

- **Not all** school districts in Wisconsin are **funded equally**.
- School districts are **limited** in what they can spend by a **revenue cap** that was set **based on what districts were spending in 1993**; revenue caps were put in place to control increases in property taxes and state aid.
- If **state aid** for public education **goes down**, local **property taxes go up** and **vice versa** to provide for the amount of money in the revenue cap.
- ECASD was **locked in at a lower rate** than other districts because ECASD was and has been a more **conservative spending district**.
- During the last 25 years all school districts in Wisconsin **received between \$50 and \$275** per pupil each year as additional aid to account for per pupil aid to provide additional financial support from the state budget.
- In the current state biennium budget - for the **first time in 25 years** - the state provided a **\$0 per pupil increase**.
- Last year the **state average** for **per pupil** spending was **\$10,185**; **Eau Claire's** spending per pupil was **\$9,828**.
- That **difference in spending per pupil is \$357 per student**. Multiplying \$357 by an estimated 11,300 students amounts to the total of an **additional \$4,034,100** for one year for ECASD funding.
- Eau Claire **would not be facing a projected deficit** of \$3.9 million if the District's per pupil **spending matched the state average**.
- Eau Claire is the **eighth largest** school district in Wisconsin and **ranks 272 out of 424 school districts in spending**.



# Eau Claire Area School District

## Fast Financial Facts

# ECASD desires additional funding to meet the following needs:

## **1 — Safety and Security needs total \$5,275,748. This amount includes:**

- ✓ Building Entry Buzzers
- ✓ Fire Alarms
- ✓ Classroom Audio Enhancement
- ✓ Security Cameras
- ✓ Playground Paving
- ✓ PA System

## **2 — Class Size needs total \$1,862,000. This amount includes:**

- ✓ Targeted Class Sizes (Grades K-3: 25 students) (Grades 4-5: 29 students)
- ✓ Class Sizes & Course Options (24-27 reduced to 22-25) at secondary

## **3 — Technology needs total \$5,100,000. This amount includes:**

- ✓ Network and Infrastructure
- ✓ Computing Devices
- ✓ 1:1 Devices in Grades 7-12
- ✓ Additional Staff to Support 1:1 Devices
- ✓ Mobile Devices for School-Based Staff Instead of Desk Tops (4 year rotation)

## **4 — Facility needs total \$19,482,846. This amount includes:**

- ✓ Replacement roofs (80% of the District's roofs are in need of repair or replacement and are out of warranty)
- ✓ Other Needs (gym floors, locker rooms, receiving and dock areas)
- ✓ ADA Compliance Upgrades
- ✓ HVAC and Plumbing
- ✓ Parking Lot Paving
- ✓ Roofing, Windows and Doors
- ✓ 10% Contingency Related to Bidding and Cost Overrun

## **5 — Additional Facility needs total \$32 Million - \$35 Million. This amount includes:**

- ✓ South Middle School: \$22 Million
- ✓ Roosevelt: \$8 Million - \$10 Million
- ✓ Prairie Ridge/McKinley/Potential Use of Little Red: \$3 Million

## **6 — The need to recruit and retain highly qualified staff at all levels.**

- ✓ The pipeline is not what it once was. As staff retire, there are fewer people going into the field of education to fill vacancies.
- ✓ As a result, the competition for highly qualified staff is keen across the state – especially in hard to fill areas such as technical education, math, science, special education, reading specialists, etc.
- ✓ Other districts pay higher salaries than Eau Claire does.