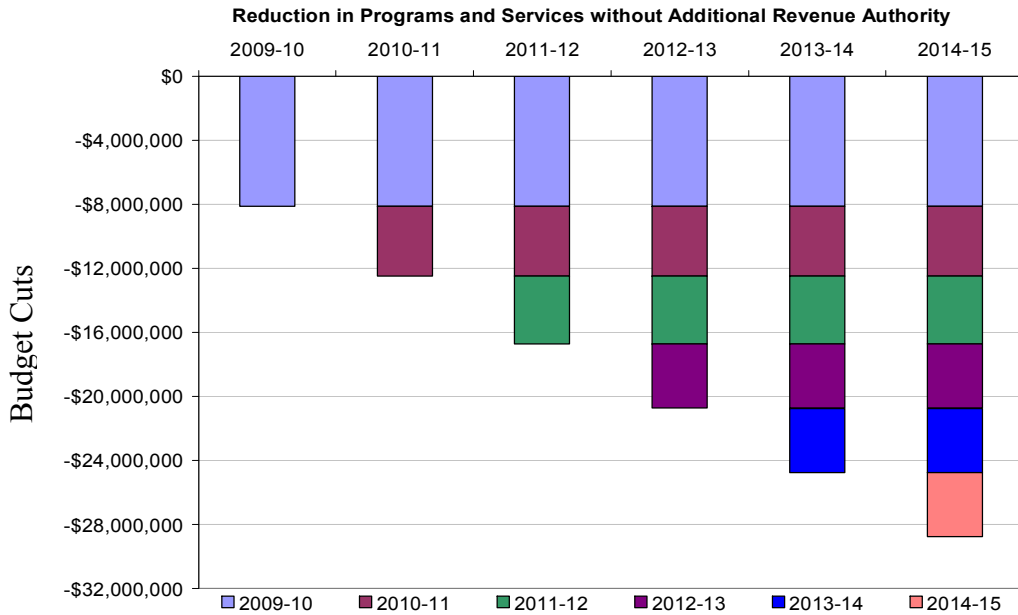
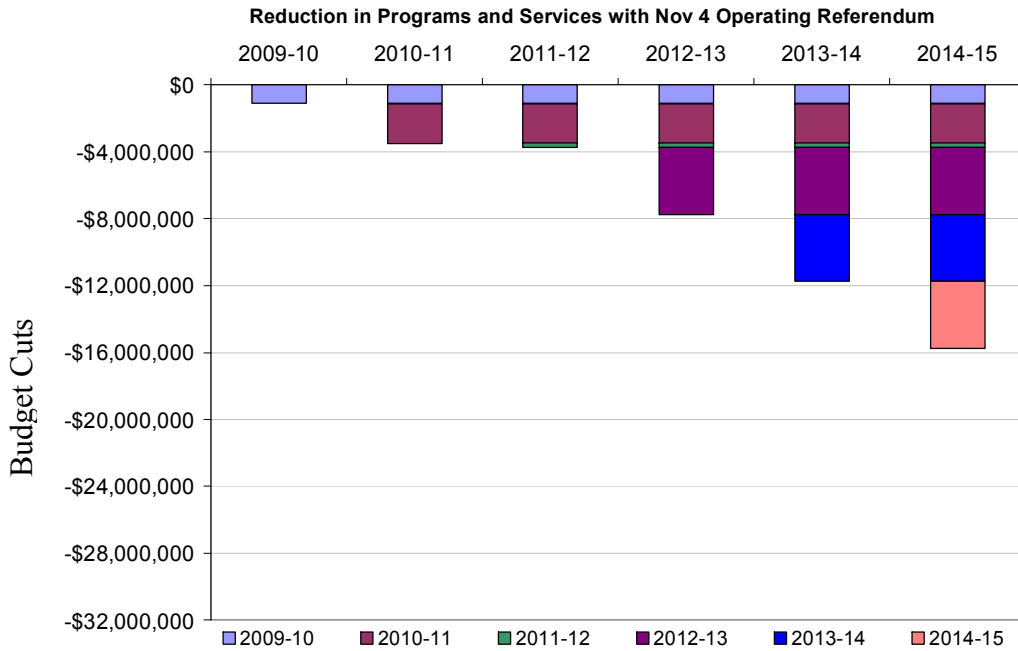


Budget Cuts

Key Point: After years of painful cuts, without a referendum, MMSD will have to further reduce services by \$16 million within three years and more after that.

No on referendum = bigger cuts (not yet defined by the board, but see the next page for a list of cuts considered in the recent past)

Yes on referendum = manageable cuts, no funding increases, but avoid major new cuts



History:

MMSD Budget Cuts Since Enactment of State Revenue Cap in 1993

1993-2007 Totals

FTE Positions: 614.87 — **Amount:** \$52,355,296

Examples of cuts

2001-2: 4-year-old elementary program, 5 elementary teachers, workshops and conferences

2002-3: assistant superintendent, 8 clerical, increase SAGE class size

2003-4: staff development, moratorium on purchase of elementary learning materials

2004-5: 20 elementary positions, 16 custodians, 2 TAG teachers

2005-6: 8 custodians, 16 middle school teachers, Ready/Set/Go conferences

2006-7: 18 clerical positions, increased textbook and activity fees, 23 teachers

The Present:

2007-8 Major Cuts

1. Eliminated SAGE/reduced class sizes in 7 schools (Chavez, Franklin/Randall, Shorewood, Crestwood, Lapham, Marquette)
2. Increased class sizes from 15 to 23 for art, music and gym at SAGE schools
3. Increased Lincoln 4/5 classes to 25:1
4. Increase staffing levels at both middle and high by .25 (class size increase)
5. Cut half of Athletic Directors - each covers 2 high schools.
6. Special education cut by \$2.1 million
7. Eliminated yellow busing for private schools and Spring Harbor and Wright
8. Moved alternative programs into Lapham and Marquette.
9. Reduced allocations for psychologists, social workers, reading specialist and English Language Learning.

The Future:

The board and administration have not decided what will be cut if the referendum does not pass. The budget is 85% personnel, the great majority who work directly with students. Cuts will necessarily affect services to students.