690 - Disposition/Disposal of School Property, adopted March 7, 2022, which determines that items (whether individually or grouped for a single transaction) estimated to have a resale or other fair-market value of \$10,000 or more may be disposed of only if the School Board has expressly approved the specific disposition or expressly authorized the administration to dispose of the specific piece(s) of property under approved parameters takes effect in perpetuity in lieu of this annual resolution unless the language of School Board policy 690 were to change at a future point in time.

Administrator Notes: Similar to last year's Annual Meeting when a resolution (No. 4 for the Annual Meeting Date) was brought forward seeking approval by the Electors to align with School Board policy changes that granted the authority of the policy for the School Board to annually set the date of the next Annual Meeting, this disposal of district property resolution now aligns with an amended policy that determines tighter parameters and is more clearly defined. Further, this resolution seeks elector support to allow policy 690 to serve as the direction to dispose of property and assets in lieu of this resolution as was previously utilized annually at this meeting.

Resolution No. 3 - Board Member Compensation

RESOLVED, by the Electors of West Bend Joint School District No. 1, West Bend, Wisconsin, that the salaries of the elected members of the School Board of West Bend Joint School District No. 1, West Bend, Wisconsin, be fixed at the sum of \$5,000 per year, per member, and \$5,200 per year, per officer.

Administrator Notes: The current rate for a member is \$5,000 and \$5,200 per officer was new as of last year's community-approved Annual Meeting resolution. From 2014-15 through 2020-2021, the amounts were \$2,500 for a member and \$2,600 per officer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Electors of West Bend Joint School District No. 1, that board members be paid their actual and necessary expenses in traveling outside the School District in the performance of duties, including mileage at the rate established from time to time and by Board Policy, which rate shall not be greater than the maximum amount allowed by the Internal Revenue Service as a business deduction; and that when duties require School Board members to be absent from regular employment, they may be reimbursed for actual loss of earnings in an amount per day as established from time to time by Board Policy.



WEST BEND
— SCHOOL DISTRICT —
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

**102ND ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES
WEST BEND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**

735 S. Main Street
West Bend Wisconsin 53095

Monday, September 27, 2021
West Bend Schools Silver Lining Arts Center

Board members present: Chriz Zwygart, Paul Fischer, Erin Dove, Kurt Rebholz, and Tonnie Schmidt
Absent and excused: Joel Ongert and Nancy Justman

Annual Meeting- 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order

School Board President, Chris Zwygart called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Ground Rules

Mr. Zwygart explained the rules governing a school district annual meeting as set by state statute.

4. Election of Chairperson for Annual Meeting

Jennifer Donath motioned to nominate Mr. Zwygart as chairperson for the Annual Meeting, seconded by Mark Allen. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Approval of Agenda

Brian Bunzel motioned to approve the agenda for the 2021-2022 Annual Meeting of Electors, seconded by Shelly Krueger. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. State of the District Report

Ms. Wimmer, Superintendent provided an overview of the district and highlights from the past year. The district is looking forward to moving through COVID-19 management, and continuing with a focus on policies, process, and continuous improvement.

7. Consideration of Proposed Resolutions

A. Proposed Resolution No. 1 - Tax Levy

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Electors of West Bend Joint School District No. 1, West Bend, Wisconsin, that there be and hereby is levied on the taxable properties within the confines of the District taxes in the amount of \$47,816,964 including \$8,017,290 to be applied on long term debt obligations of the District, \$1,665,000 to be applied to the capital projects fund, \$270,000 to be applied to the Community Services Fund and the balance of \$37,864,674 to be applied to the General Fund for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with the recommendation of the School Board.

Mark Allen motioned to adopt Resolution No. 1, seconded by Deb Anderson. The motion was approved by the majority.

