

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TURTLE LAKE



Annual Report

to the Electors of the
School District of Turtle Lake

ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

5:00 PM

Turtle Lake, WI



School District of Turtle Lake

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"To foster a culture of excellence where every person belongs, learns and succeeds."

Shelly Bauer
District Administrator

Troy Wagner
4K-5 Principal

Jason Hinze
MS/HS Principal

Rob Schmitt
Special Education Director

October 16, 2026

Dear Turtle Lake School District Community,

The Board of Education and the Administration of the School District of Turtle Lake welcome the opportunity to meet with all interested citizens of the district at the 2026 Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on Wednesday, October 21, 2026. The meeting will be held in the media center (IMC) beginning at 5:00 PM, with the monthly meeting to follow.

We realize that people have many obligations and may not be able to attend the meeting, therefore, the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing materials can be found on the school website under the "District" tab so you can review these materials.

The district is committed to excellence and is in the first year of the strategic plan to improve the five main areas of district operations - Teaching and Learning, Technology, Communication and Community Engagement, Workforce Engagement and Development and Facilities and Operations. For more details about the strategic plan, please visit the district website under the "District" tab or refer to the annual report booklet located in the same location.

During the annual meeting, highlights will include the presentation and hearing on the budget and audit summary, setting annual salaries for board members, information on enrollment, facility updates and academic data.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss the school district budget, levy and other highlights for the 2026-2027 school year at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or email me at sbauer@turtlelake.k12.wi.us.

Sincerely,

Shelly A. Bauer
Superintendent

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TURTLE LAKE
Turtle Lake, Wisconsin 54889

Annual Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 5:00 PM - School Media Center
205 Oak Street North, Turtle Lake
Turtle Lake, WI 54889

AGENDA

A. Call to Order (Board President)

Vision Statement: To foster a culture of excellence where every person belongs, learns, and succeeds.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Election of Chairperson and, if necessary, Appointment of Clerk

D. Reading of Minutes of the last Annual School Meeting

E. Treasurer's Report and Audit Summary

F. Presentation fo the 2026-2027 Budget

G. Hearing on the 2026-2027 Budget

H. Consideration of Business

1. Voting on School District Taxes as Provided by State Statute

- a) Vote on taxes for operation of the school, pupil transportation, school meals, textbooks, sites, building and maintenance, debts, etc. The School Board recommends adoption of the proposed levy of \$6,005,116.00 for the General Fund; \$0.00 for Debt Service and \$150,000.00 for Community Service for a Total Levy of \$6,155,116.00 .

2. Set Annual Salaries of the School Board Members

- a) Current amount paid per meeting for School Board Members: President - \$234.00, Treasurer and Directors - \$214.00, Clerk - \$253.00. In addition, each member is paid \$45 per half day and \$90 per full day for necessary meetings which are held in addition to their Board and Committee meetings. .

3. Authorize actual and necessary expenses incurred when serving on the Board outside the District.

4. Authorize the School Board to direct and provide for the prosecution or defense of any proceedings in which the School District is interested.
 5. Authorize the School Board to enter into lease agreements pertaining to the School District of Turtle Lake buildings and equipment not needed for school purposes to any person for any lawful use at a reasonable rental.
 6. Authorize the School Board to acquire real estate through purchase or condemnation.
 7. Set date of 2027 Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing or motion to permit the Board of Education to set date. 120(1)(a)
- I. Other business that may come before the Annual Meeting.
- J. Adjourn

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TURTLE LAKE
Turtle Lake, Wisconsin 54889

Annual Meeting
Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 5:00 PM - School Media Center
205 Oak Street North, Turtle Lake
Turtle Lake, WI 54889

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

Vision Statement: To foster a culture of excellence where every person belongs, learns, and succeeds.

The meeting was called to order by President Muench at 5:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

B. Election of Chairperson and, if necessary, Appointment of Clerk

Motion by Flottum, seconded by Kobernick, to nominate Bill Muench to chair the meeting. There being no other nominations, motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The School District Clerk shall act as the Clerk of the meeting.

C. Reading of Minutes of the last Annual School Meeting

Minutes were available and time was given for those present to read them. Motion by Quade, seconded by Kobernick, to approve last year's Minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. Treasurer's Report and Audit Summary

The report is incorporated in the School Board reports as the unaudited receipts and disbursements during the 2024-2025 school year and are included in the Budget Publication Report.

E. Presentation of the 2025-2026 Budget

Superintendent Kent Kindschy presented the 2025-2026 Budget information.

F. Hearing on the 2025-2026 Budget

The Hearing on the 2025-2026 Budget was held as outlined in the Annual Report.

G. Consideration of Business

1. Voting on School District Taxes as Provided by State Statute

- a) Vote on taxes for operation of the school, pupil transportation, school meals, textbooks, sites, building and maintenance, debts, etc. The School Board recommends adoption of the proposed levy of \$5,643,345.00 for the General Fund; \$140,000.00 for Community Service for a Total Levy of \$5,783,345.00.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Quade, to approve the 2025-2026 Budget as presented and to accept the proposed levy of \$5,643,345.00 for the General Fund and \$140,000.00 for the Community Service for a Total Levy of \$5,783,345.00. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2. Set Annual Salaries of the School Board Members

- a) Current amount paid per meeting for School Board Members: President - \$234.00, Treasurer and Members - \$214.00, Clerk - \$253.00. In addition, each member is paid \$45 per half day and \$90 per full day for necessary meetings which are held in addition to their Board and Committee meetings.

Motion by Kindschy, seconded by Schmitt, to approve raising 10%, rounded to the nearest dollar, per meeting salaries of the School Board as follows: President - \$257.00, Vice President, Treasurer and Member - \$235.00, Clerk - \$278.00. In addition, each member is paid \$50 per half day and \$99 per full day for necessary meetings which are held in addition to their Board and Committee meetings. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Authorize actual and necessary expenses incurred when serving on the Board outside the District.

