

MHASD Operational Referendum

Our Why

In partnership with the community, we are dedicated to nurturing, educating, and challenging all students; preparing and empowering them to be productive, responsible and self-fulfilled members of society.

We do this by hiring and retaining top notch staff; by providing a wide variety of high quality educational programming to meet the needs of all learners, and by maintaining welcoming, safe, and clean facilities that facilitate productive and effective learning.

However, state funding has not kept pace with the increases in the day-to-day costs of providing the quality education that our community expects and deserves and our ability to continue to meet our own high standards is at risk.

What Your Support Does



Attract and Retain High Quality Staff

- Increase staff compensation to keep up with inflation and offer more competitive wages



Maintain a Wide Variety of Educational Programming

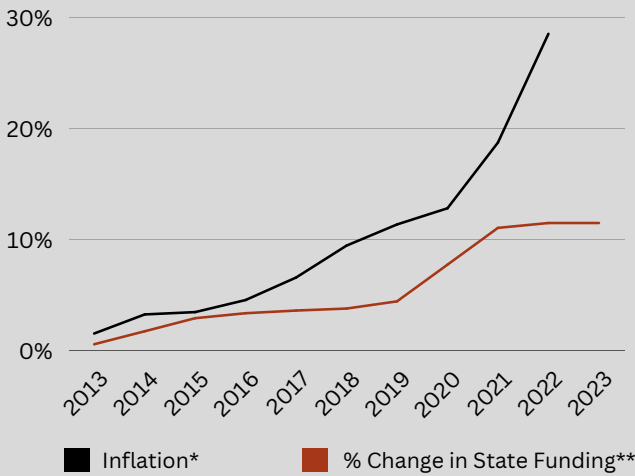
- Maintain favorable class sizes
- Support our Youth Apprenticeship programs
- Provide a math interventionist, instructional coaches, and a speech and language teacher to support student growth



Pay for Increasing Costs

- Cover increasing utility costs
- Support our school bus replacement cycle
- Maintain our 1:1 student chromebook replacement plan

The Cost



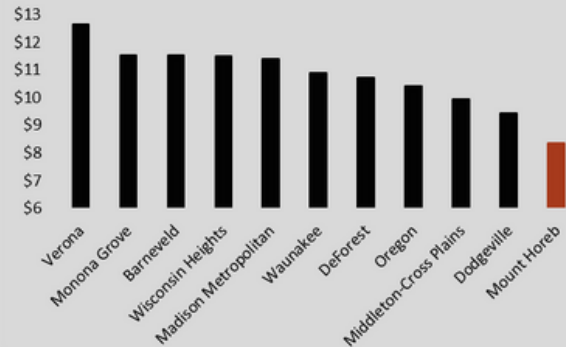
This graph illustrates the gap between state funding and inflation over time. Through careful stewardship over the years, we have been able to manage and even excel. But our ability to continue in this manner is in jeopardy, particularly in the face of the record-setting inflation that our entire community has experienced in the past year.

*CPI-U, US Bureau of Labor Statistics, data.bls.gov

**Multi-Year Revenue Limit Survey, WI Dept of Public Instruction, dpi.wi.gov

The Impact

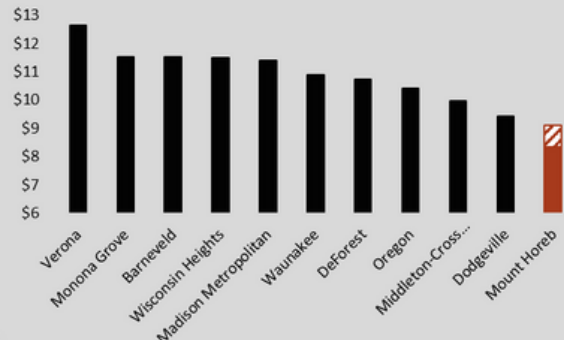
2021-2022 School District Mill Rates



MHASD currently has the lowest mill rate of any district in Dane Co and compared to districts to the west of us. It's also important to note that 8 other districts in Dane Co. are also seeking operational referendums on their ballots this fall.



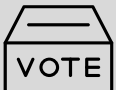
Projected Mill Rate if Referendum Passes



At a projected increase of .75¢ per \$1,000 of equalized value, we will still maintain the lowest mill rate of any nearby district.

The Referendum

To meet these challenges, the Board approved placing a recurring operational referendum before district voters on the **Nov 8** ballot.



A "Yes" vote from the community would allow the district to exceed the revenue limit by \$4.82M annually beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.