B. Proposed Resolution No. 2 - Disposal of District Property

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of West Bend Joint School District No. 1 is hereby authorized, during the school year, to sell or dispose of any property belonging to and not needed by the School District; provided; however, the sale of any individual piece of property whose estimated value is more than \$5,000.00 shall require specific, independent authorization by the School Board and provided further, that the maximum aggregate value of all property sold without specific, independent authorization by the School Board shall not exceed \$20,000.00 during the current fiscal year.

Robert Deters motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2, seconded by Mark Allen. The motion was approved by the majority.

C. Proposed Resolution No. 3 - Board Member Compensation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Electors of West Bend Joint School District No. 1, West Bend, Wisconsin, that the salaries of the elected members of the School Board of West Bend Joint School District No. 1, West Bend, Wisconsin, be fixed at the sum of \$2,500 per year, per member, and \$2,600 per year, per officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Electors of West Bend Joint School District No. 1, that board members be paid their actual and necessary expenses in traveling outside the School District in the performance of duties, including mileage at the rate established from time to time and by Board Policy, which rate shall not be greater than the maximum amount allowed by the Internal Revenue Service as a business deduction; and that when duties require School Board members to be absent from regular employment, they may be reimbursed for actual loss of earnings in an amount per day as established from time to time by Board Policy.

Susan Sauer motioned to adopt Resolution No. 3, seconded by Brain Bunzel. Mark Allen, a resident of West Bend made a statement during the discussion to double the amount of compensation for school board members.

Mark Allen motioned to amend the first motion for this resolution to change the sum to \$5,000 per year per member and \$5,200 per year per officer; seconded by Jennifer Donath. Shelly Krueger, a resident, agreed that school board members should receive more compensation, but questioned if this increase would fit into the budget. Mr. Sarnow indicated that the budget could be adjusted to fulfill this amended amount. Jennifer Donath, a resident, asked if in the language could be stated that the amount would be up to \$5,000 and \$5,200 if the yearly budget can support these amounts. Mr. Zwiygart stated that the Electors would make those changes at the Annual Meeting.

The amended motion was approved by the majority. The resolution has been amended to read, the salaries of the elected members of the School Board of West Bend Joint School District No. 1, West Bend, Wisconsin, be fixed at the sum of \$5,000 per year, per member, and \$5,200 per year, per officer. The motion was approved by the majority.

D. Proposed Resolution No. 4 - 2021-22 Annual Meeting Date

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Electors of West Bend Joint School District No. 1, West Bend, Wisconsin, that future Annual Meeting dates beginning with the 2022-2023 Annual Meeting will be determined by the School Board, as is outlined in the proposed language of Board Policy 175 in perpetuity unless the language of Board Policy 175 were to change at a future point in time.

Lynda Fink motioned to adopt Resolution No. 4, seconded by Mark Allen.

Kate McCaul, a resident questioned the timeline for scheduling this meeting and what notice would be given to the community. Mr. Sarnow stated that there would be ample notice of the selected date for the meeting given to the Electors.

The motion was approved by the majority.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Brian Bunzel and seconded by Mark Allen. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Vantage Point: West Bend School District Highlights 2021-2022 is a compilation of highlights and information from the 2021-2022 school year.

Read Vantage Point at west-bend.k12.wi.us.

Our Staff



Scott Mindel, a social studies teacher at East High School, was named 2022 Teacher of the Year by the American Legion Post 36. Mindel won the award for "his dedicated projects involving veterans programs at the high schools." For several years, Mindel has created and updated a West Bend High School Veterans Association of School Nurses. Braieger has been the West Bend School District nurse for nearly six years.



District Nurse Amy Braieger was invited to join the board of directors of the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses. Braieger has been the West Bend School District nurse for nearly six years.

Tribute video that includes the students and staff of East, West, and the old West Bend High School who have served in the military.



Elementary girls are training for a 5K as part of their Girls on the Run Clubs. Melissa Bobinski and Chelsea Wolf of McLane Elementary started the first Girls on the Run Club in the WBSD in fall 2019 and now Kathy Blummann and September Bentley have joined as assistant coaches. In 21-22, Margaret Erdman, Jill Riffel, and Rebecca Janich started the club at Fair Park. The clubs train to run a 5K in November. Read more the WBSD News [Connections Through Physical Activity](#).