Motion by Jamie Hubbard, seconded by Quade, to authorize actual and necessary expenses incurred when serving on the Board outside the District. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Authorize the School Board to direct and provide for the prosecution or defense of any proceedings in which the School District is interested.

Motion by Kindschy, seconded by Flottum, to direct and provide for the prosecution of or defense of any proceedings in which the School District is interested. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. Authorize the School Board to enter into lease agreements pertaining to the School District of Turtle Lake buildings and equipment not needed for school purposes to any person for any lawful use at a reasonable rental.

Motion to Kobernick, seconded by Quade, to authorize the School Board to enter into lease agreements pertaining to the School District of Turtle Lake buildings and equipment not needed for school purposes to any person for any lawful use at a reasonable rental. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. Authorize the School Board to acquire real estate through purchase or condemnation.

Motion to Becker, seconded by Kobernick, to authorize the School Board to acquire real estate through purchase or condemnation. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

7. Set date of 2026 Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing or motion to permit the Board of Education to set the date. 120(1)(a)

Motion by Kindschy, seconded by Flottum, to permit the Board of Education to set the date of the 2026 Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

H. Other business that may come before the Annual Meeting.

I. Adjourn

Motion by Becker, seconded by Quade, to adjourn at 5:18 PM, Wednesday, October 22, 2025. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Flottum, Clerk



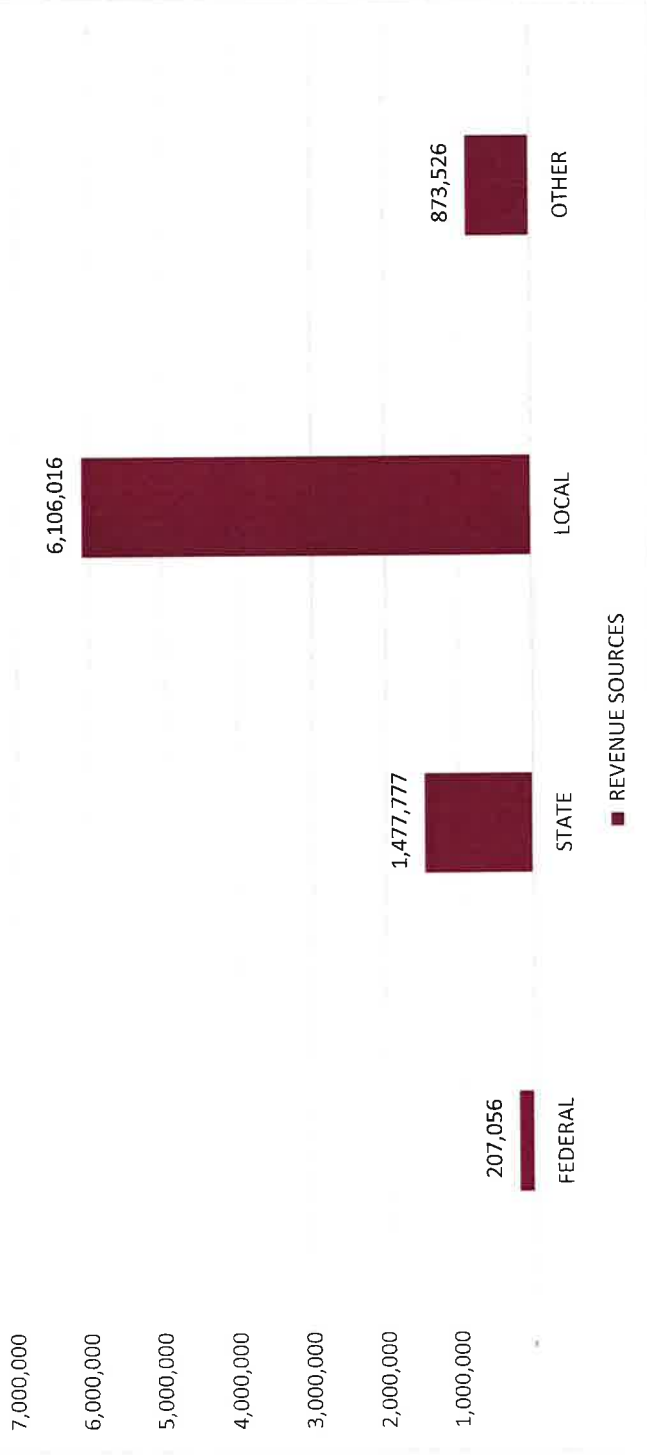
Funds, Revenues & Expenditures

How each school district fund is paid for and spent

Fund	Revenues	Expenditures
Fund 10 General Fund <i>General operations of the district</i>	• General Fund tax levy • State equalization aid • Categorical state aid (i.e. transportation aid, library aid, SAGE, Bilingual Bicultural) • Federal grants (Titles I, II, III, IV) • Misc. sources	• Instruction • Support services (transportation, facilities, administration) • Extra-curricular activities • Insurances • Transfer to cover shortfall of Fund 27/50
Fund 27 Special Education <i>Excess cost of providing Special Education and related services for students with disabilities</i>	• State SPED aid (% of PY expenditures) • Federal grant (IDEA) • Primary source: Fund 10 transfer	• Staffing • Services (OT, PT, Speech, HOH) • Certain expenditures aidable, some not
Fund 38 & 39 Debt Service <i>Pass-through funds for debt payment</i>	• Tax levy • Fund 38 = Non-referendum (takes away from General Operations levy) • Fund 39 = Referendum levy	• Debt payments (these expenditures are included in the equalization aid formulas)
Fund 46 Capital Improvement <i>Construction-specific funds</i>	• Fund 10 Transfer	• May only be used for the purposed identified in the approved LT Capital Improvement Plan
Fund 50 School Nutrition <i>Strictly the operations for food service</i>	• F/R lunch reimbursement • Pupil lunch payments • Potential transfer from Fund 10	• Food • Staffing • Equipment
Fund 80 Community Service <i>Primary function of serving the community</i>	• Tax levy • Little Laker Club • Community Recreation	• Community programs • Little Laker Club



REVENUE SOURCES



Our revenue comes from four sources. Federal, state, local, and other smaller sources. Due to the higher property values, we receive less state aid than other area schools, which causes our need for local sources to be greater. Local sources are property taxes that include referendum amounts. Other sources include open enrollment, payments from other districts, and revenues from the prior year.



