

2024-2025 Tax Levy Recommendations

The Revenue Limit determines the maximum amount that can be levied for the General Fund (Fund 10) operations, Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund (Fund 38) and Capital Expansion Fund (Fund 41). At this time, the District has no non-referendum debt and hasn't established a levy for Fund 41, which would be approved at an Annual Meeting. Therefore, all amounts levied under the Revenue Limit are General Fund (Fund 10) property tax revenues. The allowable limited Revenue/Tax Levy (Funds 10, 38, 41) from the revenue limit calculation is \$10,072,840.

As of June 30, 2024, the District had outstanding referendum approved debt in the amount of \$14,965,000, which is scheduled to be paid off in the 2037. The annual levy for Referendum Debt Service Fund (Fund 39) must include an amount sufficient to make the principal and interest payments for those outstanding bonds that will come due during the 2025 calendar year.

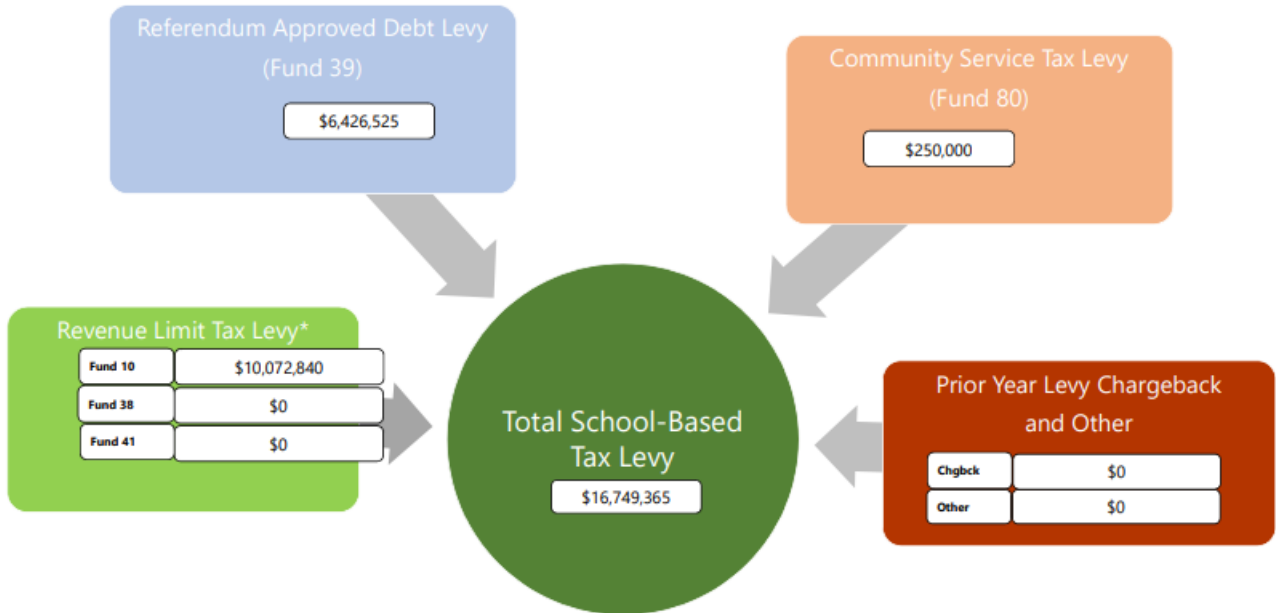
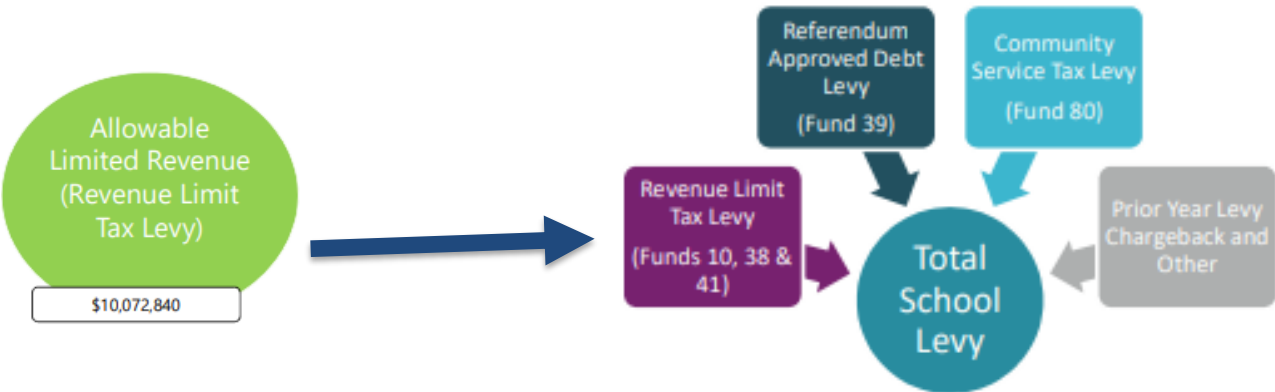
Additional Levy for Defeasance – Wisconsin state law allows School Boards to levy property taxes into Fund 39, the Debt Service Fund, to prepay district debt (s. 120.12(4)). Defeasance is the procedure used to set aside funds to pay off all or a portion of existing debt. At the Annual Meeting, a Fund 39 tax levy was tentatively approved that included an additional amount for defeasance.

