



# Setting the Stage Wisconsin Perspective

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# What is CESA 10

- CESA stands for Cooperative Educational Service Agency. There are 12 CESAs in the state of Wisconsin.
- Each CESA serves the unique needs of schools and children in a particular region of Wisconsin.
- Nationally called “Educational Service Agencies”





# How is CESA 10 Involved?

- Implementer for Focus on Energy™ since 2001.
- Assist School Districts in competitive bidding, cooperative purchasing, and referendum planning.
- Offer expertise on environmental health and safety and construction management.



# Challenges in WI

- State Funding
- Low Referendum success rate
- Aging infrastructure

Resource:



# State Support for K-12 Education, 2008 - 2023 (Billions)

## Including Federal COVID Aid

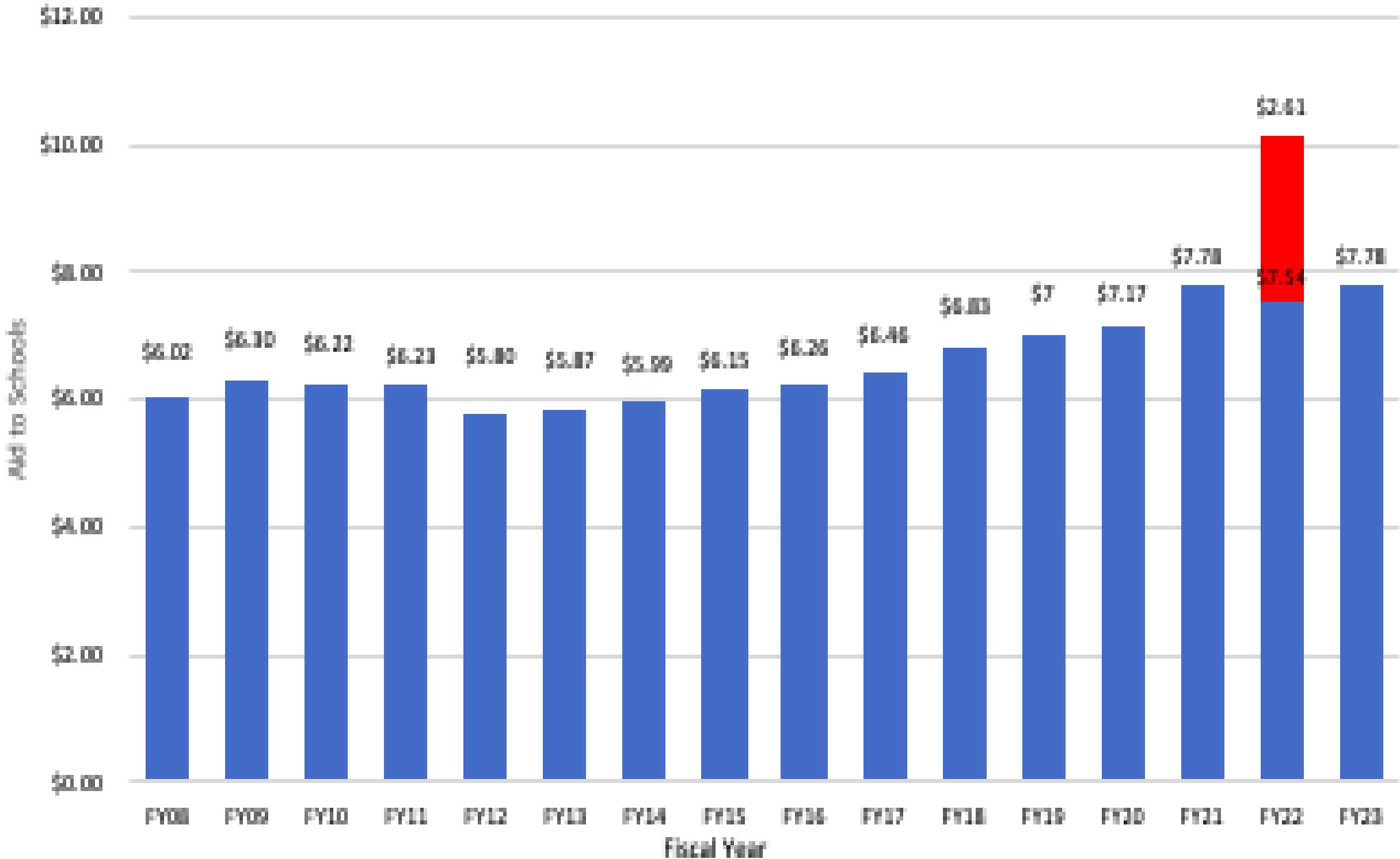


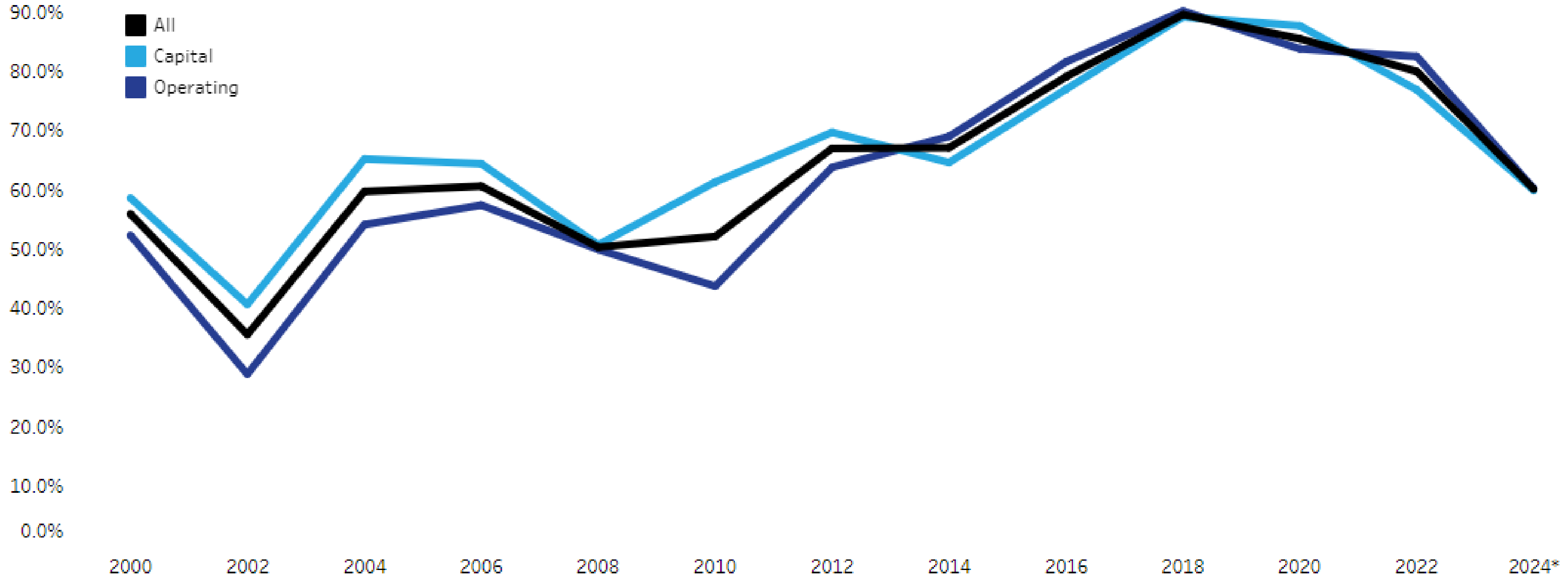
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■ State Aid ■ Federal Aid

Source: Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

### Figure 1: School Referendum Passage Rates on the Decline

Wisconsin public school district referendum passage rate by type of question, 2000-2024, midterm or presidential election years



Source: Wisconsin Policy Forum analysis of statewide county clerk data. \*Pending results from November 2024 elections.



