Whitnall School District

Budget Hearing
September 25, 2023

Handouts are available on the back table, on the District's webpage, or by using the QR Code

WHITNALL WE'RE ALL IN!

Procedures

- Voting members can ask questions about the proposed budget
- There will three sections, with a pause at the end of each for questions
- We will utilize a microphone stand in the front for all questions
    - Ensures both those present and those watching can hear
- At the end of the Budget Hearing, we immediately move to the annual meeting

Handout

- There is additional information in the Budget Hearing Handout
    - Handout in the back and online on the District website
    - Contains explanations of terms and definitions of funds

Information

- All of the 2023-24 numbers are projections based on what we knew in August when the preliminary budget was approved
- We KNOW they will change from the projections presented tonight
- DPI will provide final numbers on October 15
  - Final student counts
  - Final open enrollment numbers
  - Final state aid
  - Final assessed value
  - Final private school vouchers
- The school board will approve the final tax levy and budget on October 23

Budgeting Timeline

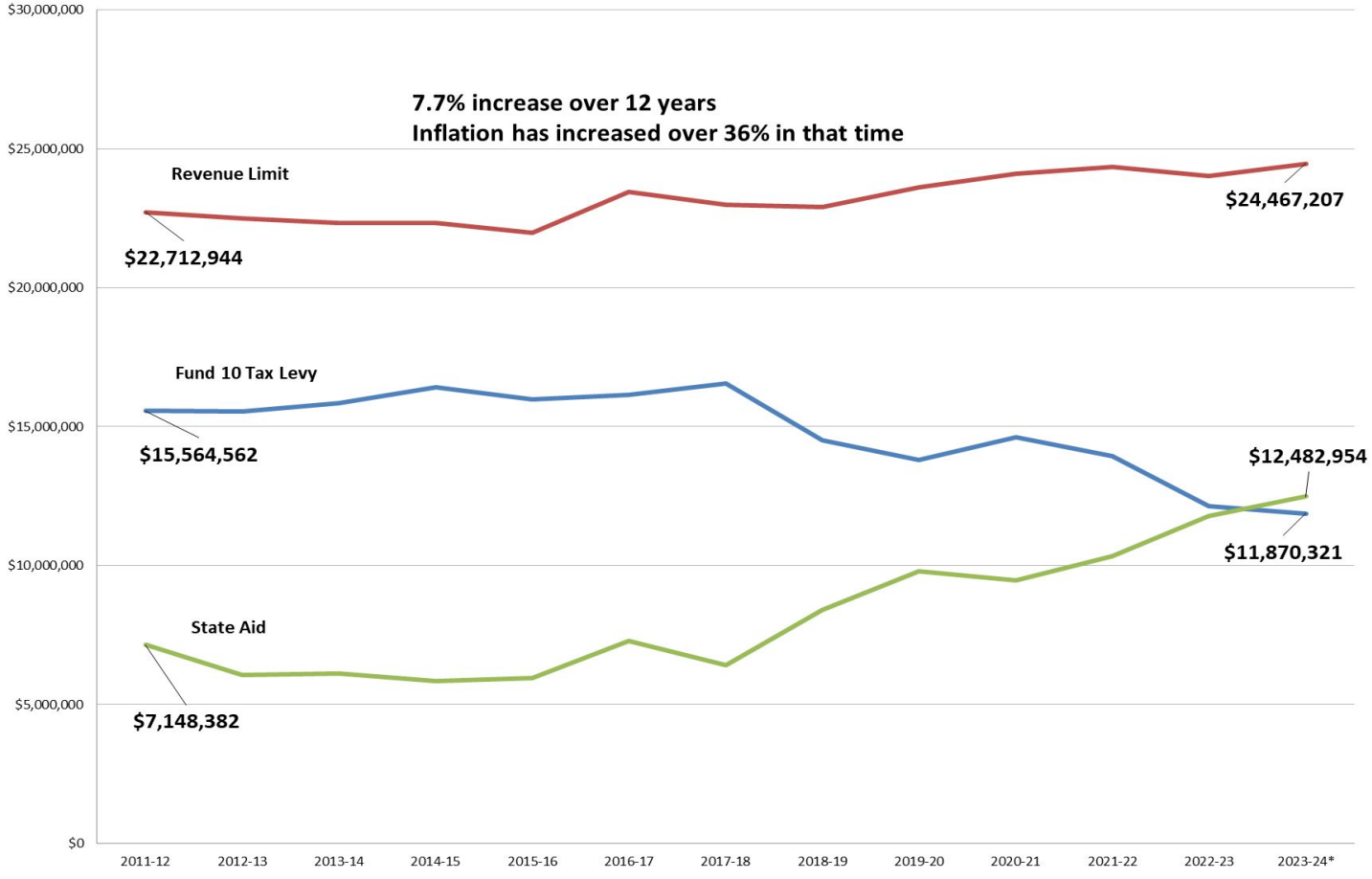
- June
  - Board approves an initial preliminary budget prior to the start of the next fiscal year
- August
  - Board approved a published budget for the 2023-24 school year
  - That budget is being presented tonight
  - This budget WILL change due to final DPI numbers
- September
  - Board and community will see recommended tax levy and hear 2023-24 budget information based on current projections
  - At the Annual Meeting tonight, you will pass resolutions to approve the levy
  - This levy will change based on final numbers
- October
  - The board will approve the final 22-23 budget and tax levy
  - Both based on final state aid, property values, and pupil count