In 2023-24, the District's mill rate of \$7.00 was the fourth lowest in our conference and below the state average of \$7.18. The Board has been committed to maintaining a stable mill rate while being fiscally responsible to the District's taxpayers by focusing additional funds generated to prepaying existing debt obligations. The 2022-23 and 2023-24 phases of early debt repayment resulted in net interest cost savings of \$3,346,708 and the removal of \$8,025,000 of principal from our debt obligations.

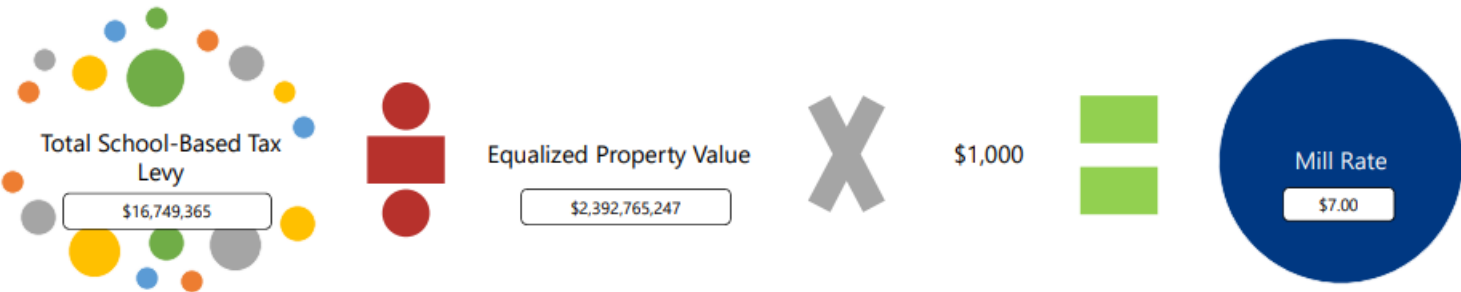
The following information summarizes each of the possible outcomes of the referendum questions that are on the ballot for November 5th. Because the Board's decisions to pay off debt early has resulted in a reduction in the annual debt payment obligation and its ability to adjust the early payment amount, the additional tax impact of both referendum questions being approved will be \$0.06 per \$1,000 of equalized property value.

Possible Result #1 – Status Quo/Neither Question Approved:

Calculation of Total Taxes:



We calculated the Total Tax Levy based on the target mill rate of \$7.00.



Total Tax Levy Change from Annual Meeting	+ \$ 941,687
Total Tax Levy Change from 2023-24 Tax Levy	+ \$ 1,549,675 (+10.2%)

Fund	Amount
Fund 10 – General Fund	\$10,072,840
Fund 39 – Referendum Debt Service Fund	6,426,525
Fund 80 – community Service Fund	250,000
Chargebacks	0
Total Levy	\$16,749,365
Mill Rate	\$7.00
Total Levy Increase from 2023-2024	\$1,549,675
Mill Rate Increase from 2023-2024	\$0.00

The following chart compares the tax levy that was presented at the Annual Meeting to the tax levy that is recommended if both referendum questions fail. The mill rate was calculated for the Annual Meeting based on an increase of 4.00% in equalized values. The actual increase was 10.2%.