Support Staff Awards

Five employees of the West Bend School District were chosen for 2022 Support Employee of the Year Awards. The awards recognize outstanding contributions to the district by people who are aides, custodians and maintenance workers, clerical workers, nutrition workers, or other office staff.

Winners include:

- Pam Adams, Jackson
- Tina Corzati, Green Tree
- Josh Dahlen, McLane
- Ann Fichtner, Silverbrook
- Christie Seymour, East and West

Rolf's Awards

The 51st Annual Rolf's Educational Foundation Awards were given to four dedicated employees of the West Bend School District for their many contributions to students, staff, and families. Each award comes with a \$1,000 gift. The 2022 awards were given during Staff Appreciation Week to:

- Stacy Baldwin, Silverbrook
- Craig Barnes, Jackson
- Amy Carver, Jackson
- Susan Senc, East and West

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Vantage Point includes student and staff accomplishments, budget details, and more.

Our Students

At the West Bend School District, we strive to meet the needs of all learners and provide them opportunities to explore a variety of interests and talents through a large number of academic choices, visual and performing arts, athletics, and co-curriculars and clubs. We also believe that succeeding in school means being happy at school. Dedicated teachers, administrators, support staff, and volunteers focus on creating a positive, happy place to learn.



Connor Markohn (23) is quite the composer. He won first prize in the high school category of the 2022 Wisconsin Alliance for Composers Student Composition Contest. His vocal piece "Storm" and third piece for his jazz composition "Bird's Eye View" were selected for the 2022 Wisconsin School Music Association State Honors Music Project choir and orchestra include Chase Blauer (26), Katelyn Mekka (26), Lily Blaine (25), Michael Collins (23), and Owen Dankert (24).



After winning the CESA 9 Regional Spelling Bee, Noah Becker (26) competed against 50 other spelling bee winners at the State Spelling Bee and tied for 6th place.

Other students selected for the 2022 Wisconsin School Music Association State Honors Music Project choir and orchestra include Chase Blauer (26), Katelyn Mekka (26), Lily Blaine (25), Michael Collins (23), and Owen Dankert (24).

BADGER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Budget and Finances Highlights

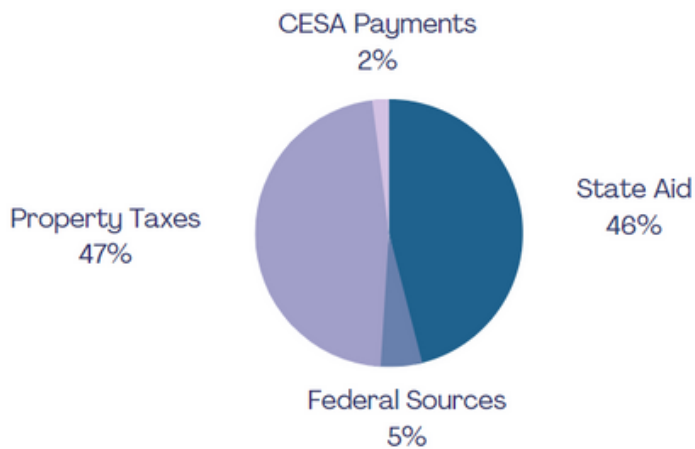
Being responsible stewards of taxpayer funds is a critical role of the West Bend School District and the West Bend School Board. We continually adapt to revenue changes to achieve a balanced budget. While being fiscally responsible, we look for new and innovative ways to improve the district and its outcomes.