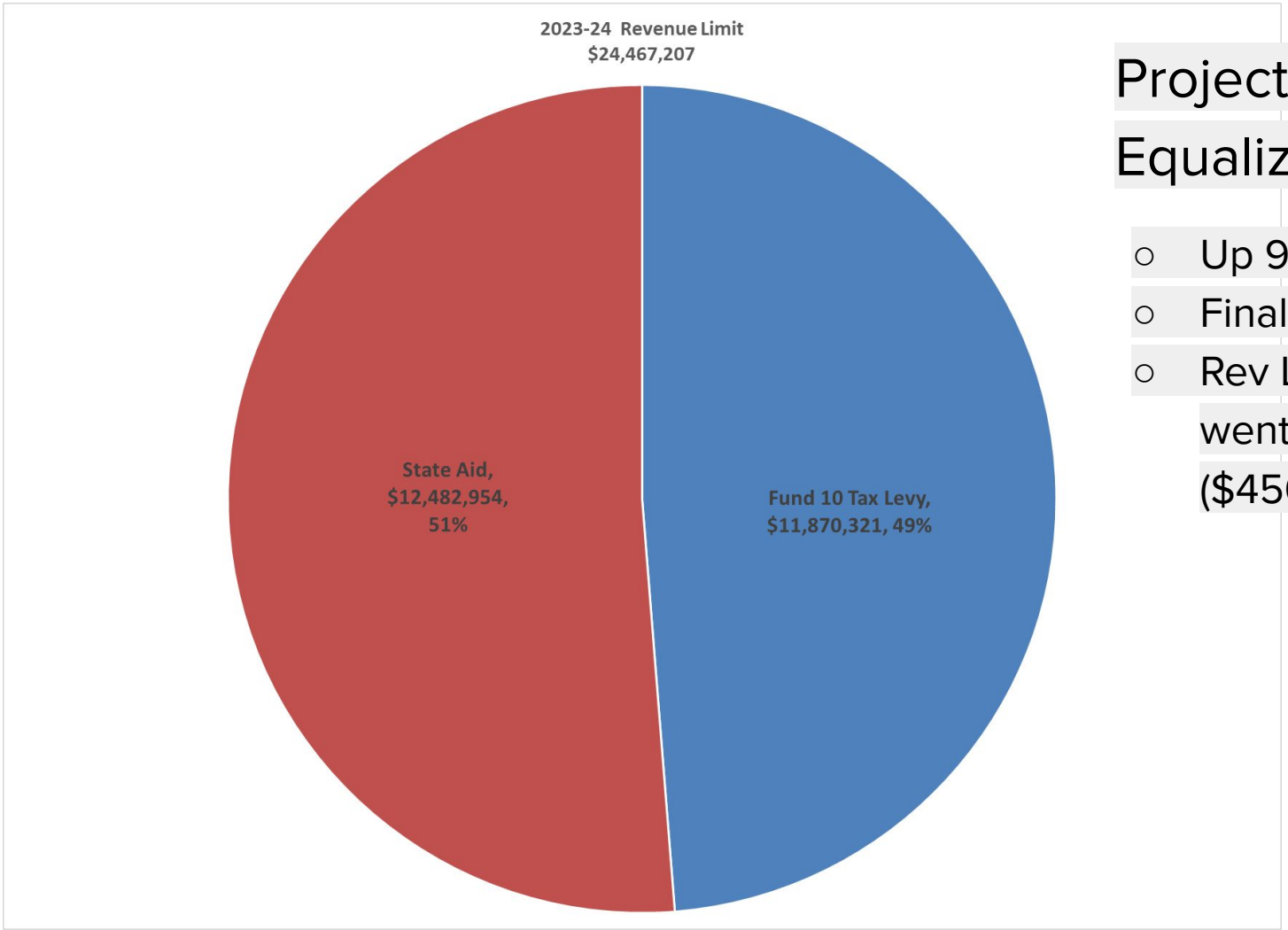
Current Budget Projections

- Projected **balanced 23-24 budget** (Revenues = Expenses)
  How?
  - Open enrollment surplus
  - Self-funded health/dental plan expenditures
  - Self-sustaining Food Service Program
  - ESSER III funding for approved projects/initiatives
  - Increase in Special Education funding due to the state budget