Fund	Annual Meeting	Proposed Tax Levy	Change
10 – General	\$10,421,374	\$10,072,840	(\$348,534)
39 – Referendum Approved Debt Service	5,136,304	6,426,525	1,290,221
80 – Community Service	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Tax Levy	\$15,807,678	\$16,749,365	\$ 941,687
Equalized Property Value	\$2,258,239,679	\$2,392,765,247	+ \$134,525,568
Mill Rate (per \$1,000 value)	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$0.00

The following chart compares the 2023-24 tax levy by fund to the recommended tax levy for 2024-2025 for that possible outcome:

Fund	2023-2024 Tax Levy	Proposed Tax Levy	Change
10 – General	\$9,702,565	\$10,072,840	\$370,275
39 – Referendum Approved Debt Service	5,247,125	6,426,525	1,179,400
80 – Community Service	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Tax Levy	\$15,199,690	\$16,749,365	\$ 1,549,675 +10.2%
Equalized Property Value	\$2,171,384,307	\$2,392,765,247	+ \$221,380,940 +10.2%
Mill Rate (per \$1,000 value)	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$0.00

The impact shown below is prior to the School Levy Credit being subtracted on the Reedsburg School line of the tax bill.

2023 Property Value (FMV)	2023 Taxes (\$7.00)	Property Value (FMV) 2024		2024 Proj Taxes (\$7.00)	\$ Change	% Change
		w/10.2% Increase				
\$100,000	\$700.00	\$110,200		\$771.40	\$71.40	10.20%
\$150,000	\$1,050.00	\$165,300		\$1,157.10	\$107.10	10.20%
\$200,000	\$1,400.00	\$220,400		\$1,542.80	\$142.80	10.20%
\$250,000	\$1,750.00	\$275,500		\$1,928.50	\$178.50	10.20%
\$350,000	\$2,450.00	\$385,700		\$2,699.90	\$249.90	10.20%
\$400,000	\$2,800.00	\$440,800		\$3,085.60	\$285.60	10.20%
\$450,000	\$3,150.00	\$495,900		\$3,471.30	\$321.30	10.20%

Possible Result #2 – 2024-2025 Tax Levy Recommendation – Question 1 Operations Approved:

Fund	Amount
Fund 10 – General Fund	\$14,072,840
Fund 39 – Referendum Debt Service Fund	2,426,525
Fund 80 – community Service Fund	250,000
Chargebacks	0
Total Levy	\$16,749,365
Mill Rate	\$7.00
Total Levy Increase from 2023-20234	\$1,549,675
Mill Rate Change from 2023-2024	\$0.00

The following chart compares the 2023-24 tax levy by fund to the tax levy proposed for 2024-2025 if only Question 1 is approved on November 5th:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>2023-2024 Tax Levy</u>	<u>Proposed Tax Levy</u>	<u>Change</u>	
10 – General	\$9,702,565	\$14,072,840	\$ 4,370,275	
39 – Referendum Approved Debt Service	5,247,125	2,426,525	(2,820,600)	
80 – Community Service	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>	
Total Tax Levy	\$15,199,690	\$16,749,365	\$ 1,549,675	+10.2%
Equalized Property Value	\$2,171,384,307	\$2,392,765,247	+ \$221,380,940	+10.2%
Mill Rate (per \$1,000 value)	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$0.00	

Possible Result #3 – 2024-2025 Tax Levy Recommendation – Question 2 Capital Debt Issue Approved:

Fund	Amount
Fund 10 – General Fund	\$10,072,840
Fund 39 – Referendum Debt Service Fund	6,426,525
Fund 80 – community Service Fund	250,000
Chargebacks	0
Total Levy	\$16,749,365
Mill Rate	\$7.00
Total Levy Increase from 2023-20234	\$1,549,675
Mill Rate Change from 2023-2024	\$0.00

The following chart compares the 2023-24 tax levy by fund to the tax levy proposed for 2024-2025 if only Question 2 is approved on November 5th:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>2023-2024 Tax Levy</u>	<u>Proposed Tax Levy</u>	<u>Change</u>	
10 – General	\$9,702,565	\$10,072,840	\$370,275	
39 – Referendum Approved Debt Service	5,247,125	6,426,525	1,179,400	
80 – Community Service	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>	
Total Tax Levy	\$15,199,690	\$16,749,365	\$ 1,549,675	+10.2%
Equalized Property Value	\$2,171,384,307	\$2,392,765,247	+ \$221,380,940	+10.2%
Mill Rate (per \$1,000 value)	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$0.00	

Possible Result #4 – 2024-2025 Tax Levy Recommendation – Questions 1 & 2 Approved:

Fund	Amount
Fund 10 – General Fund	\$14,072,840
Fund 39 – Referendum Debt Service Fund	2,572,569
Fund 80 – community Service Fund	250,000
Chargebacks	0
Total Levy	\$16,895,409
Mill Rate	\$7.06
Total Levy Increase from 2023-20234	\$1,695,719
Mill Rate Change from 2023-2024	\$0.06