BUDGET PUBLICATION 2026-27

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TURTLE LAKE

GENERAL FUND	AUDITED 2024-2025	UNAUDITED 2025-2026	BUDGET 2026-2027
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	2,170,569.58	2,195,572.91	2,221,409.51
ENDING FUND BALANCE	2,195,572.91	2,221,409.51	2,221,409.51
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
TRANSFERS-IN (SOURCE 100)	-	-	-
LOCAL SOURCES (SOURCE 200)	5,195,573.62	5,752,575.26	6,106,016.00
INTER-DISTRICT PAYMENTS (SOURCE 300)	820,470.36	826,073.43	866,296.00
INTERMEDIATE SOURCES (SOURCE 500)	5,706.80	8,806.25	9,329.00
STATE SOURCES (SOURCE 600)	1,765,400.13	1,598,132.00	1,477,777.00
FEDERAL SOURCES (SOURCE 700)	689,922.35	234,231.40	207,056.00
ALL OTHER SOURCES (SOURCE 800 + 900)	14,762.14	68,948.82	7,230.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	8,491,835.40	8,488,767.16	8,673,704.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
INSTRUCTION (FUNCTION 100 000)	3,375,794.36	3,542,082.82	3,557,517.00
SUPPORT SERVICES (FUNCTION 200 000)	3,331,318.98	3,129,360.08	3,066,026.00
NON-PROGRAM TRANSACTIONS (FUNCTION 400 000)	1,759,718.73	1,791,487.66	2,050,161.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	8,466,832.07	8,462,930.56	8,673,704.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	AUDITED 2024-2025	UNAUDITED 2025-2026	BUDGET 2026-2027
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	556,546.14	638,612.18	607,454.37
ENDING FUND BALANCE	638,612.18	607,454.37	607,454.37
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,397,931.03	1,442,158.70	1,401,592.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,315,864.99	1,473,316.51	1,401,592.00

DEBT SERVICE FUND	AUDITED 2024-2025	UNAUDITED 2025-2026	BUDGET 2026-2027
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	32,783.37	34,286.11	35,577.07
ENDING FUND BALANCE	34,286.11	35,577.07	36,877.07
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,502.74	1,290.96	1,300.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	-	-	-

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	AUDITED 2024-2025	UNAUDITED 2025-2026	BUDGET 2026-2027
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	2,333,047.92	1,898,520.87	1,916,322.90
ENDING FUND BALANCE	1,898,520.87	1,916,322.90	1,770,812.90
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	315,434.08	223,160.04	425,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	749,961.13	205,358.01	570,510.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND	AUDITED 2024-2025	UNAUDITED 2025-2026	BUDGET 2026-2027
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	262,574.23	238,586.63	164,682.77
ENDING FUND BALANCE	238,586.63	164,682.77	164,682.77
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	367,340.63	339,956.74	323,887.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	391,328.23	413,860.60	323,887.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	AUDITED 2024-2025	UNAUDITED 2025-2026	BUDGET 2026-2027
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	130,561.35	123,844.00	126,856.06
ENDING FUND BALANCE	123,844.00	126,856.06	126,856.06
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	153,304.00	158,301.00	170,041.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	160,021.35	155,288.94	170,041.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
ALL FUNDS	AUDITED 2024-2025	UNAUDITED 2025-2026	BUDGET 2026-2027
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	11,084,007.77	10,710,754.62	11,139,734.00
INTERFUND TRANSFERS (SOURCE 100) -- ALL FUNDS	948,278.99	895,281.09	1,119,761.00
REFINANCING EXPENDITURES (FUND 30)	-	-	-
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	10,135,728.78	9,815,473.53	10,019,973.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		-3.16%	2.08%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY			
ALL FUNDS	AUDITED 2024-2025	UNAUDITED 2025-2026	BUDGET 2026-2027
GENERAL FUND	5,083,647.00	5,643,345.00	6,005,116.00
REFERENDUM DEBT SERVICE FUND	-	-	-
NON-REFERENDUM DEBT SERVICE FUND	-	-	-
CAPITAL EXPANSION FUND	-	-	-
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	140,000.00	140,000.00	150,000.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	5,223,647.00	5,783,345.00	6,155,116.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		10.71%	6.43%



2026-2027 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

FUNCTION 110000 UNDIFFERENTIATED CURRICULUM

Expenditures located in this function are those that occur in grades PreK-5. Also included in this function are K-6 Title I and Title II expenditures.

<u>2025-26</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2026-27</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
1,460,767	1,431,919

FUNCTION 120000 REGULAR CURRICULUM

Expenditures located in this function are those that occur in grades 6 – 12.

<u>2025-26</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2026-27</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
1,379,485	1,415,697

FUNCTION 130000 VOCATIONAL CURRICULUM

Vocational curriculum consists of occupationally related subject matter and related experiences designed to develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and appreciation s that relate to the world of work.

<u>2025-26</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2026-27</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
274,368	258,290

FUNCTION 140000 PHYSICAL CURRICULUM

Expenditures located in this function are those that occur in the K-12 physical education program, classroom health as required by the D.P.I. and the Drivers Education program.

<u>2025-26</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2026-27</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
181,548	189,535

FUNCTION 160000 CO-CURRICULAR CURRICULUM

Expenditures located in this function are those that occur in all facets of extra-curricular activities.

<u>2025-26</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2026-27</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
245,916	262,076

FUNCTION 210000 PUPIL SERVICES CURRICULUM

Expenditures located in this function are Guidance, School Nurse, and Psychological Services.

<u>2025-26</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2026-27</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
92,330	106,644

**FUNCTION 220000 INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF SERVICES**

Expenditures located in this function are Instructional Computer Support, Improvement of Instruction, Library, EEN Administration, Curriculum Development, and AODA Services.