Questions on General Information

Revenue Limit, Tax Levy & State Aid

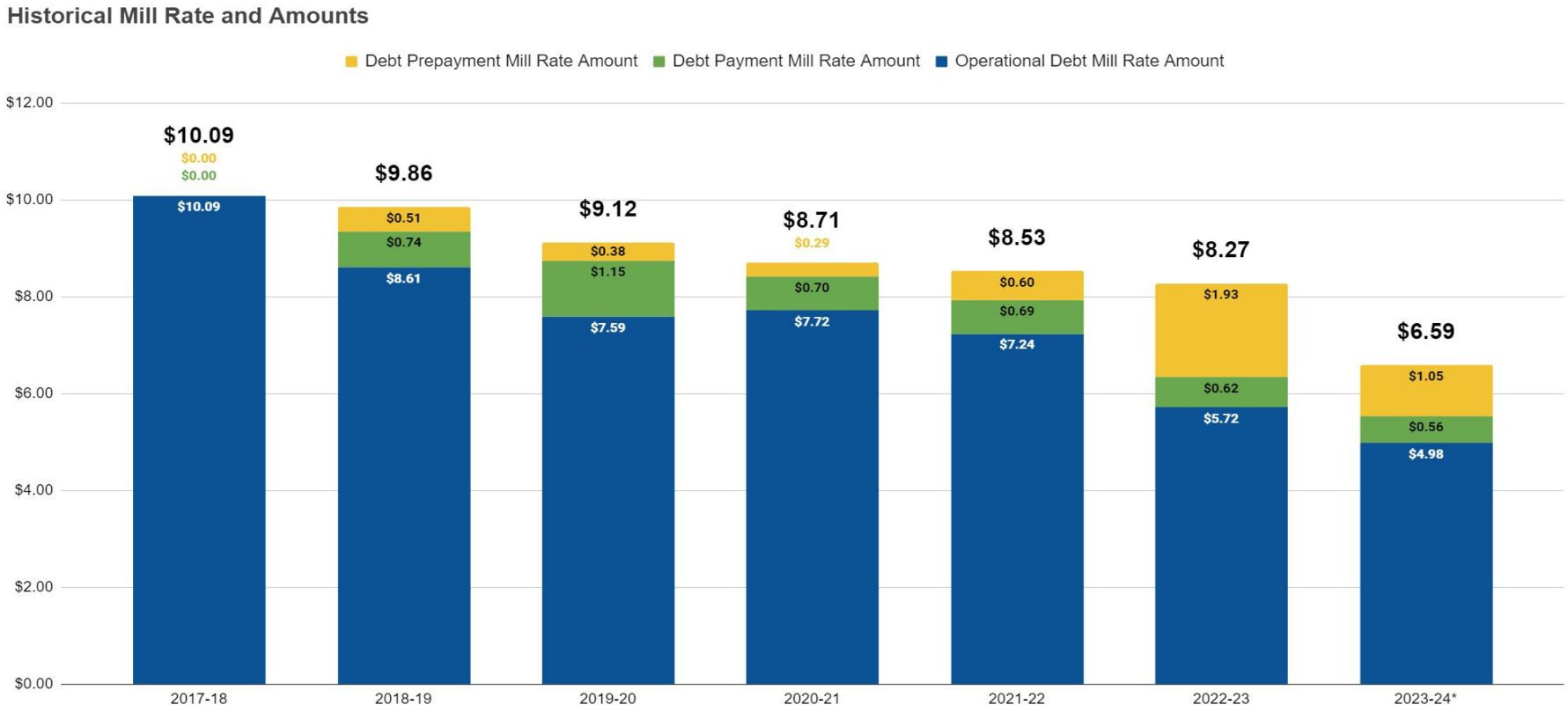




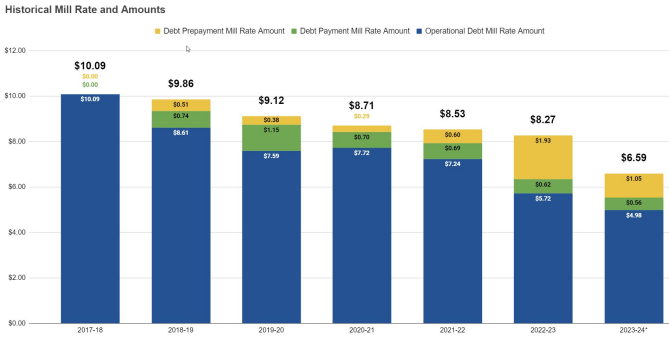
