



2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Budgetary Considerations

We must look at the impacts of these two years together!



2023/24 Budget Closeout

Budgeted Revenue

\$57,800,555

Actual Revenue

\$58,623,166.09

Budgeted Disbursements

\$59,767,344.64

Actual Disbursements

\$58,573,738.97

Bills paid \$57,429,887.39

Bills

Outstanding \$1,143,851.58

23/24 Depreciation

Technology

\$115,709

Curriculum

\$116,739.38

Maintenance/Vehicle

\$300,000



24/25 Projections

Budgeted Revenue

\$57,830,900

.05% increase

\$32,078,363 - Tax Auth

\$11,286,885 - TEEOSA

\$7,243,487 - SPED/Early Childhood

\$2,967,274 - Fed Grants

\$4,254,890 - NPPD/Motor Vehicle/Fines and License

Budgeted Disbursements

\$61,502,098.78

2.9% increase



Valuation Change (includes Madison, Pierce, Stanton, Wayne)

2023/24 Valuation

\$3,375,315,514

2023/24 Cap

\$33,800,191

2023/24 Tax Req.

\$33,800,191

2024/25 Valuation

\$3,791,374,752

2023/24 Cap

\$32,078,364

2024/25 Tax Req

Funding options

**This is a 12%
increase**

**This is a 5.4%
decrease**



24/25 Property Tax lids based on valuation

- **Property Tax Authority**
 - \$32,078,364
- **Property Tax Authority with 70% vote of the board**
 - \$34,697,112
- **Property Tax Authority with 70% vote of the board and attendance at the Madison County Joint Public Hearing**
 - \$35,601,741

**Funding
Option I**
\$32,078,36
**3 Property
tax**

	2023/24	Draft 2024/25
General Fund Levy:	95 cents	84.6 cents
Special Building Fund Levy:	5 cents	0 cents
QCPUF Levy:	2.33 cents	2.06 cents
Total Levy:	\$1.0246	\$0.866728
Levy Reduction:	5.34 cents	15.78 cents
Cash Reserves Budgeted:	\$2.1 Million	\$3.6 Million
Total Tax Asking Increase:	\$1,305,163	(\$1,721,827)
Tax on \$100,000 House	\$1,024	\$867
* With 12% Value Increase (\$112,000)		\$970
		\$54 less



This does not include the newly passed property tax reduction legislation LB 34.

Funding Option I

\$32,078,36
**3 Property
tax**

Highlights:

- Meets All Lids
- True Property Tax Reduction—Even with 12% Valuation Increase
- Reduces the Levy by 15.78 cents

Caution:

- Large draw on cash reserves - Not sustainable
- Will widen our funding gap – Result in staffing reductions – Impact programs/students
- Does not add to our Special Building Fund



**Funding
Option 2**

**\$34,697,112
Property Tax**

**5.00%
override**

	2023/24	Draft 2024/25
General Fund Levy:	95 cents	91.52 cents
Special Building Fund Levy:	5 cents	0 cents
QCPUF Levy:	2.33 cents	2.06 cents
Total Levy:	\$1.0246	\$0.935799
Levy Reduction:	5.34 cents	8.89 cent
Cash Reserves Budgeted:	\$2.1 Million	\$1,000,000
Total Tax Asking Increase:	\$1,305,163	\$896,921
Tax on \$100,000 House:	\$1,024	\$935
* With 12% Value Increase (\$112,000)		\$1048
		\$24 more



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Funding Option 2

\$34,697,112
Property Tax

5.00%
override

Highlights:

- Closes our funding gap
- Reduces the draw on cash reserves
- Reduces the levy by 8.89 cents
- Would not require staffing or program cuts

Caution:

- Does not add to our Special Building Fund
- Would require Board vote to override levy cap



**Funding
Option 3**

**\$33,800,191
Property Tax**

**3.29%
override**

	2023/24	Draft 2024/25
General Fund Levy:	95 cents	89 cents
Special Building Fund Levy:	5 cents	0 cents
QCPUF Levy:	2.33 cents	2.06 cents
Total Levy:	\$1.0246	\$0.912230
Levy Reduction:	5.34 cents	11.24 cents
Cash Reserves Budgeted:	\$2.1 Million	\$1.9 Million
Total Tax Asking Increase:	\$1,305,163	\$0
Tax on \$100,000 House:	\$1,024	\$912
* With 12% Value Increase (\$112,000)		\$1022
		\$2 less



This does not include the newly passed property tax reduction legislation LB 34.