2025-26 ACTUAL	2026-27 BUDGET
392,638	373,200

FUNCTION 230000 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Expenditures in this function are Board of Education, District Administration, and Title I Administration.

2025-26 ACTUAL	2026-27 BUDGET
382,972	410,718

FUNCTION 240000 SCHOOL BUILDING ADMINISTRATION

Expenditures located in this function are those activities carried out by Building Principals and their staff.

2025-26 ACTUAL	2026-27 BUDGET
363,010	370,690

FUNCTION 250000 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Expenditures located in this function are fiscal, operations, maintenance, facilities, transportation, and internal services.

2025-26 ACTUAL	2026-27 BUDGET
1,654,274	1,514,494

FUNCTION 260000 CENTRAL SERVICES

Expenditures in this function are telephone and postage.

2025-26 ACTUAL	2026-27 BUDGET
44,489	83,380

FUNCTION 270000 INSURANCE AND JUDGEMENTS

Expenditures located in this function are for all insurances and unemployment payments.

2025-26 ACTUAL	2026-27 BUDGET
110,802	111,130

FUNCTION 280000 DEBT SERVICES

Expenditures located in this function are lease agreements of the District.

2025-26 ACTUAL	2026-27 BUDGET
10,964	10,965

**FUNCTION 290000 OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES**

Expenditures located in this function are for CESA 11 and technology administrations and is based on a formula according to the Districts enrollment. Any miscellaneous expenses are also included.

2025-26
ACTUAL
77,881

2026-27
BUDGET
84,805

FUNCTION 411000 INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS

Expenditures located in this function are funds transferred from the General Fund to another fund,

2025-26
ACTUAL
895,281

2026-27
BUDGET
1,119,761

FUNCTION 430000 PURCHASED INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

2025-26
ACTUAL
893,204

2026-27
BUDGET
928,900

FUNCTION 490000 ADJUSTMENTS AND REFUNDS

2025-26
ACTUAL
3,002

2026-27
BUDGET
1,500

TOTAL FUND 10 EXPENDITURES-GENERAL FUND

8,462,931

8,673,704



GENERAL FUND REVENUE

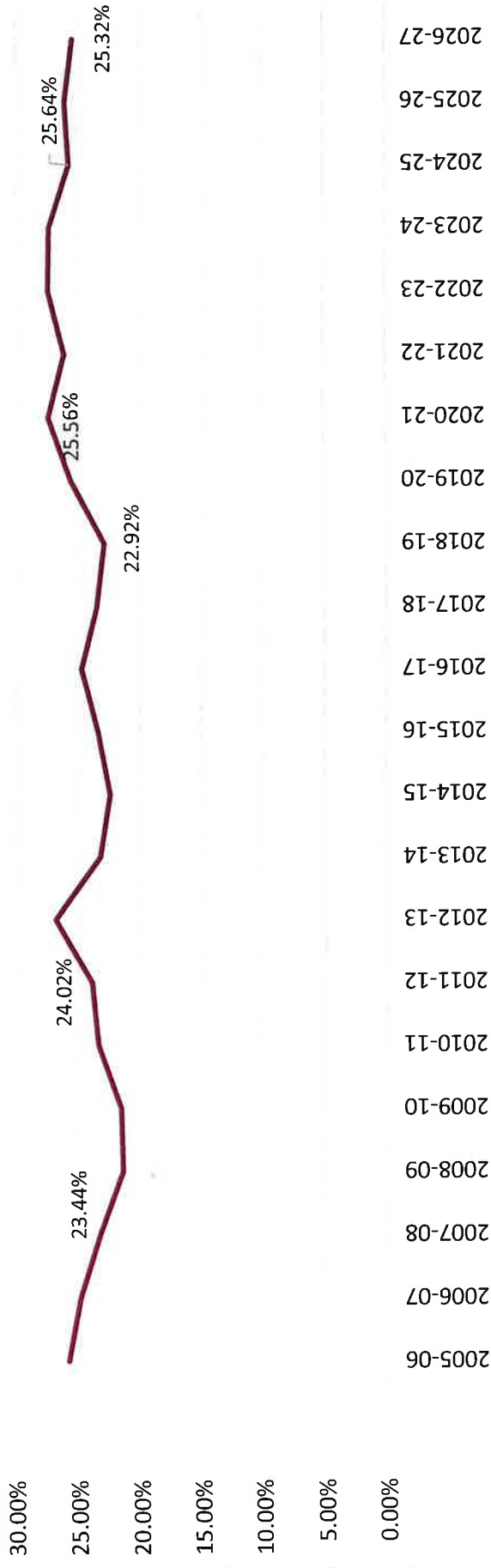
		<u>2025-26 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2026-27 BUDGET</u>
200	LOCAL	5,752,575	6,106,016
300	INTER-DISTRICT PAYMENTS	826,074	866,296
500	INTERMEDIATE	8,806	9,329
600	STATE AID	1,598,132	1,477,777
700	FEDERAL	234,231	207,056
800	OTHER FINANCING	9,111	0
900	OTHER REVENUES	59,838	7,230
TOTAL FUND 10 REVENUE-GENERAL FUND		8,488,767	8,673,704

PROPOSED LEVY

	<u>2025-26 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2026-27 BUDGET</u>
GENERAL FUND	5,643,345	6,005,116
NON-REFERENDUM DEBT SERVICE	0	0
REFERENDUM DEBT SERVICE	0	0
COMMUNITY SERVICE	140,000	150,000
TOTAL LEVY	5,783,345	6,155,116