Projected State Equalization Aid

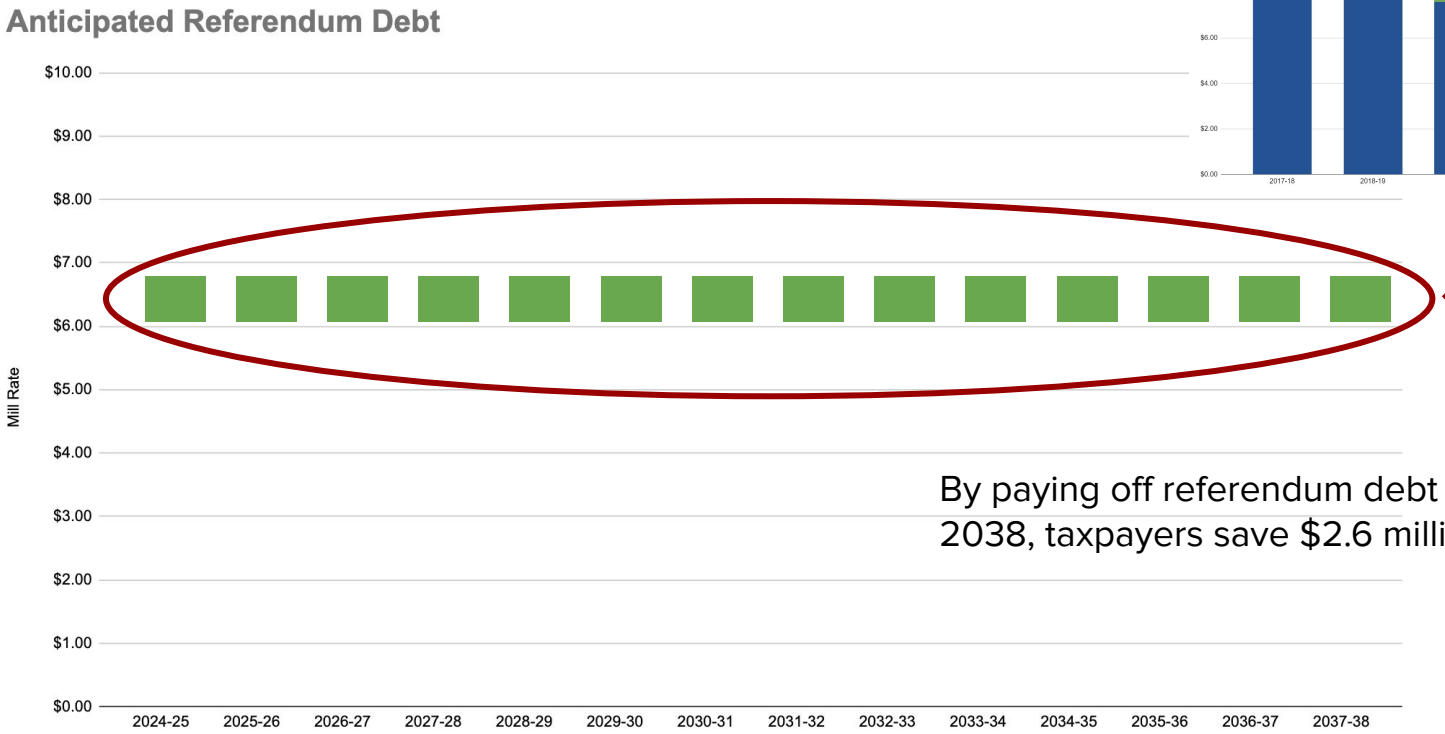
- Up 9.5% from last year
- Finalized on Oct 15th
- Rev Lmt went only went up 1.9% ($450,000)

