## 60 Wisconsin School Districts Where Average Teacher Salaries Declined since 2011 [1]

Using data collected by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, we have identified 60 Wisconsin school districts where the average teacher salary declined during ten years of Act 10. We compared average teacher salaries for SY 2010-11 with the average teacher salaries for SY 2019-20. (the most recent data available). Here are the most common reasons why the Average Teacher Salary would decline in a school district:

- Retirements of teachers at the maximum of Pre-Act 10 salary schedules
- Active "purging" of older teachers by District Administration via non-renewals, forced resignations, and other treachery
- Minimal raises for early and mid-career teachers
- Absence of Career Salary system; Irregular Pattern of Raises Based on Administrator or School Board Whims
- Implementation of Salary System With Minimal Opportunity for Career Salary Advancement
- Years-long salary "freeze" for highly experienced teachers.+
- High turnover rate of young teachers seeking better career salary opportunities. Some districts have had 80%+ turnover rates since 2011.

The districts are organized from greatest salary loss to least salary loss. The greater the salary decrease, the more of the above factors likely apply to that district.

If you are being recruited by one or more of these districts, we urge you to exercise **EXTREME CAUTION** before agreeing to teach in one of these districts. Wisconsin has over 400 public school districts, many of which are recruiting teachers. By April 2021, we will have a page giving detailed information about how every public school district in Wisconsin has treated teachers since Governor Walker & the Republican Party imposed Act 10 upon Wisconsin's teachers on July 1, 2011.

|                           |          | 2010-11        | 2019-20        |             |
|---------------------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| District                  | Position | Average Salary | Average Salary | Pay Cut     |
|                           |          |                | _              |             |
| Twin Lakes #4 Sch<br>Dist | Teacher  | \$58,4         | 74 \$50,96     | 56 -\$7,508 |
| Neillsville Sch Dist      | Teacher  | \$53,79        | 92 \$46,29     | 95 -\$7,497 |

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| Norway J7 Sch Dist                     | Teacher | \$47,137 | \$40,299 | -\$6,838 |
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| Mequon-Thiensville<br>Sch Dist         | Teacher | \$68,772 | \$63,144 | -\$5,628 |
| Turtle Lake Sch Dist                   | Teacher | \$51,618 | \$47,000 | -\$4,618 |
| Elmwood Sch Dist                       | Teacher | \$57,112 | \$52,577 | -\$4,535 |
| La Farge Sch Dist                      | Teacher | \$43,160 | \$38,652 | -\$4,508 |
| Williams Bay Sch<br>Dist               | Teacher | \$53,958 | \$49,610 | -\$4,348 |
| Woodruff J1 Sch Dist                   | Teacher | \$51,814 | \$48,207 | -\$3,607 |
| Prescott Sch Dist                      | Teacher | \$52,436 | \$49,220 | -\$3,216 |
| Platteville Sch Dist                   | Teacher | \$58,135 | \$55,162 | -\$2,973 |
| Stevens Point Area<br>Public Sch Dist  | Teacher | \$61,817 | \$58,903 | -\$2,914 |
|  | Teacher | \$64,942 | \$62,063 | -\$2,879 |
| Minocqua J1 Sch Dist                   | Teacher | \$54,440 | \$51,576 | -\$2,864 |
| Saint Francis Sch<br>Dist              | Teacher | \$60,638 | \$57,861 | -\$2,777 |
| Ladysmith Sch Dist                     | Teacher | \$52,049 | \$49,286 | -\$2,763 |
| Horicon Sch Dist                       | Teacher | \$56,712 | \$54,029 | -\$2,683 |
| Johnson Creek Sch<br>Dist              | Teacher | \$47,758 | \$45,260 | -\$2,498 |
| Stone Bank Sch Dist                    | Teacher | \$57,803 | \$55,376 | -\$2,427 |
| Raymond #14 Sch<br>Dist                | Teacher | \$62,927 | \$60,577 | -\$2,350 |
| Waupun Sch Dist                        | Teacher | \$59,635 | \$57,348 | -\$2,287 |
| Menomonie Area<br>Sch Dist             | Teacher | \$56,498 | \$54,267 | -\$2,231 |
| Port Edwards Sch<br>Dist               | Teacher | \$49,720 | \$47,492 | -\$2,228 |
| Salem Sch Dist                         | Teacher | \$60,387 | \$58,160 | -\$2,227 |
| Wausau Sch Dist                        | Teacher | \$60,288 | \$58,137 | -\$2,151 |
| Kewaskum Sch Dist                      | Teacher | \$58,153 | \$56,081 | -\$2,072 |
| Port Washington-<br>Saukville Sch Dist | Teacher | \$65,514 | \$63,543 | -\$1,971 |
| Cudahy Sch Dist                        | Teacher | \$61,998 | \$60,064 | -\$1,934 |
| Elcho Sch Dist                         | Teacher | \$47,875 | \$45,955 | -\$1,920 |
| Washington Sch Dist                    | Teacher | \$48,075 | \$46,159 | -\$1,916 |
| Whitnall Sch Dist                      | Teacher | \$58,951 | \$57,056 | -\$1,895 |
| Cassville Sch Dist                     | Teacher | \$43,269 | \$41,500 | -\$1,769 |
| Solon Springs Sch<br>Dist              | Teacher | \$43,217 | \$41,504 | -\$1,713 |
| Brown Deer Sch Dist                    | Teacher | \$58,170 | \$56,482 | -\$1,688 |
| East Troy<br>Community Sch Dist        | Teacher | \$54,655 | \$53,015 | -\$1,640 |
| Stockbridge Sch Dist                   | Teacher | \$40,297 | \$38,658 | -\$1,639 |

