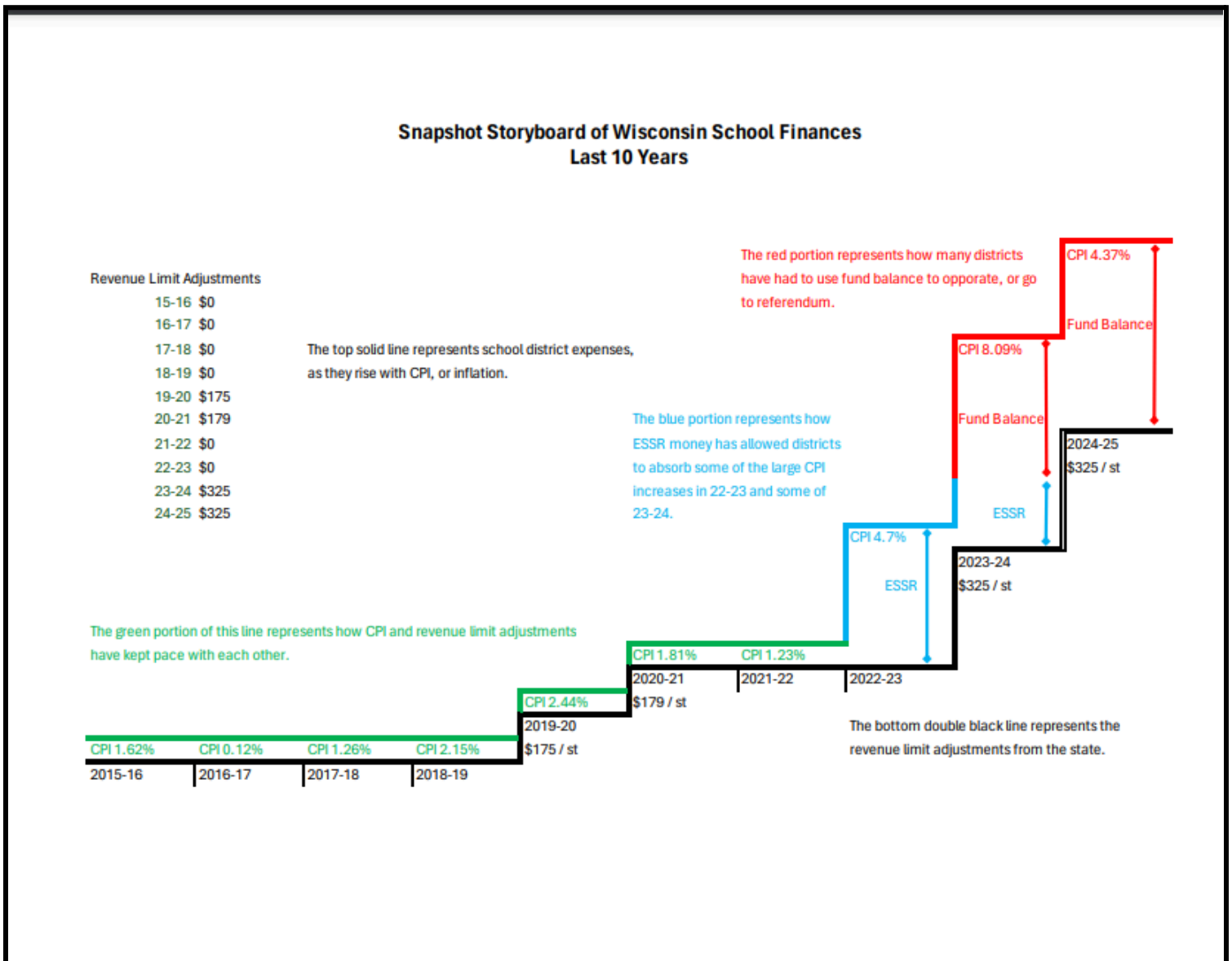


# BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM INFORMATION – NOVEMBER 5, 2024

## Why is Belmont Community School District asking for an Operating Referendum?

*Costs have increased and inflation has created a gap between our expenditures and revenues. \*See the chart below.*



*Belmont Community School District is not the only school district facing this situation. In fact, 28 of 31 CESA #3 school districts have run an operating referendum within the last five years.*

*Generations before us had a bigger sacrifice prior to 1992. Back then, schools could levy for the amount they needed, now it requires voter approval.*

### **What has the School District done to save money?**

- *Switched Health Insurance Providers and continue to shop annually*
- *Analyze spending and numbers in programs & enrollment*
- *Updated Lighting in Parking Lot to cut future energy costs*
- *Solicited Donations and Grants*
- *Staff Raises have been less than Cost of Living Increases each year*
- *Used Esser Grant Dollars to update items that were outdated*

### **Examples of Rising Costs for the School District are below**

- *Utilities*
- *Transportation Costs (fuel, repairs, buses)*
- *Insurance (Property, Liability, & Health Insurance Costs)*
- *Salaries*
- *Maintenance Costs*
- *General Supplies for Classrooms*

### **Referendum Question for November 5th, 2024 Ballot**

*Be it resolved by the School Board of the Belmont Community School District, Lafayette County, Wisconsin, that the school district be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91(2m), Wisconsin Statutes by \$550,000 per year beginning in the 2024-2025 school year and ending with the 2027-2028 school year, for the non-recurring purpose of providing for the operational needs of the school district.*

If you have any questions regarding the referendum, please contact Superintendent, Beau Buchs.

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