FUND BALANCE

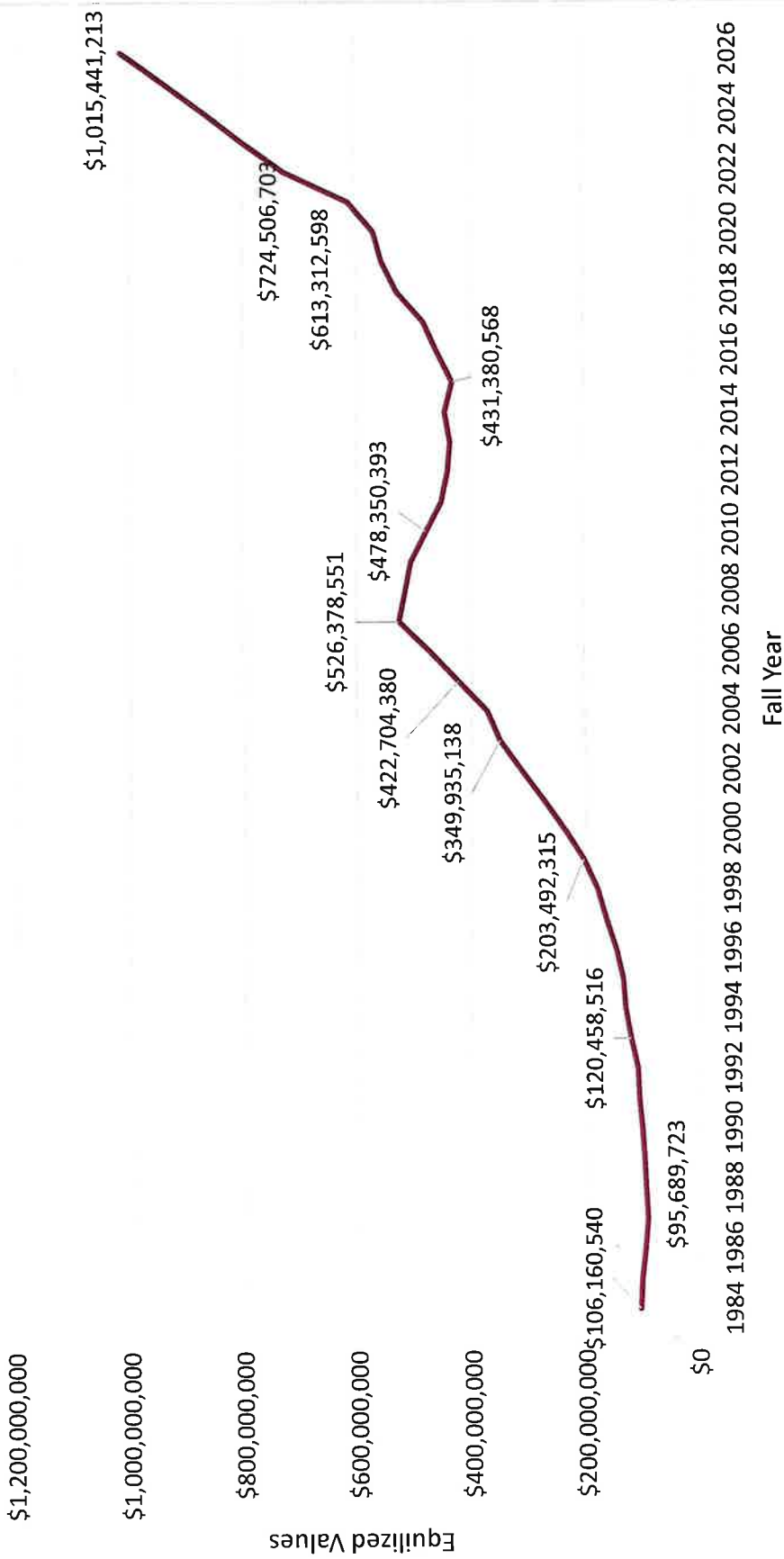


The difference between the fund's assets and liabilities equals the "fund balance." A positive fund balance represents a financial resource available to finance expenditures of the following fiscal period. A deficit fund balance can only be recovered by having revenues exceed expenditures in the following fiscal period.

A common misconception is that the fund balance is a cash account and therefore corresponds to the district's bank balance. As discussed above, the fund balance represents the fund's total assets minus its liabilities (what a fund owns minus what it owes). Cash is an asset, but it usually is not a fund's only asset. The fund may also have liabilities, such as accounts payable due to a supplier, which could result in a decrease in fund cash when they are paid off. A fund balance above 20% of expenditures is considered healthy and qualifies the district to have a good credit rating for loans. The better the credit rating, the lower the interest rates we receive if we need to borrow money. The goal of the Turtle Lake School Board is to have a fund balance of 21% or higher.