Continued Balanced Budget Approach

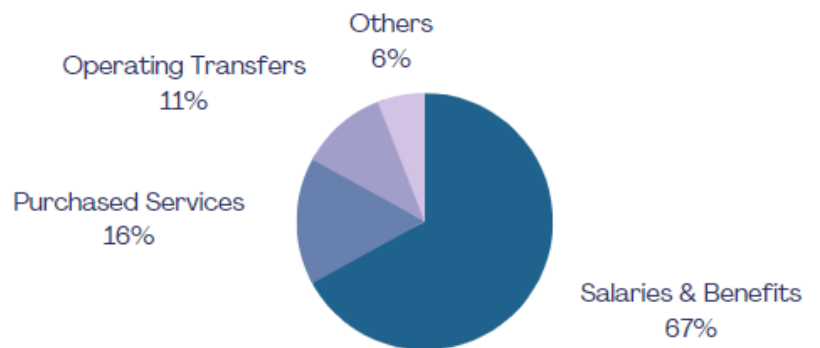
Because expenditures must conform to available revenues to produce a balanced operating budget each fiscal year (July 1-June 30), careful control of costs and strategic allocation of resources is practiced daily.



Where does the money come from?



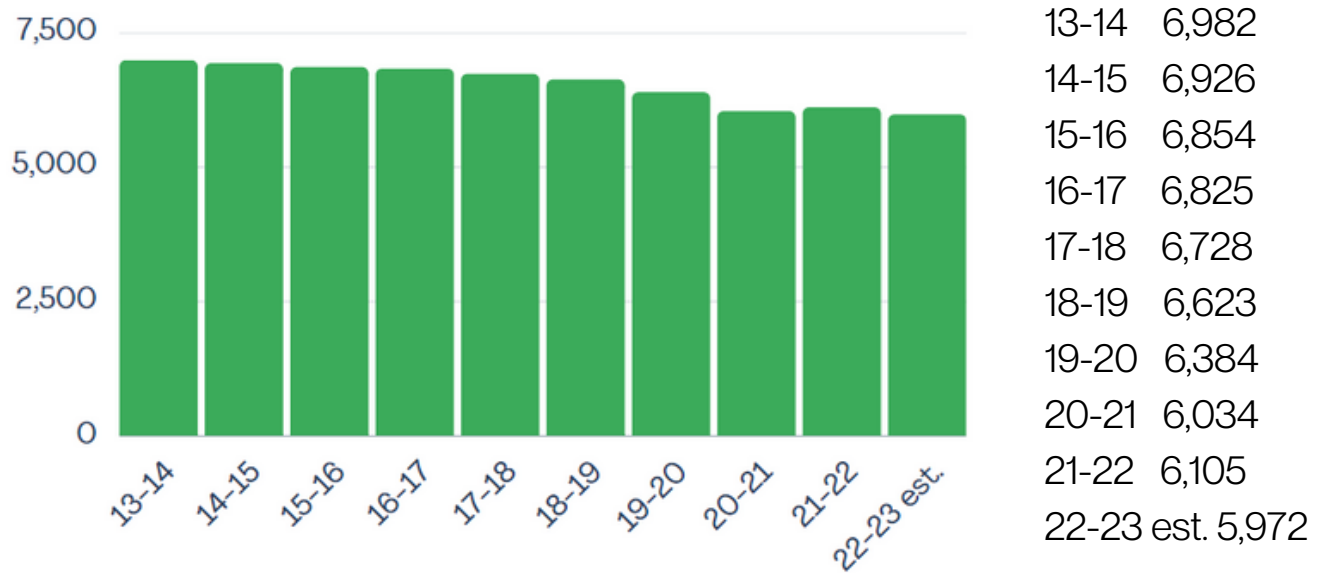
Where does the money go?



The West Bend School District website includes detailed budget information such as the Budget Publication, Revenue Limit Worksheet, and Annual Budget Hearing Presentation. It also includes five years of audited financial reports. Go to the West Bend School District website (west-bend.k12.wi.us) and the Budget/Finance page for details.

