

To: Dr. Kim Hiel, Superintendent
From: Anthony Padrnos, Executive Director of Technology
Gerald Edwards Sr., Director of Information Systems & Security
Date: June 23, 2026
Re: ANNUAL SPECIAL CENSUS REPORTING TO THE STATE DEMOGRAPHER FOR THE
JUNE 23, 2026 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The purpose of this memo is to inform you about annual census reporting requirements to the State Demographer. Minnesota Statute 275.14 states, "The school board of a school district, in case it desires a population estimate, shall pass a resolution by July 1 containing a current estimate of the population of the school district and shall submit the resolution to the state demographer."

The June 23, 2026, board agenda contains a consent agenda item titled "Request to State Demographer to certify the school district enumeration of 156,574 as of June 2026 as a special census; and that said figure be considered the official census of persons residing in the school district." This agenda item contains two attachments:

- State Census Memo
- State Census Resolution

These population estimates will affect the 2026 payable 2027 levy upon adoption of the resolution by the School Board by July 1, 2026.

If approved by the State Demographer, the district's population of 156,574 will be used in future Community Services funding formulas. This population increase could result in additional revenue within the Community Services Fund. This represents an increase of 157 from the approved population estimate in 2025.

Board members will be asked to approve the resolution on June 23, 2026. Please call Anthony Padrnos if you have questions.