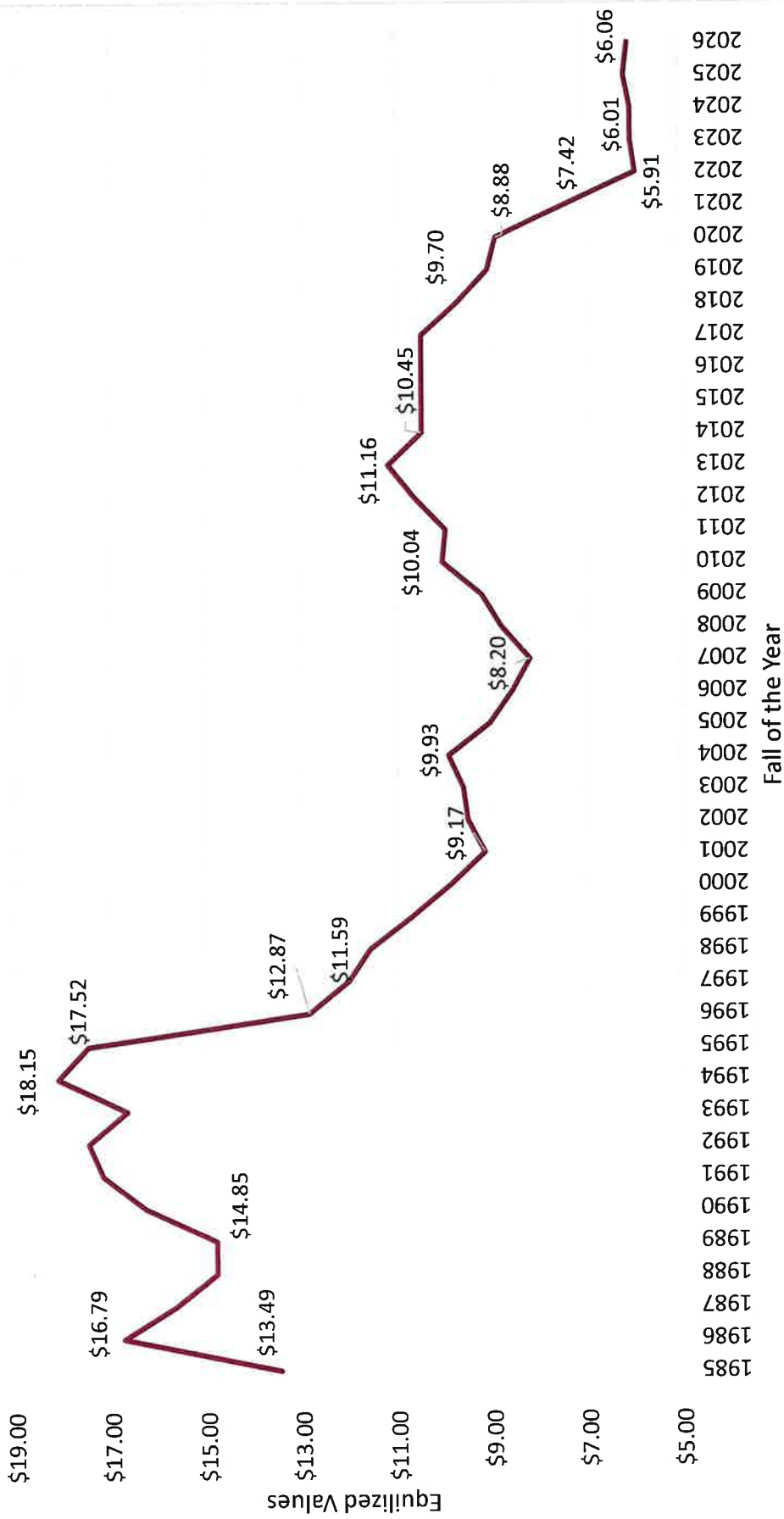
Property Values



Property values in the School District of Turtle Lake increased steadily from the early 1990s through 2007, when they peaked at \$526,378,551. Following the 2007 national recession, property values declined before gradually recovering over the years. Today, the district's total property value has reached an all-time high of \$1,015,441,213, representing a 7.25% increase over the previous year. This significant growth reflects the continued recovery and expansion of the district's property tax base.



Mill Rate History



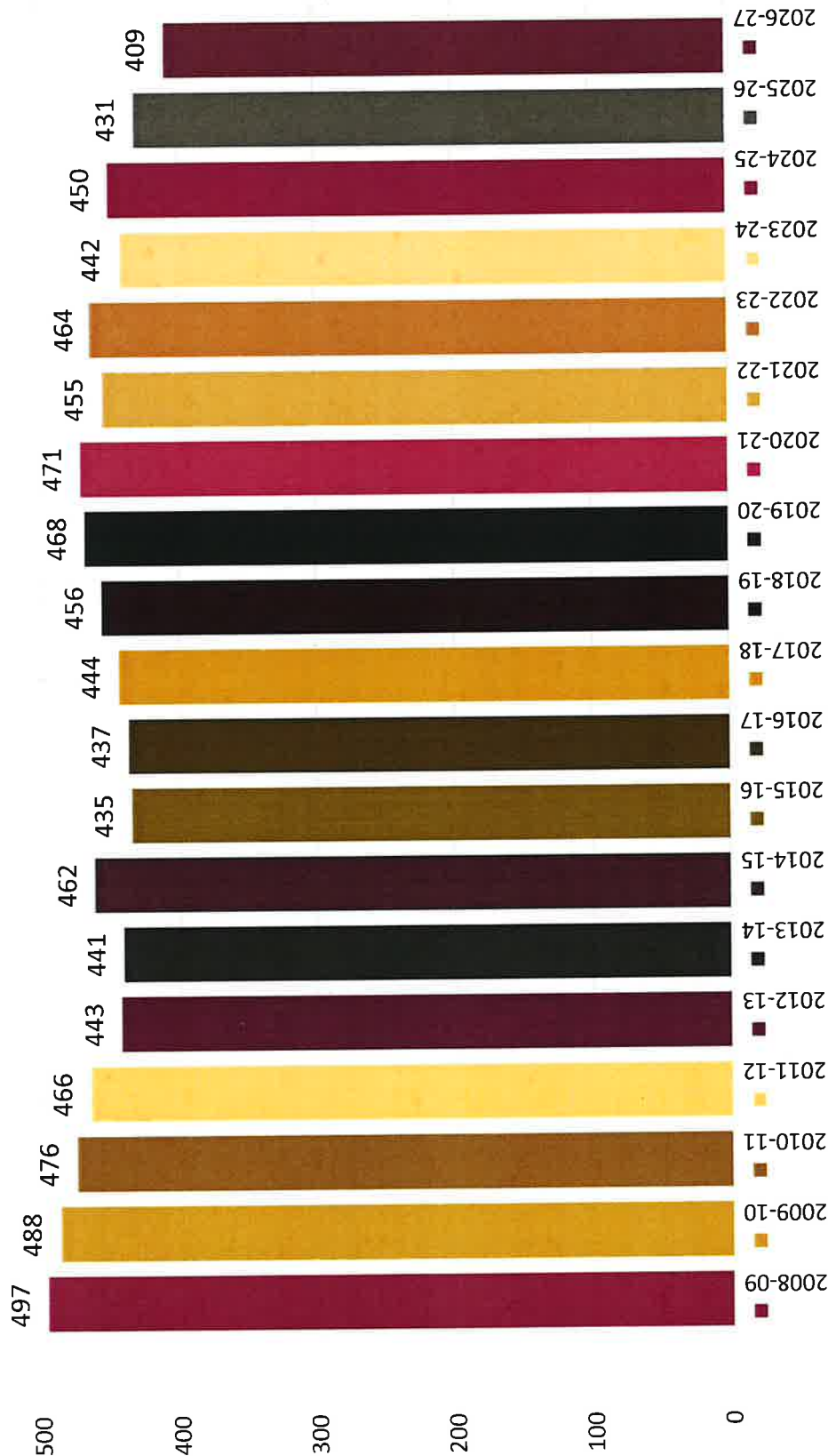
The mill rate represents the amount of property tax payable for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. Historically, the district's mill rate ranged from a high of \$18.15 in 1984 to a low of \$5.91 in 2022. This year, the mill rate decreased by \$0.08 from the previous year to \$6.06, continuing to reflect the changes in the district's property tax rate over time.

