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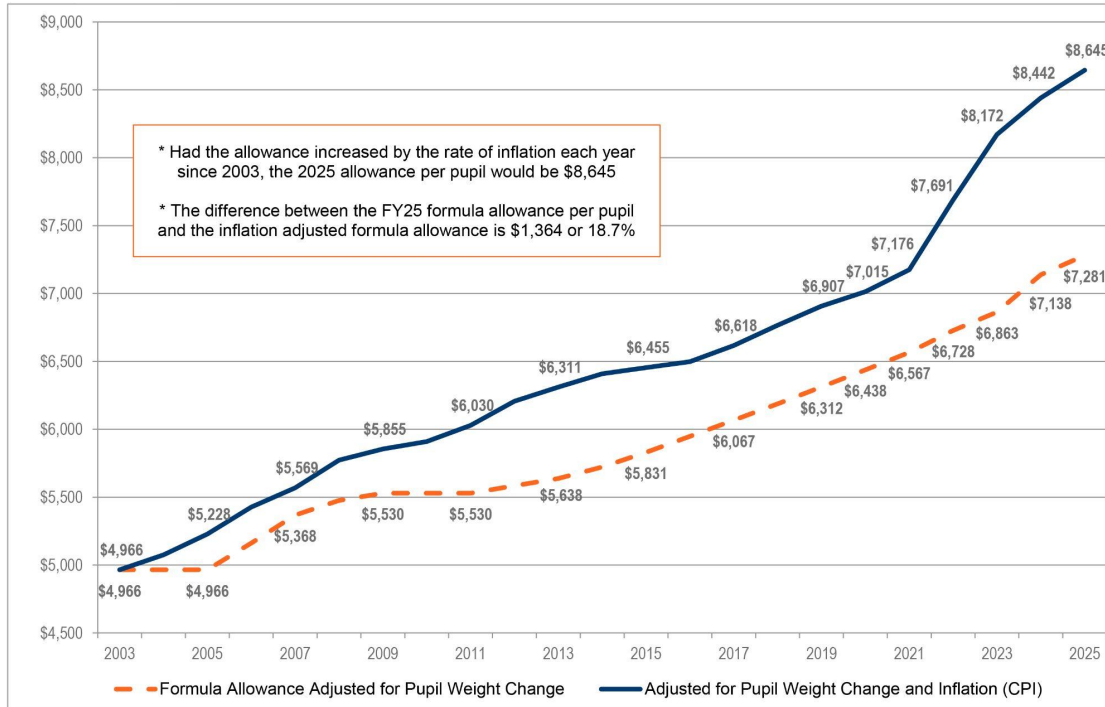
2026 Referendum

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Why are many Minnesota school districts asking their communities for additional funding?



General Education Formula Allowance, 2003-2025 Adjusted for Pupil Weight Change and Inflation (CPI)

