

Fast Financial Facts

- Not all school districts in Wisconsin are funded equally.
- [Cov chaws kawm ntawv hauv Wisconsin tsis tau nyiaj pab sib npaug.](#)
- 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.
- [Cov chaw kawm ntawv tsuas siv tau nyiaj li uas lawv siv rau thaum xyoo 1993 uas lub xeev tau muab kaw tseg ua ib qho chaw los tuav kev nce ntawm kev them se vajtsev thiab kev pab nyiaj txiag los ntawm lub xeev.](#)
- 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.
- [Yog nyiaj pab kev kawm ntawv los ntawm lub xeev mus qis, kev them se hauv zos nce siab, pauv mus los ib yam li ntawv kom muaj qhov nyiaj ua lub xeev muab \(revenue cap\).](#)
- ECASD was locked in at a lower rate than other districts because ECASD was and has been a more conservative spending district.
- [Chaw kawm ntawm nroog Eau Claire \(ECASD\) tau nyiaj tsawg tshaj lwm cov chaw kawm ntawv vim yog ECASD ib txwm txuag nyiaj.](#)
- 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.
- [25 xyoos uas dhau los tag nrho cov chaw kawm ntawv hauv Wisconsin txais li ntawm \\$50 mus rau \\$275 rau ib tug menyuum hauv ib lub xyoos los ntxiv pab rau qhov kev pab nyiaj txiag ntxiv los ntawm lub xeev tes nyiaj txiag \(budget\).](#)
- In the current state biennium budget - for the first time in 25 years - the state provided a \$0 per pupil increase.

- Nyob rau lub xeev tes nyiaj txiag tam sim no - thawj zaug ntawm 25 xyoos – lub xeev yuav tsis pab dabtsis ntxiv li. Pab \$0 xwb.
- Last year the state average for per pupil spending was \$10,312; Eau Claire’s spending per pupil was \$9,894.
- Xyoo tag los no lub xeev qhov nyiaj txiag siv rau ib tug menyuam kawm ntawv yog \$10, 312; Eau Claire li nyiaj siv rau ib tug menyuam kawm ntawv yog \$9,894.
- That difference in spending per pupil is \$418 per student. Multiplying \$418 by an estimated 11,300 students amounts to the total of an additional \$4,723,400 for one year for ECASD funding.
- Qhov ntxawv ntawm nyiaj txiag siv rau ib tug menyuam kawm ntawv ntawm Eau Claire thiab ntawm lub xeev (state) yog \$418 tauj ib tug menyuam kawm ntawv. Peb muaj li ntawm 11,300 tus menyuam kawm ntawv, yog peb muab suav ($11,300 \times \$418 = \$4,723,400$) nws yog \$4,723,400 tauj ib xyoos rau ECASD li kev tau txais nyiaj pab.
- Eau Claire is the eighth largest school district in Wisconsin and ranks 272 out of 424 school districts in spending.
- Eau Claire yog lub chaw kawm ntawv thib yim uas loj tshaj hauv Wisconsin thiab yog 272 ntawm 424 lub chaw kawm ntawv txog qhov uas siv nyiam.
- Conversations regarding referendum study began last spring to address the projected deficit for operating costs. As the Board’s study continued through the fall, parents, family members and employees shared with the Board that the District’s needs are greater than just making up the deficit. The Board heard feedback about the need in the community to promote a thriving, robust public school system rather than just a surviving district.
- Kev sib tham txog qhov yuav cia rau pejxeem xaiv saib puas tsim nyog nce nyiaj los pab chaw kawm ntaw (referendum) pib thaum lub caij ntuaj tshiab (spring) tag los no los tham txog qhov nyiaj tsis txau los khiav haujlwm. Tam lis cov saib chaw kawm ntawv (Board) soj xyuas los txog rau thaum caij nplooj ntoos zeeg (fall), niam txiv, neeg hauv tsev neeg thiab cov neeg ua haujlwm kuj qhia rau cov saib chaw kawm ntawv (Board) tias chaw kawm ntawv li kev xav tau loj tshaj li qhov uas nyiaj txiag pab tsis txaus los ntawm lub xeev. Cov saib chaw kawm ntawv (Board) hnov txog kev xav tau los ntawm zejzog kom muaj qhov chaw kawm ntawv dawb uas loj hlob, es tsis yog mus tau xwb.
- Listed below are some talking points that can be used with community members and also used to get feedback and allow for meaningful discussions. The question for the community is what kind of education do we want for our children and what will be the outcome for the children and for our community if we can’t provide that level of education? What would you do if you were making decisions about how best to meet the needs of the district?