To calculate your estimated tax, you can use the formula below.

$$\text{Property Value} \div \$1000 \times \text{Mill Rate} = \text{Estimated Tax}$$



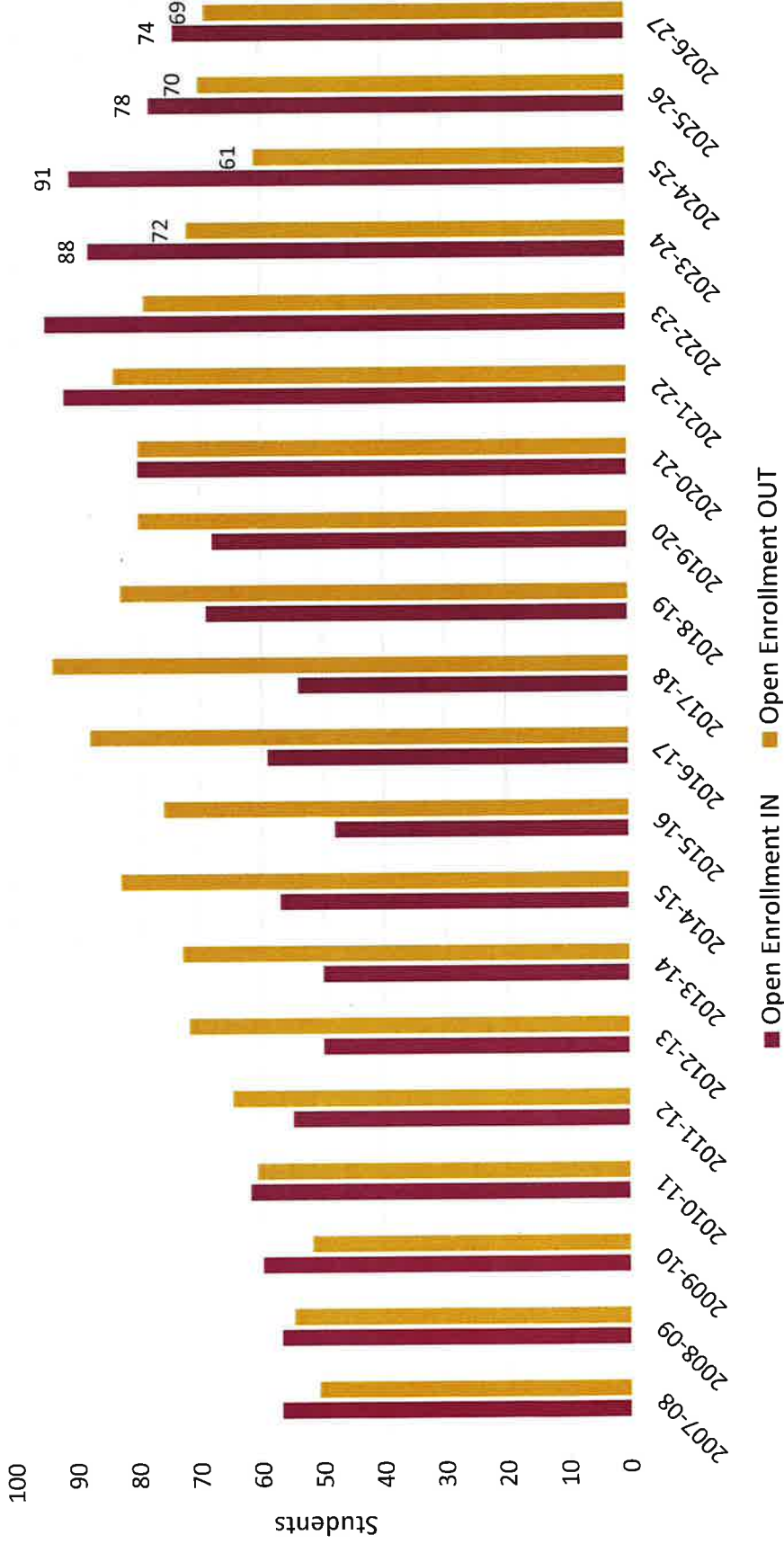
3rd FRIDAY HEADCOUNT



This graph illustrates student enrollment from the 2008–09 school year through the present, based on the September Third Friday headcount. During the COVID-19 pandemic, our enrollment benefited from the established Laker Online Virtual program, which provided an option for families when many other schools did not have a comparable program in place. This past year, enrollment decreased by 22 students, primarily due to a large graduating senior class and a smaller incoming 4K class.



OPEN ENROLLMENT



While families make enrollment decisions for a variety of personal and practical reasons, Turtle Lake School remains committed to providing quality educational opportunities, building strong relationships with families, and creating a school environment where students feel connected, supported, and motivated to succeed.

In the 2021–22 school year, Turtle Lake began seeing a positive shift, with more students open-enrolling into the district than open-enrolling out. Despite declining enrollment trends statewide, Turtle Lake has maintained encouraging open enrollment numbers, reflecting the district's continued efforts to attract new families and retain current students. Through ongoing investments in our students, we are working to build on this momentum and ensure a strong, sustainable future for the District.



Enrollment by Grade Level

2025-2026 compared with 2026-2027

Total enrollment is 406 students, down 24 from 430 last year (-5.6%).