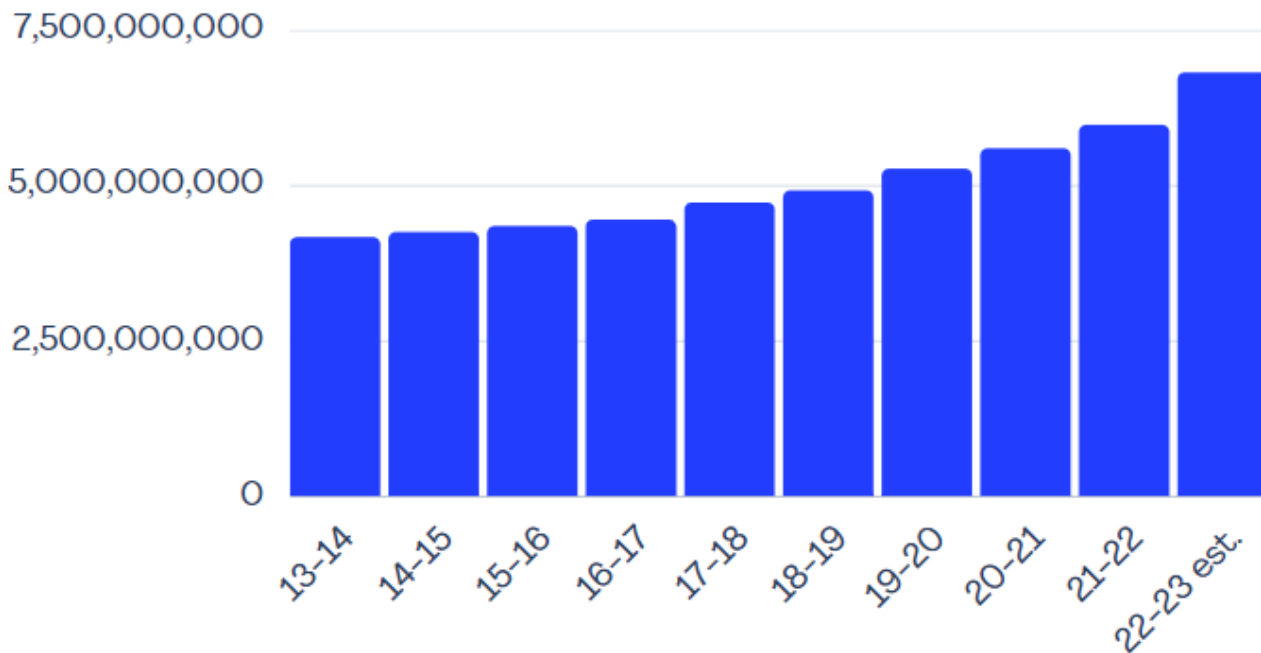
Enrollment History and Estimate

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Property Value History and Estimate

