



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
**PITTSVILLE**

# DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

## Our Vision

To Engage and Develop Lifelong Learners by Inspiring ALL to Reach Their Full Potential

## Our Mission

To Collaborate With Families and the Community to Foster a Love of Learning, Strengthen and Expand Partnerships, and Provide Innovative Opportunities for ALL

# Strategic Plan 2023-2028

## Student Success

We will ensure student learning through a curriculum that aligns with state and national standards as well as the 'Vision' of a Pittsville Graduate that all students are career, college, and community ready.

## Wellness

We will support all students and staff to be healthy using a consistent framework to foster safe school environments, allowing them to grow and reach their goals

## Community



## Finance and Facilities

We will ensure we are fiscally responsible with our resources by creating effective learning spaces and quality facilities that sufficiently support education and our community.

## Partnerships and Community

We will create a learning environment that will enhance and develop partnerships between the school and community to support student learning and family engagement.

## People and Culture

We will demonstrate value for staff by improving recruitment, compensation, retention, and support in order to foster student growth.

# School Funding/2024 Property Tax Bills

## Recent significant decreases in school taxes(2022/2023)

The past two years (2022 and 2023), school taxes dropped on average 30% due to a mill rate drop to 5.18 in 2023 from 8.41 in 2021, which makes any increase, even though the current mill rate is 8.34 and lower than 8.41 in 2021, seem like a huge increase when coupled with the decrease.

## The passing of the 2024 Operational Referendum

The passing of the operational referendum added \$197 per \$100,000 of equalized property value, or 1.97 of the 8.34 total mill rate. The mill rate without the referendum passing, because of the loss of \$720,000 of WI equalization aid, was going to be \$637 per \$100,000 of equalized property value.

## Significant reduction in shared revenue(\$720,000)

The state reduced our equalization aid by \$720,000 (in great part because of a municipality TIF/TID ending and WI raised the equalized property values on residential properties approximately 25 percent. If equalized property values (Fair Market on your tax bill) go up, equalization aid goes down and local school property taxes go up, if property values go down, equalization aid goes up and local school property taxes go down. The state controls both equalization aid and equalized property value. We got hit with a huge double-whammy this year.

## The mill rate is lower, but with significant increases in EPV, the tax impact is higher

Even though the mill rate is lower now than 2021, the tax impact is higher because the state increased equalized property values so much over that same period. This is why school funding is broken. They have \$5.8 billion in surplus funds at the state level, much of it because they didn't give any increases in public school funding from 2020-2022. If they would allocate some of that surplus for more per member revenue (inside the revenue limit) and per pupil categorical aid (outside the revenue limits) it would help our district and many other districts in the same situation. PSD has historically been a low-spending district, so our revenue limit caps have been significantly lower than many other districts. An increase in per pupil categorical aid (outside revenue limits) would help us more as per pupil categorical aid is not tied to equalized property values or revenue limits.

# Meeting this Friday with Rep Krug and Senator Testin

- Revenue Limits
- Per Pupil Categorical Aid
- Private School Voucher reimbursements
- Special education state aid reimbursement