Grade level	2025-2026	2026-2027	Change	% change
K4	20	24	+4	+20.0%
K	26	18	-8	-30.8%
Grade 1	29	19	-10	-34.5%
Grade 2	33	29	-4	-12.1%
Grade 3	23	29	+6	+26.1%
Grade 4	31	23	-8	-25.8%
Grade 5	32	30	-2	-6.3%
Elementary total (K4-5)	194	172	-22	-11.3%
Grade 6	36	35	-1	-2.8%
Grade 7	31	36	+5	+16.1%
Grade 8	41	28	-13	-31.7%
Middle school total (6-8)	108	99	-9	-8.3%
Grade 9	24	40	+16	+66.7%
Grade 10	33	28	-5	-15.2%
Grade 11	32	36	+4	+12.5%
Grade 12	39	31	-8	-20.5%
High school total (9-12)	128	135	+7	+5.5%
School total	430	406	-24	-5.6%

Source: 2025-2026 enrollment numbers (10-8-2025) and 2026-2027 enrollment numbers (10-15-2026). Change is 2026-2027 minus 2025-2026. Each grade is compared with the same grade the prior year, not the same group of students.



Following the Same Students

Each graduating class, 2025-2026 to 2026-2027

Students who stayed in the grade-by-grade progression went from 391 to 382 (-9). The school total fell by 24 because the class of 2026 (39 students) graduated and the new K4 class (24) is smaller.

Class of	2025-26 grade	2025-26 students	2026-27 grade	2026-27 students	Change	% change
2026	Grade 12	39	—	—	-39	—
2027	Grade 11	32	Grade 12	31	-1	-3.1%
2028	Grade 10	33	Grade 11	36	+3	+9.1%
2029	Grade 9	24	Grade 10	28	+4	+16.7%
2030	Grade 8	41	Grade 9	40	-1	-2.4%
2031	Grade 7	31	Grade 8	28	-3	-9.7%
2032	Grade 6	36	Grade 7	36	0	0.0%
2033	Grade 5	32	Grade 6	35	+3	+9.4%
2034	Grade 4	31	Grade 5	30	-1	-3.2%
2035	Grade 3	23	Grade 4	23	0	0.0%
2036	Grade 2	33	Grade 3	29	-4	-12.1%
2037	Grade 1	29	Grade 2	29	0	0.0%
2038	K	26	Grade 1	19	-7	-26.9%
2039	K4	20	K	18	-2	-10.0%
2040	—	—	K4	24	+24	—
Continuing	—	391	—	382	-9	-2.3%
School total	—	430	—	406	-24	-5.6%

Source: 2025-2026 enrollment numbers (10-8-2025) and 2026-2027 enrollment numbers (10-15-2026). Students are matched by graduation year, so each class moves up one grade. Change is 2026-2027 minus 2025-2026. A dash means the class was not enrolled that year (graduated, or entering K4).



Open Enrollment 2026-2027

Incoming vs. Outgoing Students, Annual Meeting Report

74 students are enrolling in and 69 are enrolling out, for a net change of +5.

By grade

Net is incoming minus outgoing. Positive means more students come in than leave.

Grade	Incoming	Outgoing	Net
4K	1	8	-7
KG	1	9	-8
Grade 1	5	8	-3
Grade 2	8	1	+7
Grade 3	6	4	+2
Grade 4	2	4	-2
Grade 5	8	2	+6
Grade 6	4	1	+3
Grade 7	7	1	+6
Grade 8	10	4	+6
Grade 9	4	4	0
Grade 10	4	4	0
Grade 11	10	9	+1
Grade 12	4	10	-6
Total	74	69	+5

By district

Incoming shows the resident district; outgoing shows the district attended.

District	Incoming	Outgoing	Net
Barron	37	11	+26
Cumberland	10	17	-7

District	Incoming	Outgoing	Net
Clayton	11	9	+2
Amery	6	4	+2
Prairie Farm	0	7	-7
Clear Lake	4	3	+1
Unity	1	5	-4
Grantsburg	0	4	-4
St Croix Central	0	3	-3
Luck	3	0	+3
Cameron	0	2	-2
Medford Area	0	2	-2
Frederic	1	0	+1
New Richmond	0	1	-1
Menomonie	1	0	+1
McFarland	0	1	-1
Total	74	69	+5

By program type

Students in these programs are also counted in the totals above.

Program	Incoming	Outgoing	Net
Special education	13	5	+8
Virtual (Laker Online in; virtual schools out)	5	4	+1
4K Montessori (Barron and Amery)	0	4	-4



District Strategic Plan

2026-2031

Teaching and Learning

Overall Goal: The Turtle Lake School District will provide a rigorous and relevant curriculum delivered by highly qualified educators who use innovative, research-based strategies to prepare the students to compete in a global environment in the 21st century.

- Curriculum and resources
- Professional Learning Communities
- Academic and Career Planning with growth in career planning
- Response to Intervention
- Student wellness and success

Technology

Overall Goal: Create classroom environments where students engage in collaborative, inquiry-based learning, facilitated by educators who can use technology to transform knowledge and skills into solutions, new information, and products.

- One to one electronics rotation
- Replace smartboards
- Maintain Laker Online
- Telephone replacement
- Server infrastructure update

Communication and Community Engagement

Overall Goal: The Turtle Lake School District will communicate, engage, and develop partnerships with students, staff, and citizens to help reach our mission of academic excellence and positive citizenship for all students.

- Market the District
- Staff involved in the community
- Community members in the school building
- Community education growth
- Collaboration with local businesses

Workforce Engagement and Development

Overall Goal: The Turtle Lake School District will utilize best practices to hire, retain, engage, and develop a skilled, talented workforce that will enable the district to achieve its mission.

- Staff wellness
- Cooperative salaries and benefits for all staff
- Continuous professional development
- Leadership development

- Attract and retain quality staff

Facilities and Operations

Overall Goal: The Turtle Lake School District will provide safe, healthy, and efficiently operated schools to ensure the success of all students and accountability for all stakeholders.

- 10-year plan
- Front of school safety
- Maintain fitness center – Self-sufficient
- Continue maintenance of buildings and grounds