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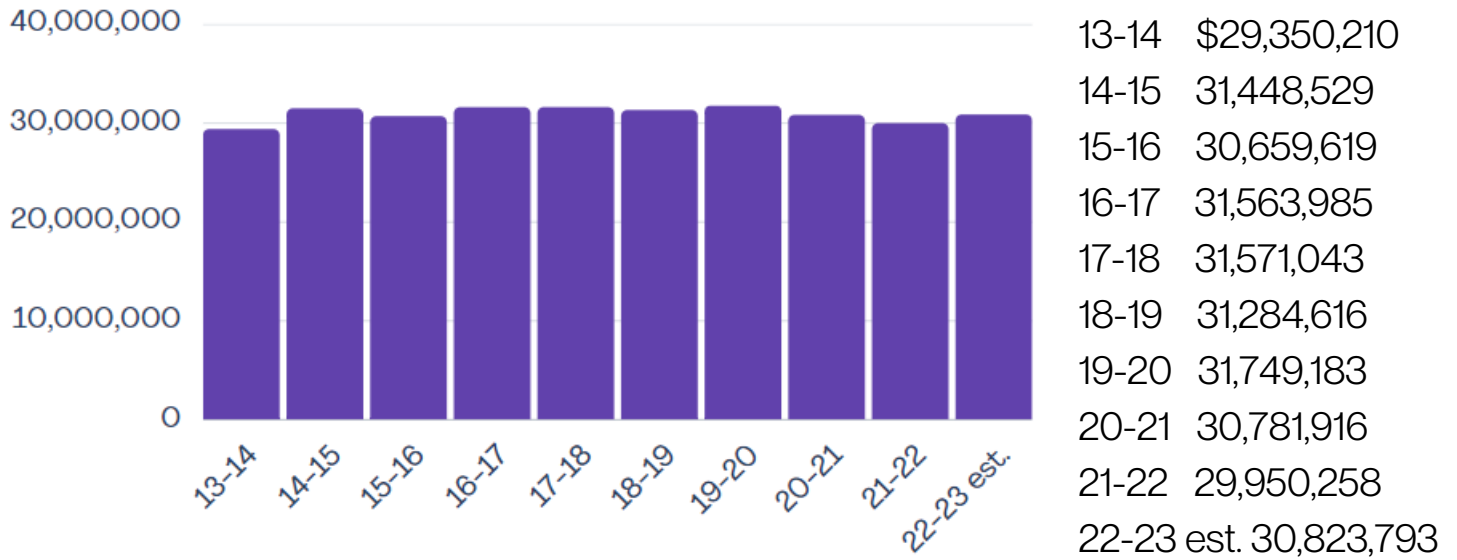


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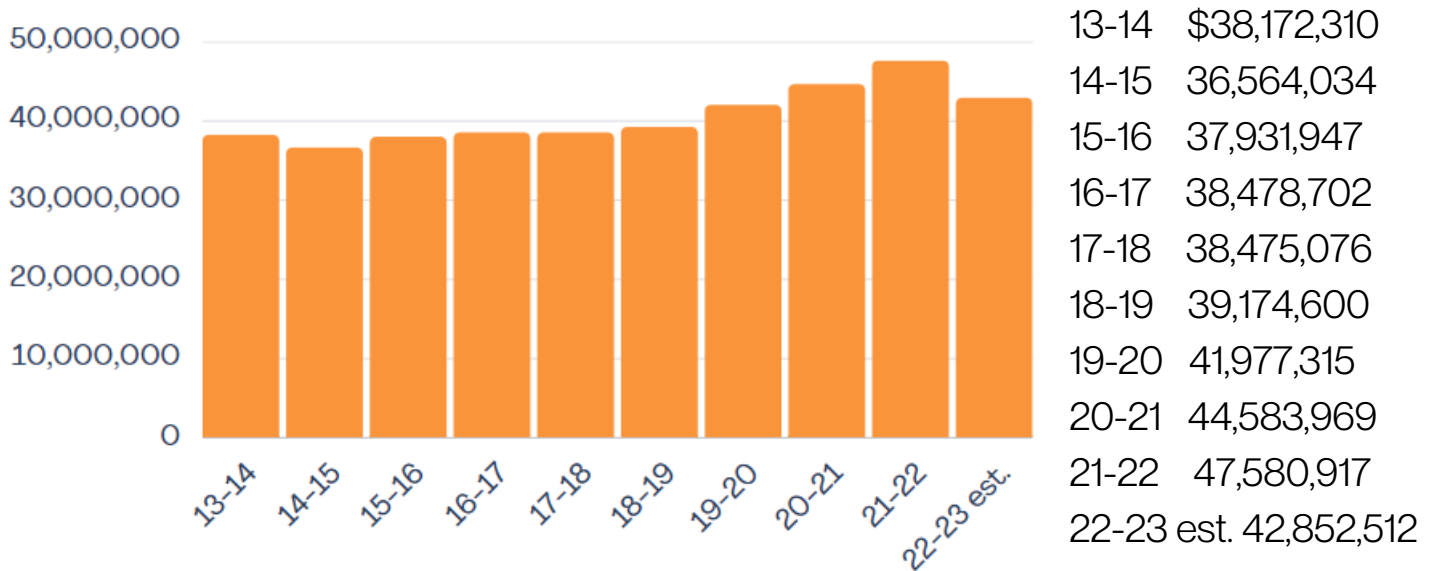
General State Aid History and Estimate