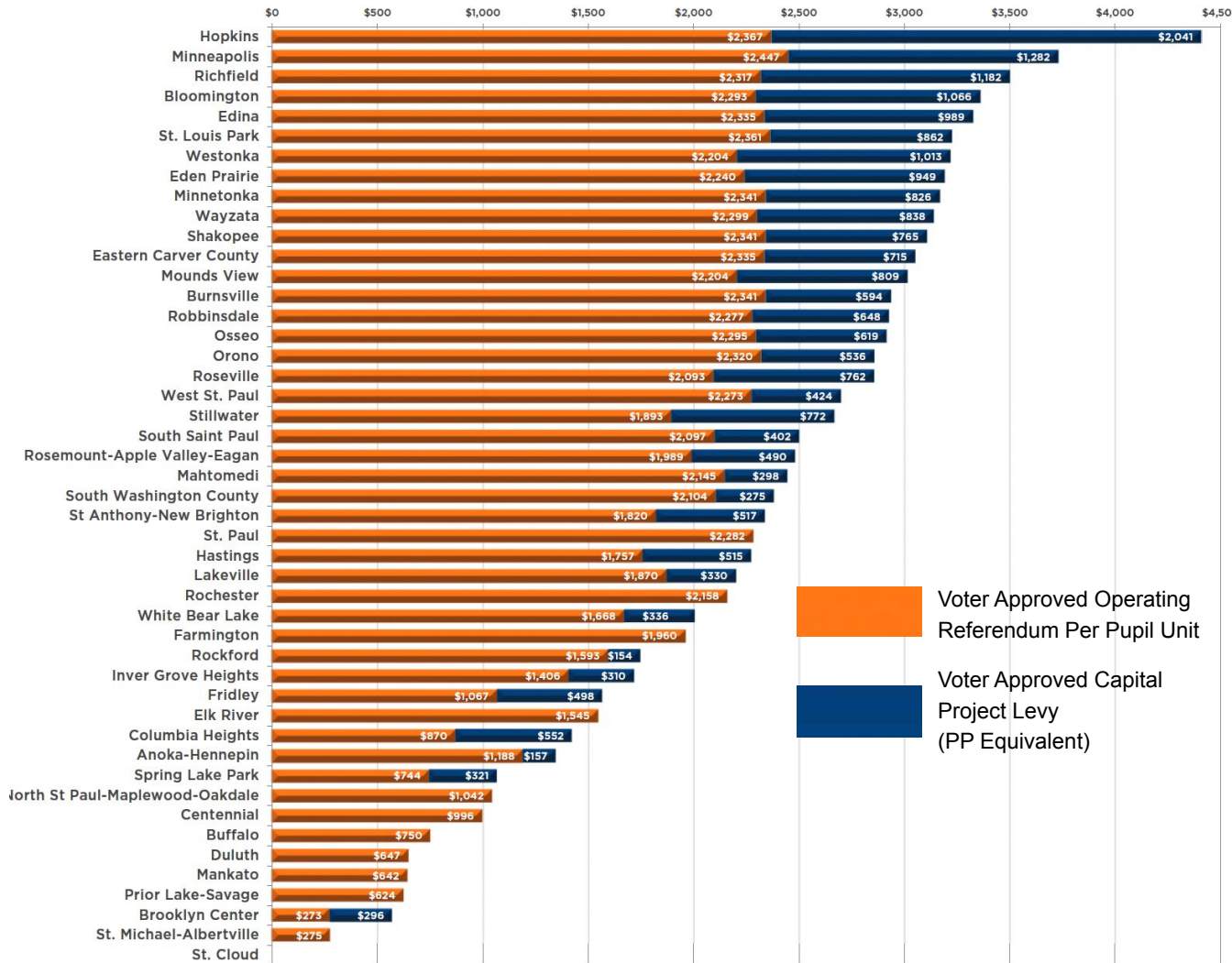


Informational Video



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wydkQIL_vYM

Source: MN Association of School Administrators



Current Voter Approved Authority Per Pupil 2026

 Voter Approved Operating
Referendum Per Pupil Unit

 Voter Approved Capital
Project Levy
(PP Equivalent)

AMSD
Association of Metropolitan
School Districts

Current Per Pupil Levy Allocation Among Neighboring School Districts

ISD 622 vs neighboring districts



Over the past three years, ISD 622 has absorbed
over **\$15 million in budget cuts.**

What Does this Mean for 622?

Continued Budget Shortfalls Impact Opportunities	
Spring 2026 Budget Cuts	\$4 Million
Spring 2025 Budget Cuts	\$7 Million
Spring 2024 Budget Cuts	\$4 Million
Three Year Total Reductions	\$15 Million

One Question

\$800 per pupil Increase Operating Levy

Purpose: To maintain class sizes and essential student programs, retain high-quality staff and protect effective safety and security systems.

Operating Levy Increase

Current	If Question #1 Passes
\$1,042 per pupil	\$1,819 per pupil
\$350,000 home	\$21 month tax increase

ISD 622 has not increased
the local operating levy in
ten years (2016)

[Tax Impact Calculator](#)



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**School District Question 1
Approval of School District
Referendum Revenue Authorization**

The school board of Independent School District No. 622 (North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$800 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years beginning with taxes payable in 2027, and increase each year by the rate of inflation beginning with taxes payable in 2028, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

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Yes

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 622 be approved?

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No

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE
VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

Why This Matters - FOR EVERYONE

**Strong public schools are the foundation of a strong community.
Here's why:**

Strong Communities: Quality schools protect property values, attract families and businesses and reduce long-term social costs.

Responsible Stewardship: For over a decade, 622 has stretched every dollar to serve our 11,000 students despite a widening gap between state funding and the increasing cost to operate schools.

Talented Educators: Competitive teacher contracts ensure we can attract and retain the professionals our students deserve.

Excellent Education: 622 has maintained a high-quality experience for students despite limited funding.

Where Do I Vote??

Polling Information by County

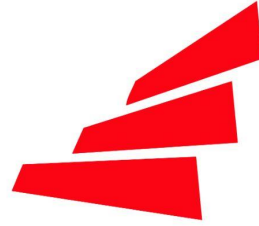
[Ramsey County](#)

[Washington County](#)



FYI - Also on the November Ballot:

MN Permanent School Funding Proposed Constitutional Amendment



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Questions?



School District 622

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