Funding Option 3

**\$33,800,191
Property Tax**

**3.29%
override**

Highlights:

- Reduces the draw on cash reserves and reduces our funding gap
- Reduces the levy by 11.24 cents
- Keeps our tax asking at the same amount as 2023-2024 – NO increase to property taxes!

Caution:

- Does not add to our Special Building Fund
- Result in staffing reductions (over a 2-3 year period) – Impact programs/students
- Would require Board vote to override levy cap





2025–2026 projections

- 2024/25 Budgeted Disbursements

\$61,502,098.78

- 2025/26 Budgeted Disbursements

Negotiations??

2024/25 Budgeted Revenue

\$57,830,900 option 1

\$60,449,648 option 2

\$59,552,727 option 3

2025/26 Budgeted Revenue*

3% Growth = \$1,631,063

\$59,461,958 option 1

\$62,050,711 option 2

\$61,183,790 option 3

***does not take into account increase or decrease in TEEOSA or grant funds**



Staffing Cuts Would Be Necessary in 2025–2026 if An Override is NOT passed in 2024–2025 and Funding Option 1 is used.

		Number of Certified Staff that would need to be cut
Est. Shortfall in 2025-2026 w/ 0% Raises:	\$1,803,251	26
Est. Shortfall in 2025-2026 w/ 1% Raises:	\$2,314,624	33
Est. Shortfall in 2025-2026 w/ 2% Raises:	\$2,825,997	40.5
Est. Shortfall in 2025-2026 w/ 3% Raises:	\$3,344,390	48
Est. Shortfall in 2025-2026 w/ 4% Raises:	\$3,848.743	55

It would be very difficult to eliminate this many staff members without having a detrimental effect on students and remaining staff members.

Even if we used all of our remaining available* cash reserves, (approx \$1.4 Million) we would still need to cut 26 cert. staff if we gave a 3% raise next year.

- Available Cash Reserves—those outside our necessary 3 months cash flow (\$15 Million)**