Mill Rate w/ Referendum Debt

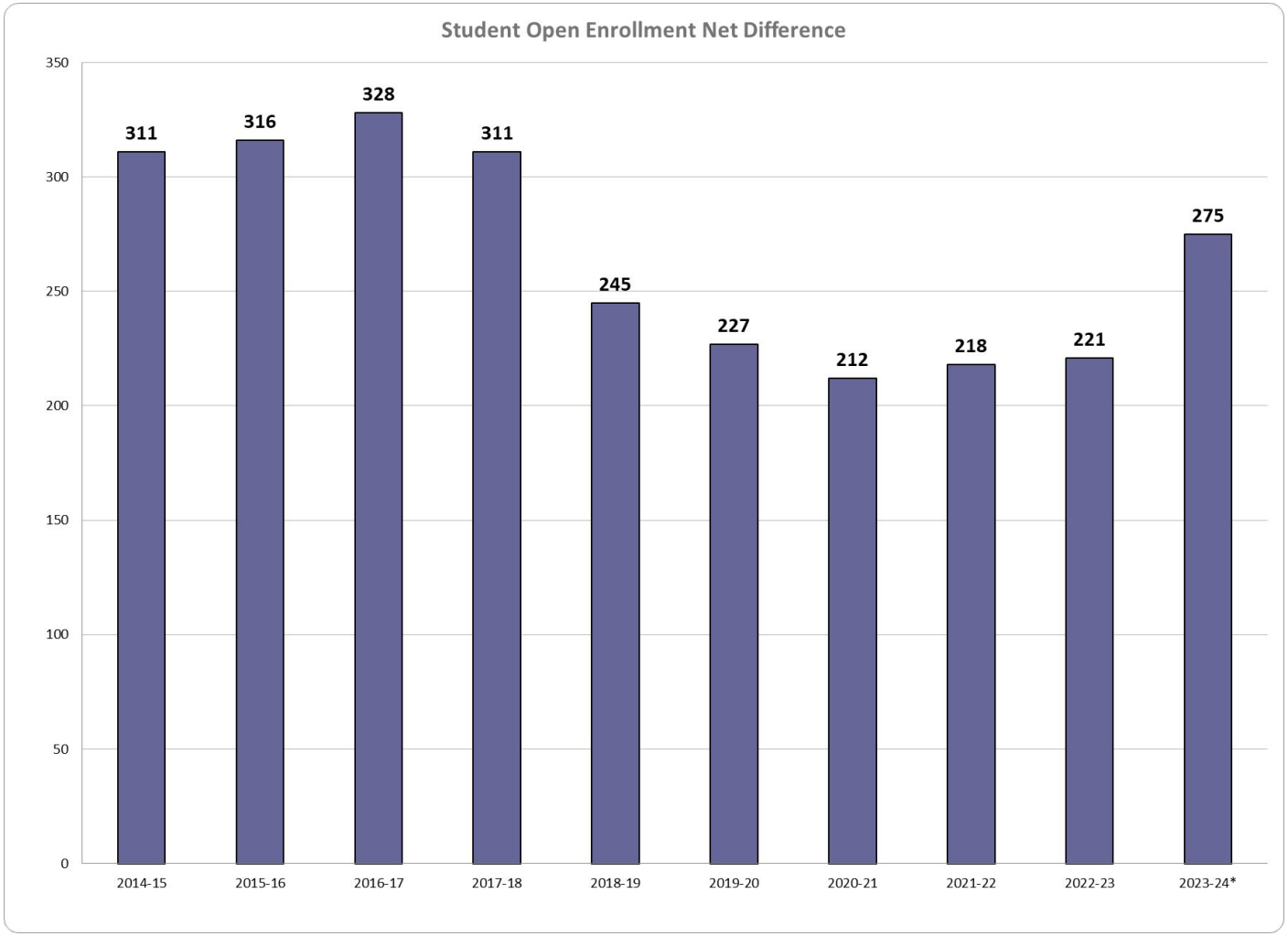


Defeasance and Prepayment of Referendum Debt

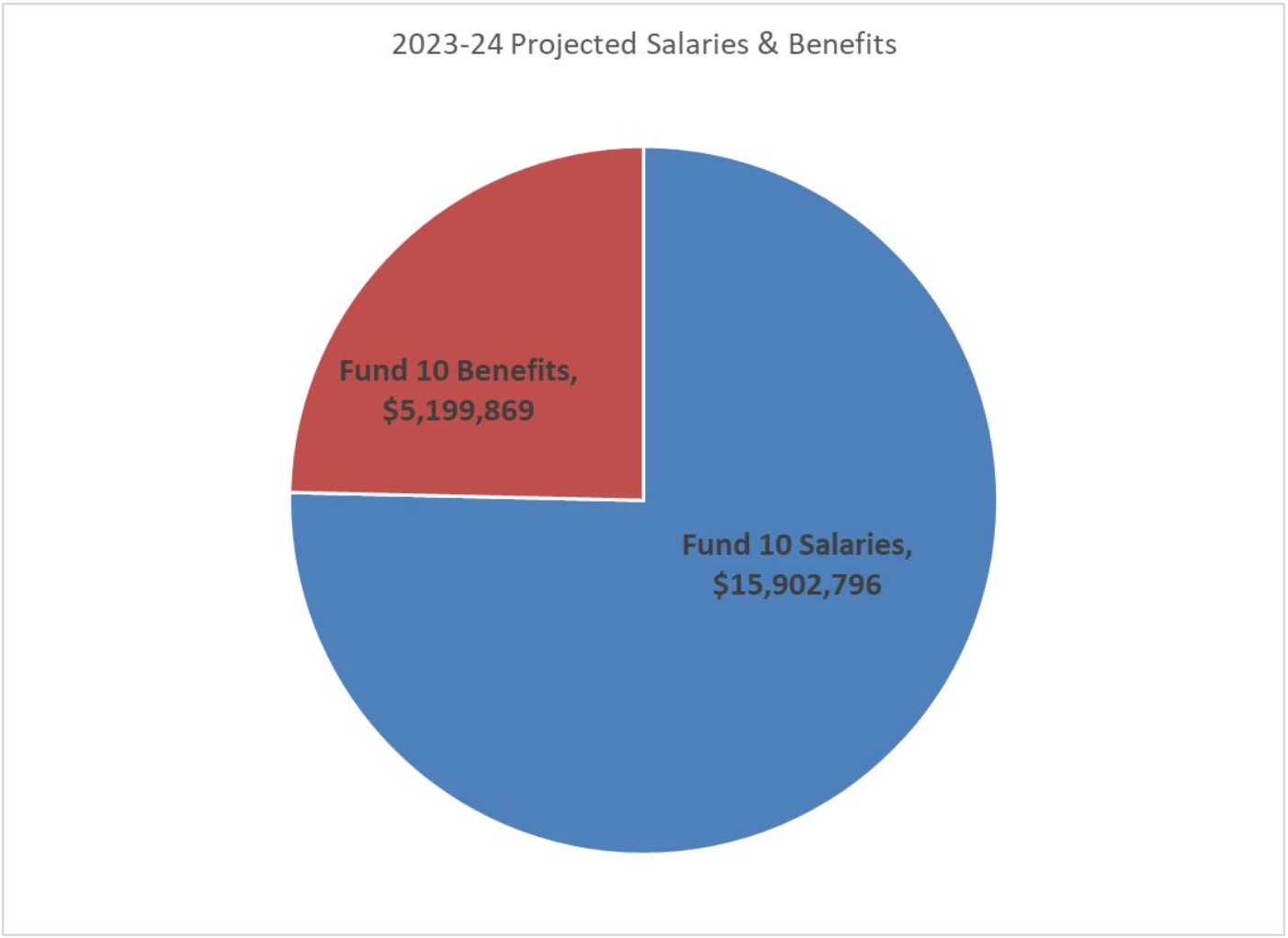




By paying off referendum debt by 2024 rather than 2038, taxpayers save $2.6 million in interest costs



The 275 Open Enrollment net difference equates to just over $2.4 million dollars in revenue



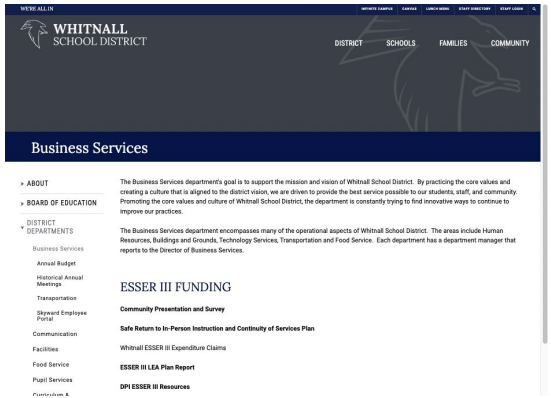
S&B make up 66% of our total expenditures

Revenue limit increases are not keeping up with S&B increases

ESSER Funding has/is being used to offset some S&B costs

ESSER Funds

- All of the ESSER II funds have been expensed
- Remaining ESSER III funding will be expensed prior to the September 2024 deadline
- Current ESSER III remaining funds is $934,000
  - Salary & Benefits
  - Staff Stipends

