



School Referendum in Delaware

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What Do We Vote On (in Delaware)?

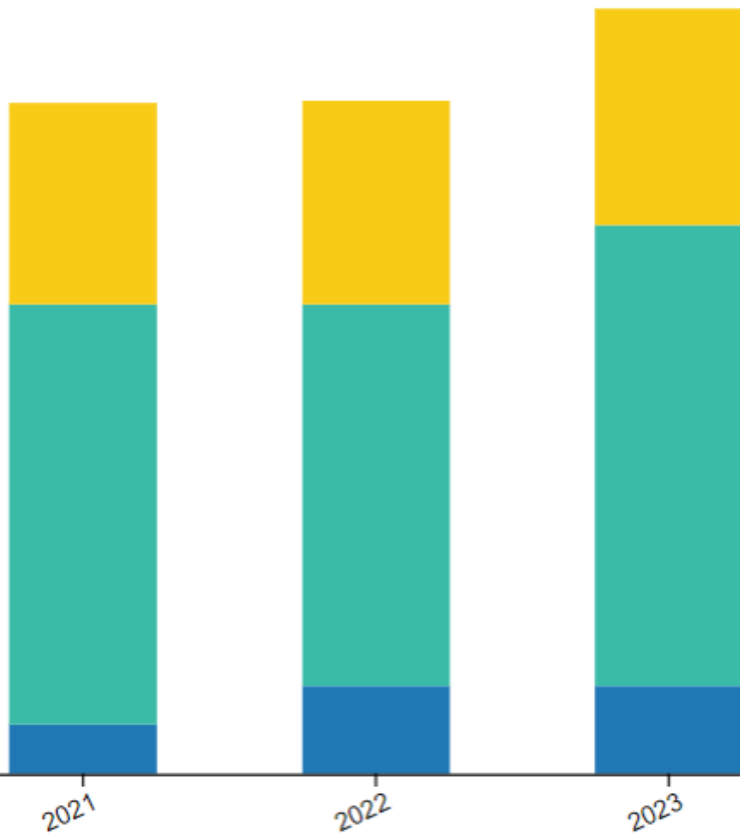


Political Elections



School Taxes

Revenue
by Year



State & Local Share

Two Different Referenda: Capital vs. Operating

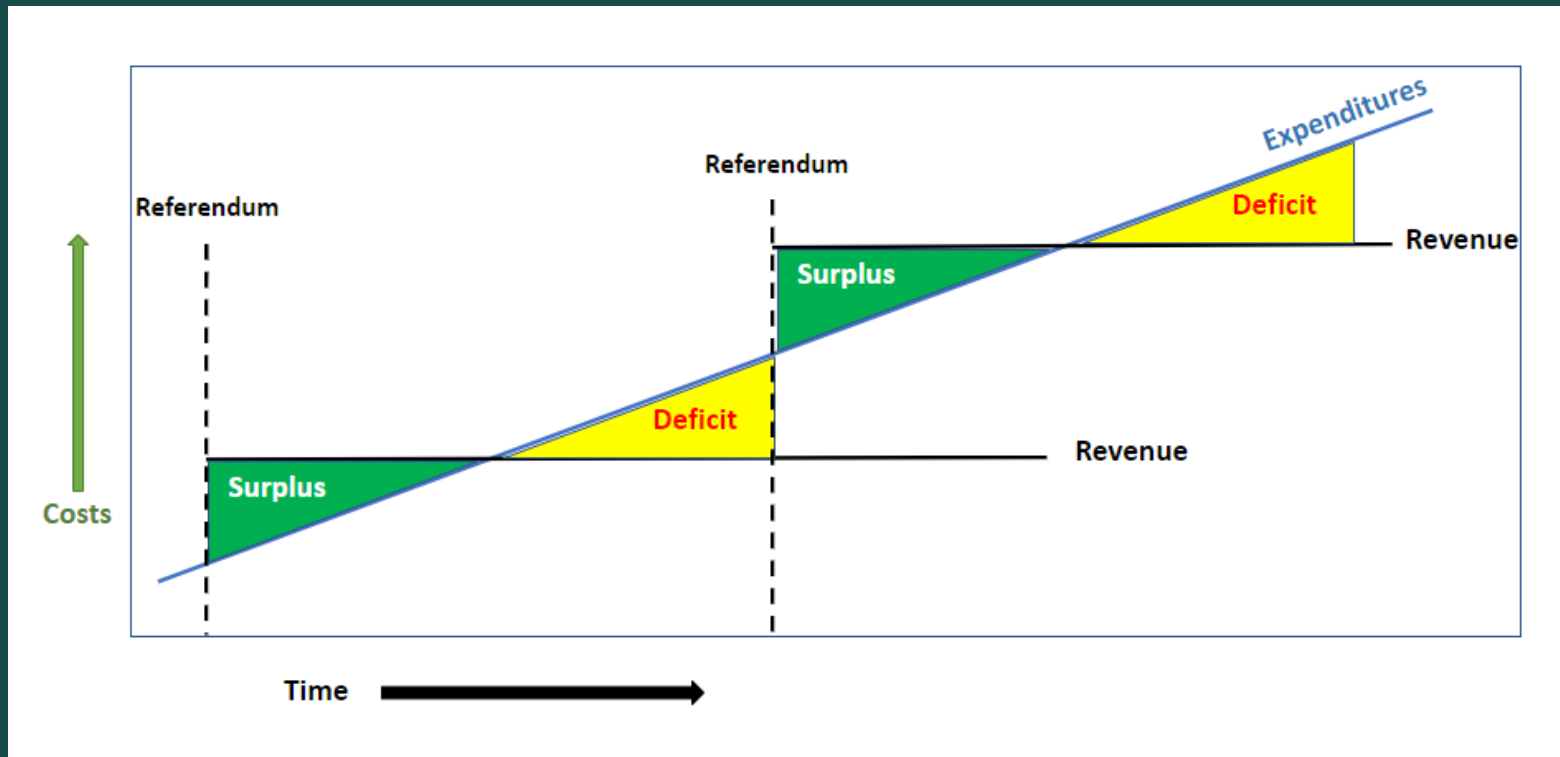


CN Process



Day-to-day Costs

Operating Funding Cycle



The Process Itself



PLANNING BEGINS
A YEAR IN
ADVANCE



REQUIREMENTS BY
STATE
REGULATIONS



EDUCATION
CAMPAIGN



COMMUNITY
DISRUPTION



VOTING DAY

Referendum Explained...in 3 ½ minutes



PROS & CONS

PROS

- Taxpayer knowledge / participation
- Performance assessment of schools
- Engages community with schools
- Controls tax increases
- Prevents shift of tax burden
- The Delaware Way

CONS

- Lose Focus - Off-track
- Failure/cuts
- Cycle continuously repeats
- Instability/Volatility
- Misinformation
- Low turnout
- Lawsuit (unfair advantage)
- No direct participation for charter schools

Possibilities for Reform



- Setting the tax rate
 - Cap/threshold
 - Inflation
 - School Boards
 - Community input
 - Assistance
- Certainty & Stability vs. Cyclical Disruption
- There's better...and worse!
- National Experts tied to whole system



Thank you!