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| South Milwaukee                                 | Teacher | \$64,150 | \$62,654 | -\$1,496 |
|---|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| <u>Sch Dist</u><br>Wisconsin Rapids<br>Sch Dist | Teacher | \$60,490 | \$59,020 | -\$1,470 |
| Frederic Sch Dist                               | Teacher | \$46,748 | \$45,591 | -\$1,157 |
| Merton Community<br>Sch Dist                    | Teacher | \$59,635 | \$58,518 | -\$1,117 |
| Kohler Sch Dist                                 | Teacher | \$61,449 | \$60,372 | -\$1,077 |
| Hustisford Sch Dist                             | Teacher | \$49,779 | \$48,753 | -\$1,026 |
| Maple Dale-Indian<br>Hill Sch Dist              | Teacher | \$64,703 | \$63,951 | -\$752   |
| Menasha Joint Sch<br>Dist                       | Teacher | \$55,054 | \$54,369 | -\$685   |
| Appleton Area Sch<br>Dist                       | Teacher | \$59,303 | \$58,751 | -\$552   |
| Brighton #1 Sch Dist                            | Teacher | \$51,566 | \$51,036 | -\$530   |
| Little Chute Area<br>Sch Dist                   | Teacher | \$55,040 | \$54,542 | -\$498   |
| Luck Sch Dist                                   | Teacher | \$49,331 | \$48,953 | -\$378   |
| Lomira Sch Dist                                 | Teacher | \$58,098 | \$57,729 | -\$369   |
| Ellsworth<br>Community Sch Dist                 | Teacher | \$50,789 | \$50,422 | -\$367   |
| Pulaski Community<br>Sch Dist                   | Teacher | \$56,260 | \$55,895 | -\$365   |
| Saint Croix Central<br>Sch Dist                 | Teacher | \$51,778 | \$51,457 | -\$321   |
| Mosinee Sch Dist                                | Teacher | \$57,086 | \$56,773 | -\$313   |
| Wausaukee Sch Dist                              | Teacher | \$48,193 | \$47,885 | -\$308   |
| Sheboygan Area Sch<br>Dist                      | Teacher | \$63,440 | \$63,157 | -\$283   |
| Bloomer Sch Dist                                | Teacher | \$49,473 | \$49,258 | -\$215   |
| Palmyra-Eagle Area<br>Sch Dist                  | Teacher | \$46,101 | \$45,910 | -\$191   |
| Sharon J11 Sch Dist                             | Teacher | \$44,138 | \$43,971 | -\$167   |
| Unity Sch Dist                                  | Teacher | \$52,934 | \$52,770 | -\$164   |
| Weston Sch Dist                                 | Teacher | \$44,834 | \$44,731 | -\$103   |
| Verona Area Sch<br>Dist                         | Teacher | \$56,878 | \$56,795 | -\$83    |
| Boscobel Area Sch<br>Dist                       | Teacher | \$53,145 | \$53,079 | -\$66    |
| Hilbert Sch Dist                                | Teacher | \$50,859 | \$50,839 | -\$20    |

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