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Property Tax Levy History and Estimate

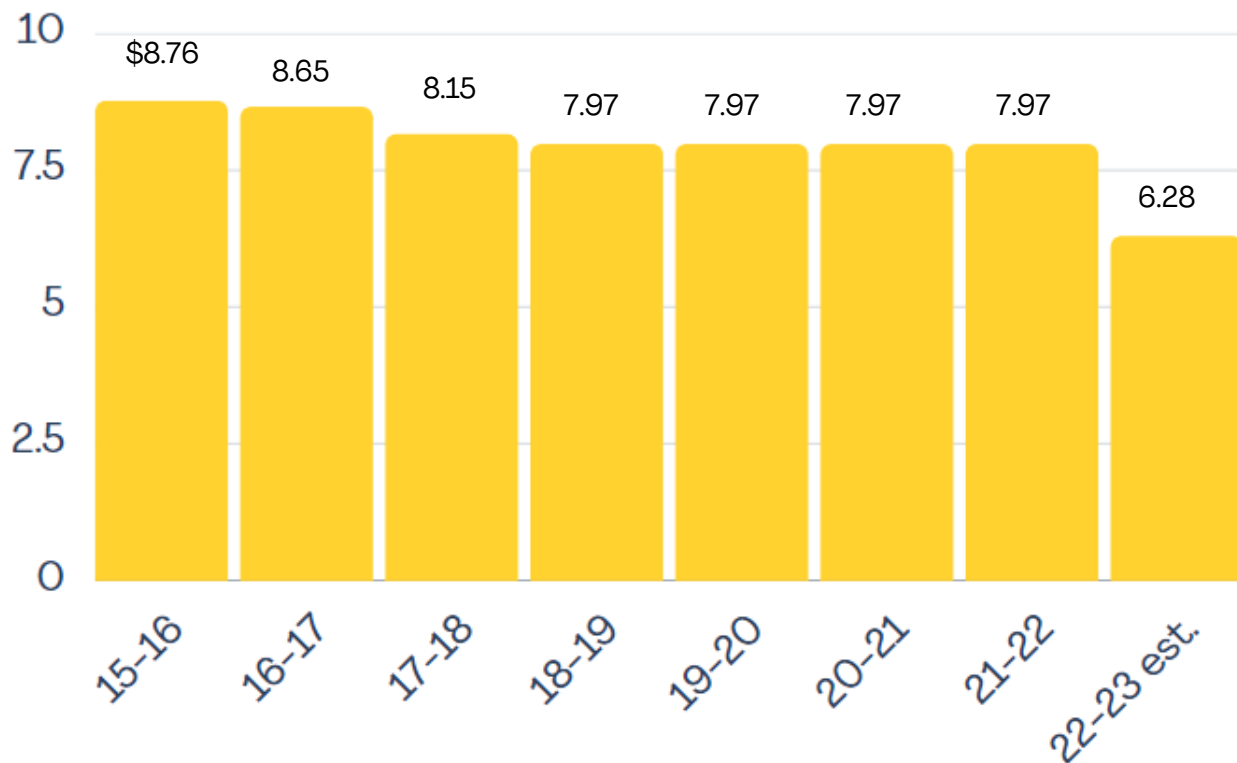
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Mill Rate History and Estimate

Wisconsin public school districts derive the vast majority of their revenue through two major sources: state aid and a local property tax levy. Under current Wisconsin law in place since 1993, there is a revenue limit, which is the total funds a Wisconsin public school district can receive from state aid and property taxes combined to be used for general, non-referendum debt, and capital expansion funds. The revenue limit is increased or decreased annually based on the state budget, student enrollment, and special exemptions.