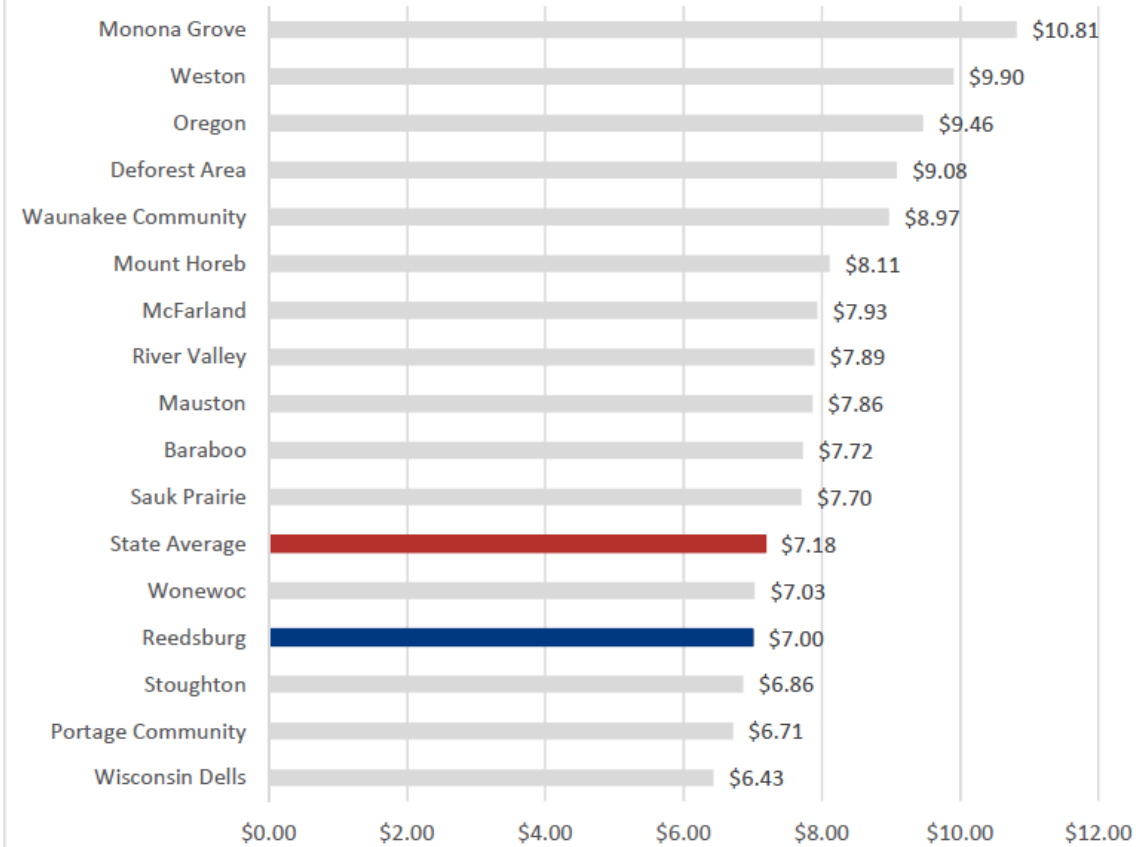
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<u>Fund</u>	<u>2023-2024 Tax Levy</u>	<u>Proposed Tax Levy</u>	<u>Change</u>	
10 – General	\$9,702,565	\$14,072,840	\$4,370,275	
39 – Referendum Approved Debt Service	5,247,125	2,572,569	(2,674,556)	
80 – Community Service	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>	
Total Tax Levy	\$15,199,690	\$16,895,409	\$ 1,695,719	+11.1%
Equalized Property Value	\$2,171,384,307	\$2,392,765,247	+ \$221,380,940	+10.2%
Mill Rate (per \$1,000 value)	\$7.00	\$7.06	\$0.06	

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\$150,000	\$1,050.00	\$165,300		\$1,167.02	\$117.02	11.14%
\$200,000	\$1,400.00	\$220,400		\$1,556.02	\$156.02	11.14%
\$250,000	\$1,750.00	\$275,500		\$1,945.03	\$195.03	11.14%
\$350,000	\$2,450.00	\$385,700		\$2,723.04	\$273.04	11.14%
\$400,000	\$2,800.00	\$440,800		\$3,112.05	\$312.05	11.14%
\$450,000	\$3,150.00	\$495,900		\$3,501.05	\$351.05	11.14%

2023-24 Mill Rate Comparison



Historical Levy Mill Rates

