

Wyomissing Area School District



*Finance Committee Meeting
November 9, 2022*

Agenda

- Act I Index
- Assessed Value review
- Act I Exceptions
- Fund Balance as of 6/30/2022 review
- Charter/Cyber Charter

Act I Timeline: 2023-2024

- Current: development of preliminary budget
- September 30, 2022 - Department of Education deadline to notify School Districts of base Act I index
 - WASD = 4.1% (base index, no adjustment)
- December/January - adopt resolution authorizing proposed preliminary budget and advertising, unless the District adopts an opt out resolution
- December 15, 2022 - deadline to file Sterling Act Tax Credit Date
- December 31, 2022 - deadline to notify residential property owners to submit a completed application to county assessment office to qualify for homestead exclusion

Act I Timeline: 2022-2023

- January 26, 2023 - deadline to make the 2022-23 proposed preliminary budget available for public inspection or adopt opt out resolution
 - *January Budget Workshop*
- January 31, 2023 - deadline to submit copy of opt out resolution to PDE
- February 6, 2023 - deadline to publish notice of intent to adopt 2022-2023 preliminary budget
- February 15, 2023 - deadline to adopt Preliminary Budget (unless opt out resolution)
 - *February Budget Workshop*

Act I Timeline: 2022-2023

- March 1, 2023 - Deadline for homeowners to file homestead application w/county assessment office
 - *March Budget Workshop*
 - *April Budget Workshop*
 - *May Finance or Budget Workshop* - *final review and budget presentation*
- May 31, 2023 - deadline to adopt a proposed final budget
- June 30, 2023 - deadline to adopt a final budget
- July 1, 2023 - tax bills mailed

Act I Index Exceptions

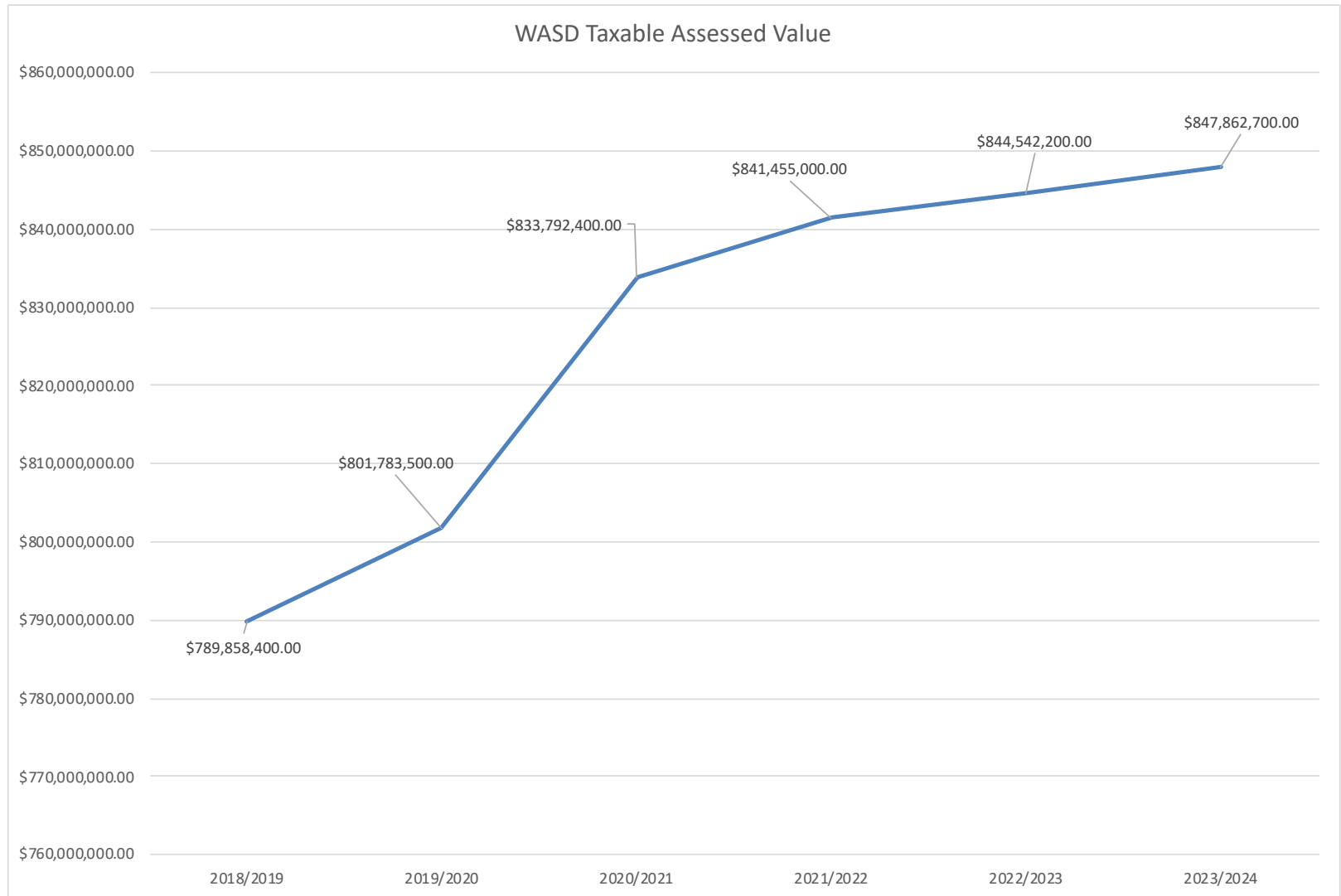
- Act I Exceptions:
 - *Special Education: District does not qualify for exception*
 - *Retirement: District does not qualify for exception*