- Hauv qab no yog ib cov lus uas siv nug thiab tham nrog pejxeem. Zaj lus nug rau zejzog yog nug tias peb xav tau txoj kev kawm zoo lcas rau peb cov menyiam thiab yuav zoo lcas rau peb cov menyiam tau thiab peb lub zejzog yog peb tsis muaj txoj kev kawm uas zoo thiab lojhlob? Koj yuav ua lcas yog koj yog tus txiav txim siab txog tias qhov twg thiaj yuav cuag tau chaw kawm ntawv li kev pab los kev xav tau.

ECASD desires additional funding to meet the following needs:

ECASD xav tau nyiaj txiag pab raws li qhov muaj no:

1. Safety and Security needs total \$5,275,748. This amount includes:
Kev kaj siab thiab nyab xeeb tag nrho \$5,275,748. Qhov no nrog:
 - ✓ Building Entry Buzzers
Lub nias ntawm qhov rooj kom qhib qhov rooj
 - ✓ Security Cameras
Cov cameras uas pom neeg thiab thaj tau neeg
 - ✓ Fire Alarms
Tswb hluav taw
 - ✓ Playground Paving
Pua rau menyiam chaw uasi
 - ✓ Classroom Audio Enhancement
 - ✓ Ua rau kom hauv hoob kawm cov lus los suab nrov zoo
 - ✓ PA Systems
Khoom siv kom hais lus nrov los suab nrov
2. Class Size needs total \$1,862,000. This amount includes:
Nyiaj pab cov hoob kom txhob muaj menyiam kawm ntawv coob coob nyob rau ib hoov yog \$1,862,000. Pab raws li nram no:
 - ✓ Targeted Class Sizes (Grades K-3: 25 students) (Grades 4-5: 29 students)
Hoob K-3: 25 tug menyiam, hoob 4-5: 29 tug menyiam
 - ✓ Class Sizes and Course Options (24-27 reduced to 22-25) at Secondary
Hoob 6-12: 22-25 tug menyiam
3. Technology needs total \$5,100,000. This amount includes:
Nyiaj rau technology li tej khoom siv rau computer yog \$5,100,000. Nrog li nram no:
 - ✓ 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:
[Nyiaj los kho tsev kawm ntawv yog \\$19,482,486. Los siv li nram no.](#)
 - ✓ Replacement roofs (80% of the District's roofs are in need of repair or replacement and are out of warranty)
 - ✓ ADA Compliance Upgrades
 - ✓ HVAC and Plumbing
 - ✓ Parking Lot Paving
 - ✓ Roofing
 - ✓ Windows
 - ✓ Doors
 - ✓ Other Needs (gym floors, locker rooms, receiving and dock areas)
 - ✓ 10% Contingency Related to Bidding and Cost Overrun

5. Additional Facility needs total \$32 Million - \$35 Million. This amount includes:
[Nyiaj ntxiv rau cov tsev kawm ntawm nram qab no yog \\$32 lab.](#)
 - ✓ South Middle School: \$22 Million
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 - ✓ Roosevelt: \$8 Million - \$10 Million
[Roosevelt: \\$8 lab – 10 lab](#)
 - ✓ Prairie Ridge/McKinley/Potential Use of Little Red: \$3 Million
[Prairie Ridge/McKinley/ tej zaum siv Little Red: \\$3 lab](#)

6. The need to recruit and retain highly qualified staff at all levels.
[Nyiaj los nrhiav thiab them cov neeg ua ua txawj ntse heev rau txhua theem.](#)
 - ✓ The pipeline is not what it once was. As staff retire, there are fewer people going into the field of education to fill vacancies.
[Kev nrhiav neeg ua haujlwm tsis zoo li yav tag los lawm. Thaum cov neeg ua haujlwm retire los yos so lawm, muaj tsawg tsawg tus nyob hauv kev kawm los ua cov haujlwm uas tsis muaj neeg ua.](#)
 - ✓ 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.
[Ua rau nrhiav cov neeg ua txawj ntse rau tej yam nyuaj heev thoob rau peb lub xeeb.](#)
 - ✓ Other districts pay higher salaries than Eau Claire does.
[Lwm cov chaw kawm ntawv them nyiaj siab tshaj li Eau Claire them.](#)