

# UNITE FOR THE BUDGET OUR KIDS DESERVE

## DID YOU KNOW?

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AA+

**DASD is one of just a few school districts in the state with the highest possible Standard and Poor's AA+ financial rating. We are a vibrant and growing district.**

*Given these facts, DASD should not be facing budgetary challenges.*

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\$0

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The per pupil revenue limit is the main source of recurring revenue for school districts in Wisconsin.

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**DASD had to rely on the use of one-time grant dollars and fund balance to cover basic operational needs?**

Paying for recurring expenses from a savings account is not sustainable.

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**That Wisconsin is in the bottom half of the country for funding public education?**

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**Did you know that we receive less per student for our per pupil revenue limit than most of the Dane County school districts?**

*Only Deerfield and Mount Horeb get less than DeForest.*

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE - TURN OVER TO LEARN HOW!**

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# **WISCONSIN KIDS DESERVE:**

**1**

**An increase in the state reimbursement of districts' special education costs.**

Closing the special education funding gap by providing a 60% reimbursement in 2023 and 90% in 2024 would transform outcomes for all students statewide.

**2**

**Equitable, adequate, transparent, predictable, and fair state funding.**

This means getting resources into classrooms by increasing spendable state funds by raising the per student revenue limits to adjust for inflation.

**3**

**Investments where the needs are greatest: in English language learning (ELL), mental health support, services for students in poverty, rural schools and low-revenue limit districts, pre-K needs, and support for attracting and retaining educators.**

**Consider sharing your voice to advocate for the state budget our kids deserve! Add your comments and concerns in your own voice or use the suggested comments from this flyer.**



## **TAKE ACTION**

**Scan this code to add your comments and concerns for the 2023-25 biennial budget, and visit [WisconsinNetwork.org/budget](https://WisconsinNetwork.org/budget) to learn more!**



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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**That DASD (and ALL WI school districts) received a \$0 increase on the per pupil revenue limit for 2021-2023? The per pupil revenue limit is the main source of recurring revenue for school districts in Wisconsin.**

That despite having no increase in recurring revenue, DASD had to manage large increases for basic operational needs: food costs, operational supplies, transportation, etc?

**DASD had to rely on the use of one time grant dollars and fund balance to cover basic operational needs? Paying for recurring expenses from a savings account is not sustainable.**

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**Year to year % increases in per pupil revenues have lost pace to inflation since 2009-10?**

That Wisconsin is in the bottom half of the country for funding public education?

**That the proposed public education budget could be funded - and all proposed agency budget requests - could be funded with the more than 7 billion dollar budget surplus and STILL have at least 4.4 billion dollar surplus?**

That funding public education with budget dollars is cheaper than funding public education through operating referendums? (Especially when there is a budget surplus)

**Did you know that we receive less per student for our per pupil revenue limit than most of the Dane County school districts? Only Deerfield and Mount Horeb get less than DeForest.**

Did you know that like many Wisconsin public schools DeForest has seen an increase in student mental health needs and special education referrals?

**Did you know that DeForest, like all Wisconsin public schools, needs the next state biennial budget to adequately fund public education.**

Per pupil revenues have lagged inflation since 2009. If we were going to keep up with inflation we would need \$3,235 more per student. The original intent of revenue limits put in place in 1993 was to cap what could be levied to match inflation.