In 2021-2022, the mill rate for the West Bend School District remained at \$7.97 for the fourth straight year. To determine the mill rate, the total tax levy is divided by the total equalized property values across all municipalities within the district. The quotient is multiplied by \$1,000 to determine the mill rate.

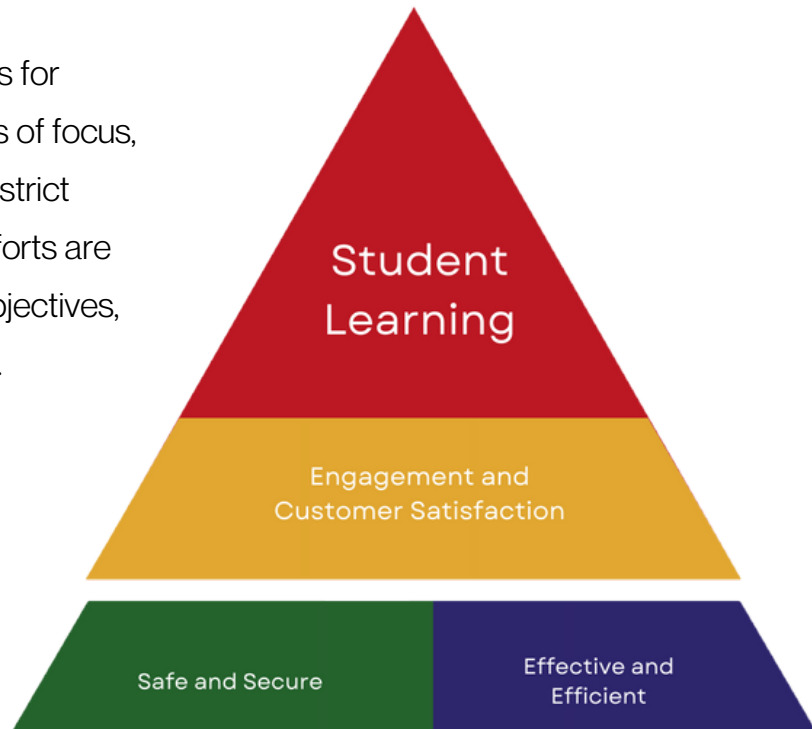


Debt Free in 2023...

The West Bend School District's tax levy for 2022-2023 will include funds for the final payments of the outstanding 2009 and 2012 referendum debt. This plan to pay off the debt early was part of the financial planning strategy by the West Bend School Board. In 2021, the bonds for the outstanding debt were refinanced to gain a lower interest rate, resulting in cost savings. In addition, monies from the tax levy were placed in an interest-bearing account for accelerated repayment. These strategies have resulted in reduced interest costs of approximately \$1,100,000 and repaying of the debt in 14 years (2009 referendum) and 11 years (2012 referendum) rather than the originally-estimated 20 years.

Continuous Improvement Planning

Organizing our strategies for improvement within four areas of focus, the West Bend School District continuous improvement efforts are aligned along a number of objectives, goals, and strategies.



The continuous improvement planning provides the structure to define our priorities for actualizing the values, mission, and vision of the West Bend School District.



If you want to get the latest news, send your email address to wbsd@wbsd-schools.org to receive our newsletter. Those with children in the schools get it automatically.

The screenshot shows a newsletter titled 'West Bend School District Update' dated March 16, 2022. It includes sections for 'Newsletter is Available', 'Feedback Requested', and 'Digital Tools Available for Review'. A small thumbnail of the newsletter is also visible.

2022-2023 Administration

JENNIFER WIMMER

Superintendent

LENNY HANSON

Director of Human Resources

TIM HARDER

Director of Technology,
Libraries, and CTE

EMILY MELSTRAND

Director of Student Services

DR. JILL RIES

Director of Curriculum and
Instruction

DAVE ROSS

Director of Facilities

ANDREW SARNOW

Asst. Superintendent of
Business and Operations

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