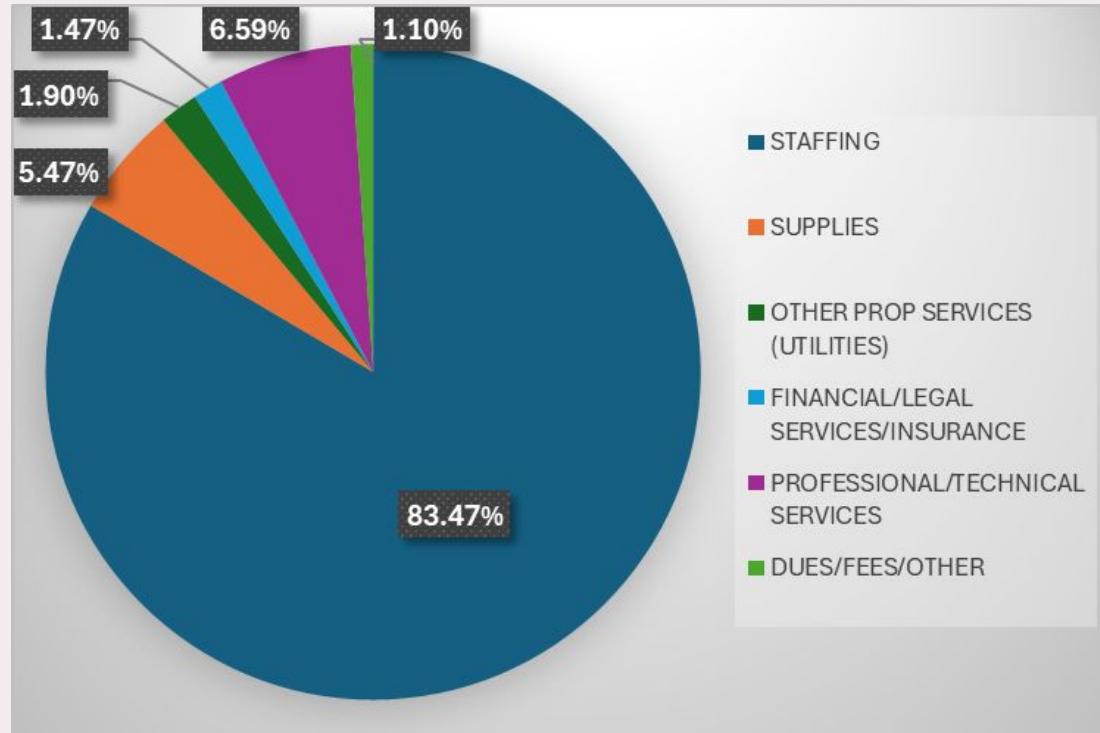


If the Board chooses Option 1 or 3...


- **ALL options for budget cuts will be considered.**
- **ALL staffing positions would be looked at to determine level of necessity.**
 - **Certified staff includes administrators, teachers, counselors, instructional coaches, etc.**
 - **Classified staff includes paras, secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, etc.**
- **But, programs, supplies, and equipment would be looked at first!**
- **We would do everything we could to reduce the number of staff that had to be cut.**
- **Unfortunately, there just isn't enough room in the non-staffing portion of our budget to cut \$3.4 million dollars. Staffing cuts would be inevitable.**



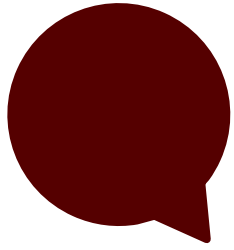
Other Possible Budget Cuts



STAFFING	\$51,137,307.32	83.47%
SUPPLIES	\$3,350,139.14	5.47%
OTHER PROP SERVICES (UTILITIES)	\$1,165,993.84	1.90%
FINANCIAL/LEGAL SERVICES/INSURANCE	\$899,000.00	1.47%
PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL SERVICES (contracted staffing)	\$4,039,096.53	6.59%
DUES/FEES/OTHER	\$673,672.95	1.10%



Cuts already made:	Cost Savings:	
Reduced Advertising in OWH	\$1,230/week	(# of weeks varied by need)
Eliminated Upbeat Survey	\$37,900/year	
Reduced Service Master	approx savings of \$66,000	
Eliminated LinkedIn	\$25,410/year	
Eliminated DreamBox -- Digital Intervention	\$27,500/year	
Eliminated the Purchase of a Class A Bus	\$800,000.00	
Postponed maintenance projects	unable to estimate	
Eliminated Board Suppers	approx \$140 each - saving \$1,680	
Postponed purchase of new truck for maintenance	\$60,000.00	
Postponed purchase of new route bus	\$85,000.00	
Switched to a pooled insurance company	approx savings of \$69,000/year	
Switched copier companies	approx savings of \$15,000/year	
Eliminated Edgenuity with general students	\$37,000/year	
Water Treatment/Chemicals (switched vendors)	\$1,400/year	

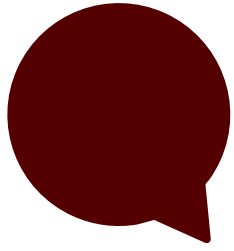


Next steps

- **Board decision on tax lid override or not today**
- **Sept 9th - Budget and Tax Hearings**
- **Sept 23rd - Approve Budget and Tax Levy**

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Board Feedback/Questions

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