State  
 Wisconsin - Region 7

Region  
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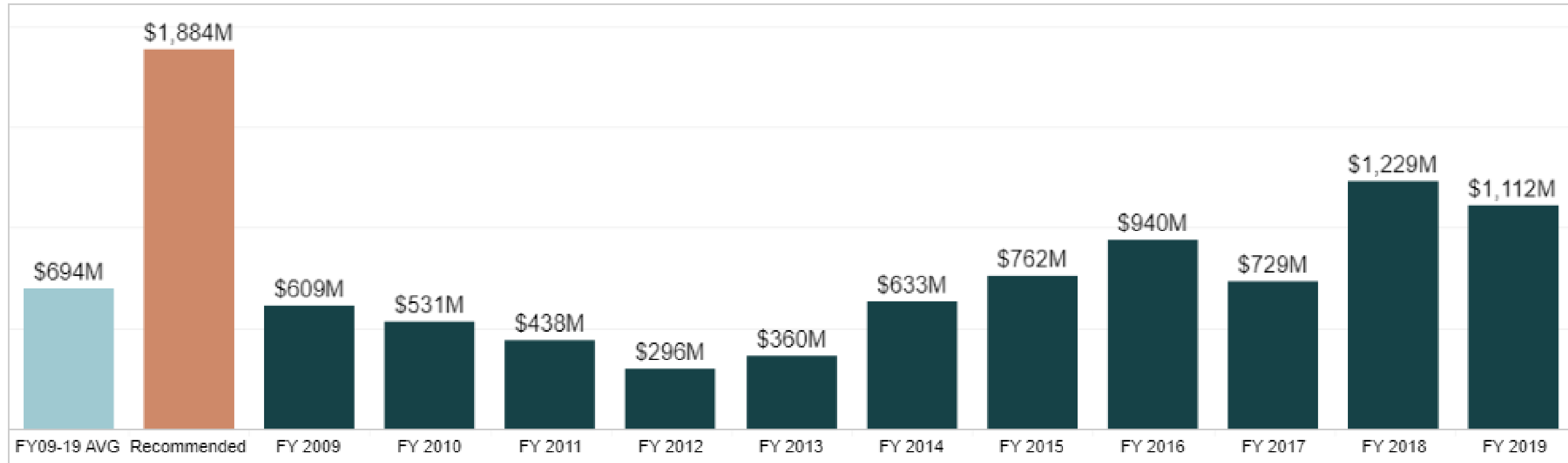
**State agency's PK12 facilities webpage.**  
 (If available)  
[Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#)

**PDF of the state's 2021 profile.**  
[Wisconsin - Region 7](#)

**Operations & Maintenance of Plant**

Public School Enrollment 2018-19	849,956
GSF Area of Facilities	178,414,015
FY17-19 Avg Annual M&O	\$1,102,484,667
FY 2017 M&O	\$1,061,234,000
FY 2018 M&O	\$1,135,237,000
FY 2019 M&O	\$1,110,983,000

**School Construction Capital Outlay in Millions**  
*(adjusted for 2020 \$)*



Recommended investments for school district school construction capital outlay is based on 4% of the 2020 current replacement value for the 2020 state's school district facilities inventory. It excludes estimates for new construction needed for enrollment growth.

Data sources: U.S. Census of Governments Fiscal Surveys; State of our Schools 2021; Operations and Maintenance of Plant includes: utilities, custodial, grounds keeping, maintenance, minor repairs, and security.

**State Comparisons by Region**

State Name 1	Public School Enrollment 2018-19	Long Term Debt Local School Districts (end of FY2019)	FY19 Local Debt per FY19 Student (omit charters)	Actual Annual Avg Cap Outlay 2020s per Student adjusted for growth	FY17-19 Avg. M&O per SY18-19 Student (omits charters)	FY17-19 Avg. M&O per 2020 Building GSF
Illinois - Region 7	1,951,960	\$21,755,318,000	\$11,145	\$1,144	\$1,134	\$6.16
Minnesota - Region 7	823,418	\$12,484,646,000	\$15,162	\$1,554	\$892	\$4.37
Wisconsin - Region 7	849,956	\$7,469,459,000	\$8,788	\$817	\$1,297	\$6.18

# Successes with Focus on Energy

Pay over \$5M in Incentives to Schools & Governments each year.

Over 240 public school districts paid in past 2 years.

**1,223**

Schools  
Benchmarked

**40**

Schools in  
Renew our  
Schools

**416**

Customers  
used Project  
Planning



# Partnerships

Public Service Commission –  
Office of Energy Innovation

K-12 Energy Education Program  
(KEEP) – Partnering with teachers  
to expand energy education  
opportunities

Wisconsin Association of School  
Business Officials





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