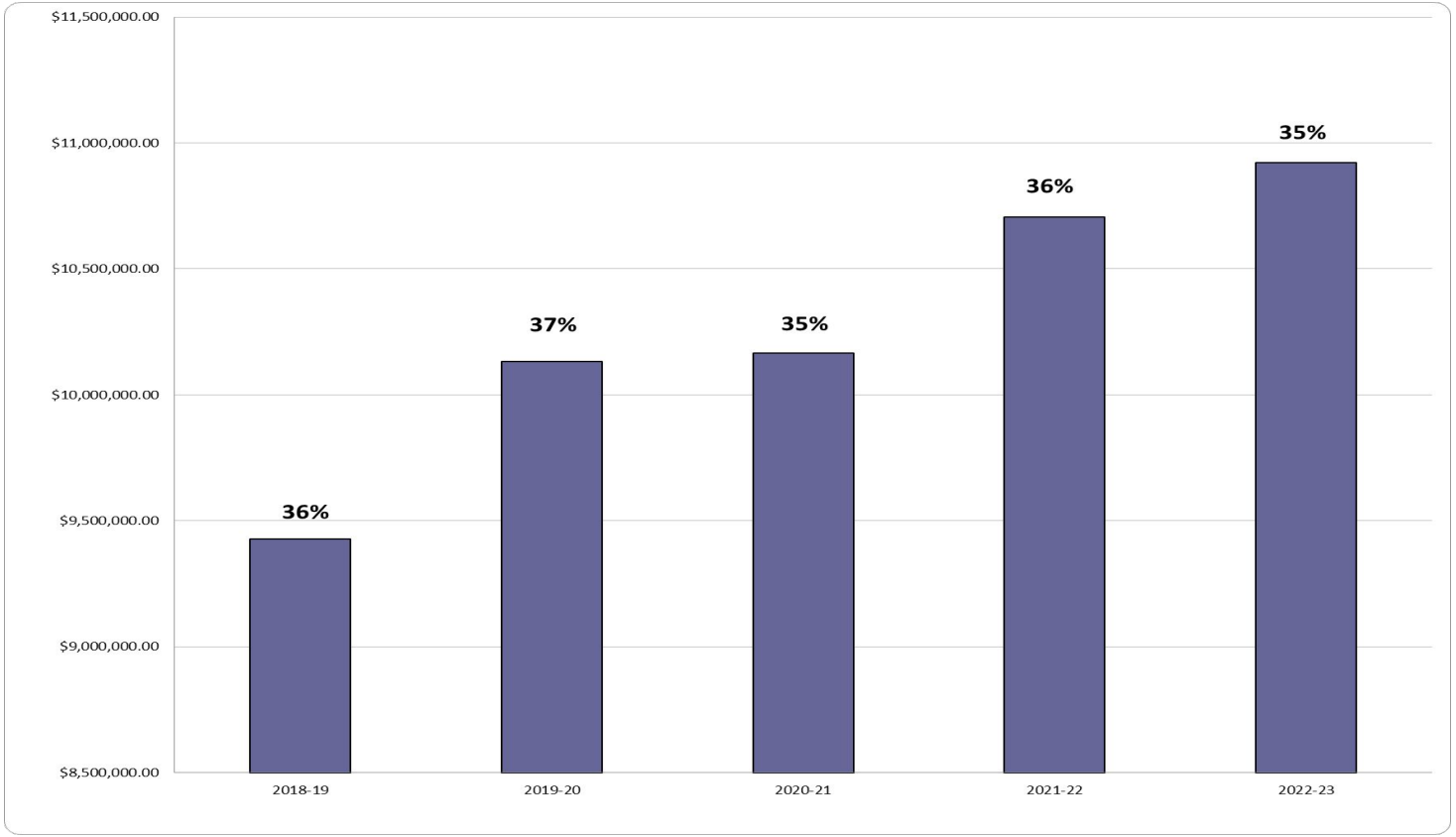


Special Education

- Annual transfer from Fund 10 to cover the rising costs of Special Education
- Projected increase from $6.2 million to $6.4 million in Special Education expenses this year
- Planning on the state budget increase in funding to offset that increase
- 31.4% to 33.3% reimbursement rate

Questions on Revenue

Fund Balance



Debt & Debt Financing

- Current Debt
  - Referendum - $3,635,000 (2038) (anticipated 2024)
  - State Trust Fund Loan - $629,280 (2028)
  - Total $4,264,280
- 2023-24 Debt Payments
  - $1,329,286 - Referendum Principal & Interest
  - $137,419 - State TF Loan Principal & Interest
  - $1,446,705 Total

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

- CIP initially created in 2016 with creation of Fund 46
- In 2020 new CIP was approved based on completion of the 2018 referendum
- The CIP uses a scoring matrix to identify priorities
- Listed projects are evaluated each year
- We continue to budget funds for these projects
  - Fund 41 tonight at the annual meeting
  - Project needs will exceed annual budget resources by 2028 or sooner

Questions on Annual Budget Considerations

Annual Meeting

- You will be voting on the total tax levy of $15,640,321
- It is broken down between two resolutions
  - Resolution #1
  - Fund 10 - $11,332,902 (General Operating Fund)
  - Fund 38 - $137,419 (Non-Referendum debt service)
  - Fund 39 - $3,770,000 (Referendum Debt Service)
  - Resolution #2
  - Fund 41 - $400,000 (contribution to capital improvements)