Wyomissing Area School District				
Millage History				
<u>Year</u>	<u>Millage</u>	<u>Increase in Mills</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>PDE Index</u>
2017-18	30.0665	0.0000	0.00%	2.50%
2018-19	30.6678	0.6013	2.00%	2.40%
2019-20	31.4340	0.7662	2.50%	2.30%
2020-21	31.9060	0.4720	1.50%	3.00%
2021-22	32.5441	0.6381	2.00%	3.00%
2022-23	33.1950	0.6509	2.00%	3.90%
2023-24				4.10%

Act I Index Review/Assessed Value

- The Act I Base Index for the 23-24 school year is 4.1%
- WASD qualifies for the base index only
- 4.1% = \$1,120,473 of estimated additional tax revenue
- 2023 vs 2022 assessed value (as of 10/20/2022)
 - West Reading: \$183,392,500 vs \$181,586,800 +\$1,805,700
 - Wyomissing^: \$664,470,200 vs \$662,955,400 +\$1,514,800
 - Total tax-exempt value = \$297,672,600 (25% of total valuation)
- Note: The District's tax increase for 2022/2023 was 2.00% and the average tax increase for the past five (5) years is 2.00%
- ^Does not include the \$9,250,800 additional assessed value from the Knitting Mills Settlement

Assessed Value: 5 year Historical + 1 year Projection



Budget Challenges Beyond 2022/2023

- Assessments – changes and appeals (+/-)
 - Reading Hospital Appeals
 - Knitting Mills Appeal - resolved
 - West Reading Redevelopment (TIF)*
- State Revenue
 - Additional BEF and SEF or Flat Funding
- Cyber Enrollment/BOL
- Transportation
 - Bell Time Changes/BCTC Transportation
- Personnel
 - Hiring/Retirees/Minimum Wage/WAEA Contract Negotiations
 - ESSER Positions Funding (2 Positions)
- Economic Conditions

Proposed Ending Fund Balance – as of 6/30/2022 (unaudited)

