Baraboo School District
School Funding Reform
Resolution
Annual Meeting

- Welcome to reality
- Especially on the odd years massive assumptions
- Long range planning???
- Schools a political football.
- Many schools currently rely on referendums for operational needs.
- Many schools including Baraboo rely on referendums for long term maintenance.
- Referendums required to upgrade and modernize our buildings.
History

The Wisconsin Policy Research Institute, Understanding School Finance in Wisconsin: A Primer by Michael Ford, May 2013, Volume 26, No.7

1. 1973 Equalized Aid
2. 1996-7 School Funding Reform
3. Retweeking biannually through the state budget.
4. Adjusted through population and property value changes.
Low Revenue Limit

Baraboo School Revenue Limit

Vs. State Average

Red Line State Average

Blue Baraboo
Baraboo Revenue Limit Variance Between Baraboo & State Average
Baraboo Revenue Limit Adjusted for Inflation

![Graph showing revenue limit adjusted for inflation from 1995 to 2015.](image)
Other Components of Baraboo’s School Funding Resolution

1. Strategic Plan (Baraboo School District Strategic Plan Link [https://goo.gl/5GGdt8](https://goo.gl/5GGdt8))
   a. Community Partnerships
   b. Maximizing Potential of Learners and Educators
   c. Personalized Learning
   d. Modernized Community Campus.

1. STEM/business educated workforce.

1. Funding plan needs to meet long range planning needs.
Other Items you may want to add to your resolution

1. Sparsity Aid

2. SAGE

3. High poverty, High property value
General Purpose Revenue Total vs School Aids

Red Line School Aid

Blue Line Total
General Purpose Revenue School Aid Percent of Total

1995-97 35.5%
2003-05 41.4%
2015-2017 32.14%
2017-2019 32.96%
Wisconsin School GPR Adjusted for Inflation
Baraboo Funding Formula Requirements

1. First- Must meet funding needs of specialized populations.
   a. Economically Disadvantaged.
   b. English learners.
   c. Gifted.
   d. Special needs.
2. Second- Transportation costs.
3. Third Low Revenue Cap Districts need adjustment.
More Requirements

4. Fourth School Levy Credits placed into equalized aid formula.

5. Fifth Formula must be setup to meet both long and short term needs.

6. Sixth must meet public school education adequacy needs.

   a. School Choice Programs costs need to be transparent to the public for both the State School Choice and Milwaukee Parental School Choice Program.

   b. Allow a separate line item highlighting choice costs.
Share your resolution

1. Newspaper.

2. Legislators
   a. Your State Assemblyperson and Senator.
   b. Governor
   c. Candidates for that office

3. Your Government Representative
   a. WIRSA Rep. Kim Kaukl
   b. Wisconsin Association of School Board
      i. Dan Rossmiller