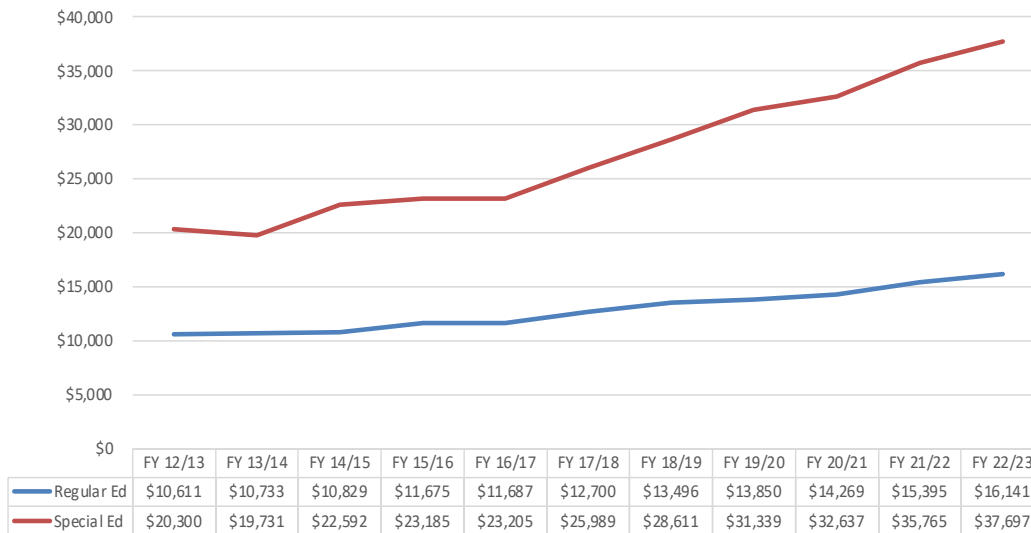
<u>Fund Balance</u>		
	<u>6/30/21</u>	<u>6/30/22</u>
Non Spendable	\$5,233	\$5,233
Restricted	\$57,457	57,457
Committed	\$8,395,568	\$9,909,982
Assigned	\$247,090	\$41,539
Unassigned	\$3,260,058	\$3,300,095
Total	\$11,965,406	\$13,314,306

<u>Committed Fund Balance</u>				
			<u>6/30/21</u>	<u>6/30/22</u>
	Capital Designated-Security (Committed)		\$2,676,976	\$3,491,390
		PSERS (Committed)	\$4,193,192	\$4,193,192
	Curriculum Enhancements (Committed)		\$925,000	\$1,000,000
	Athletic Equipment Replacement (Committed)		\$0	\$250,000
	Furniture Replacement (Committed)		\$0	\$250,000
	Field House Equipment Replacement (Committed)		\$0	\$25,000
	Vehicle /Equipment Replacement (Committed)		\$600,400	\$700,400

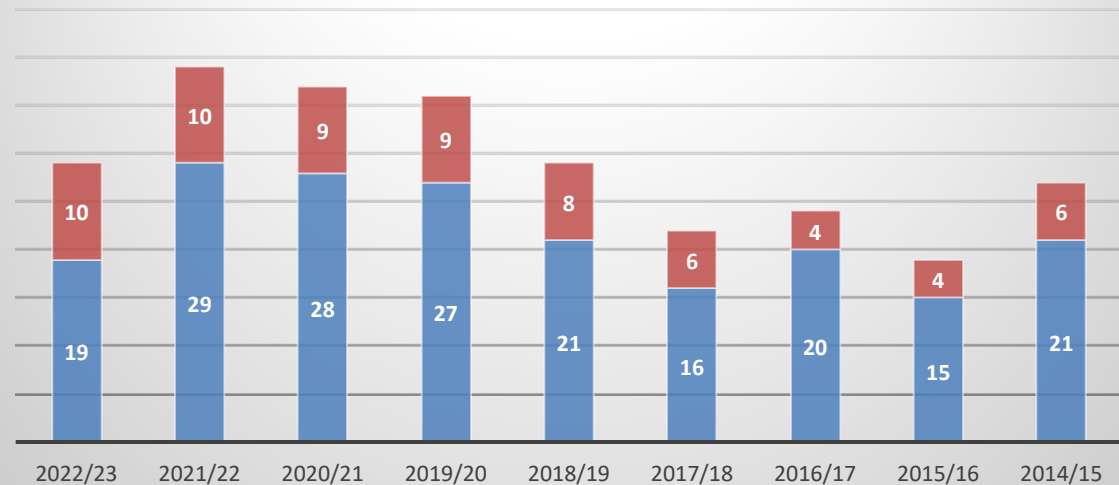
Note: Assigned fund balance is a placeholder for the next year's budget deficit

Charter/Cyber Charter Tuition

Charter/Cyber School Tuition Rates by Year



Chrter School Enrollment by Year



Next Steps

- November Voting Meeting:
 - Resolution to Opt Out of raising taxes higher than the Act I Index
- January meeting - in depth review of revenues by source
- First look at budget for 2022/2023