



Operating Referendum & Election Information

Roseau Community School District, ISD No. 682
November 4, 2025 - Election

Operating Referendum

November election ballot question, stated per pupil, estimated cap for Taxes Payable 2026 / Fiscal Year 2026-27 is \$2,341

(no cap for sparsity districts)

Allows districts to generate additional general education revenue

Revenue can be a combination of local property tax levies & state aid

Annual levy, maximum length of 10 years

Taxes spread on Referendum Market Value
(most property types pay same taxes per dollar of property value)

Revenue may be used for any operating or capital expenses

(e.g. staff salaries & benefits, utilities, supplies, technology)

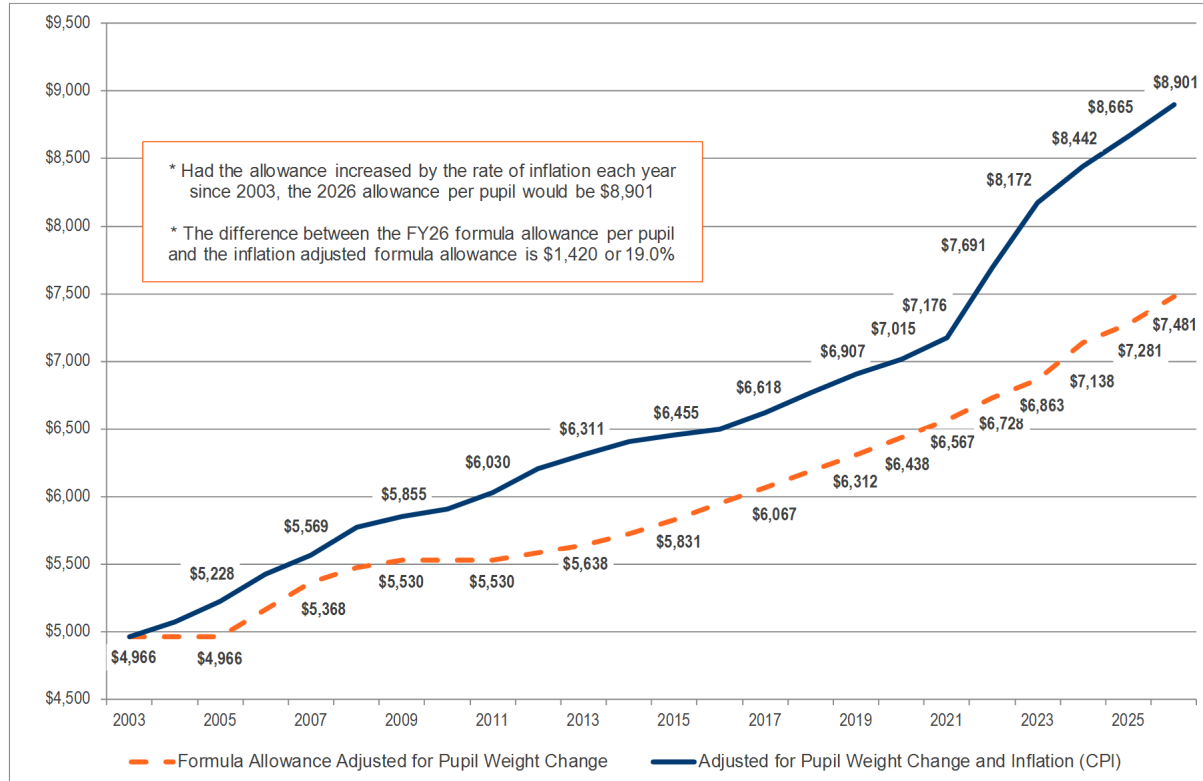
Reliance on Referendums

Since 2002-03, state General Education Revenue formula has not kept pace with inflation

If allowance increased with inflation each year, it would be \$1,420 higher, or \$8,901 for Fiscal Year 2025-26

The Fiscal Year 2025-26 allowance increased by \$200/pupil based on statutory calculation. This is the first year inflation is used to calculate formula allowance.

General Education Formula Allowance



Source: MDE June 2025 CPI Inflation Estimates and Minnesota Laws 2023

Reliance on Referendums

- Other funding sources (e.g., special education) also have not kept pace with inflation
- Only options for districts to bridge funding gap are to cut budgets or request operating referendum and/or capital project levy revenue authority from voters; most districts have done both

Tax Base by Property Type

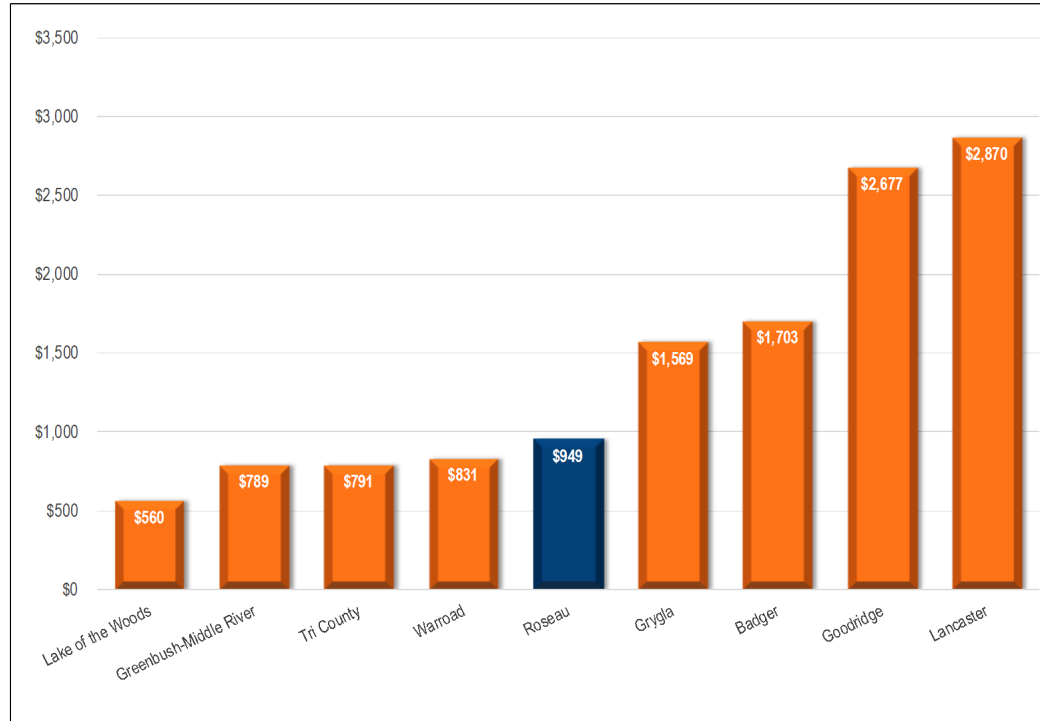
	Market Value	Referendum Market Value	Net Tax Capacity **
	Percent of Total		
Residential Homestead	34.5%	59.0%	35.3%
Other Residential	7.4%	12.5%	8.7%
Commercial / Industrial	7.1%	12.3%	14.7%
Non Qualifying Agricultural	9.5%	16.1%	9.5%
Qualifying Agriculture *	39.8%	0.0%	31.6%
Seasonal Recreational	1.7%	0.0%	1.9%
TIF & FD			-1.6%

* The Ag2School Credit will fund 70% of the Qualifying Agriculture share, or 22% of the total qualifying debt service levies for the district.

** Totals include TIF and Fiscal Disparities adjustments

Total School Tax Comparison

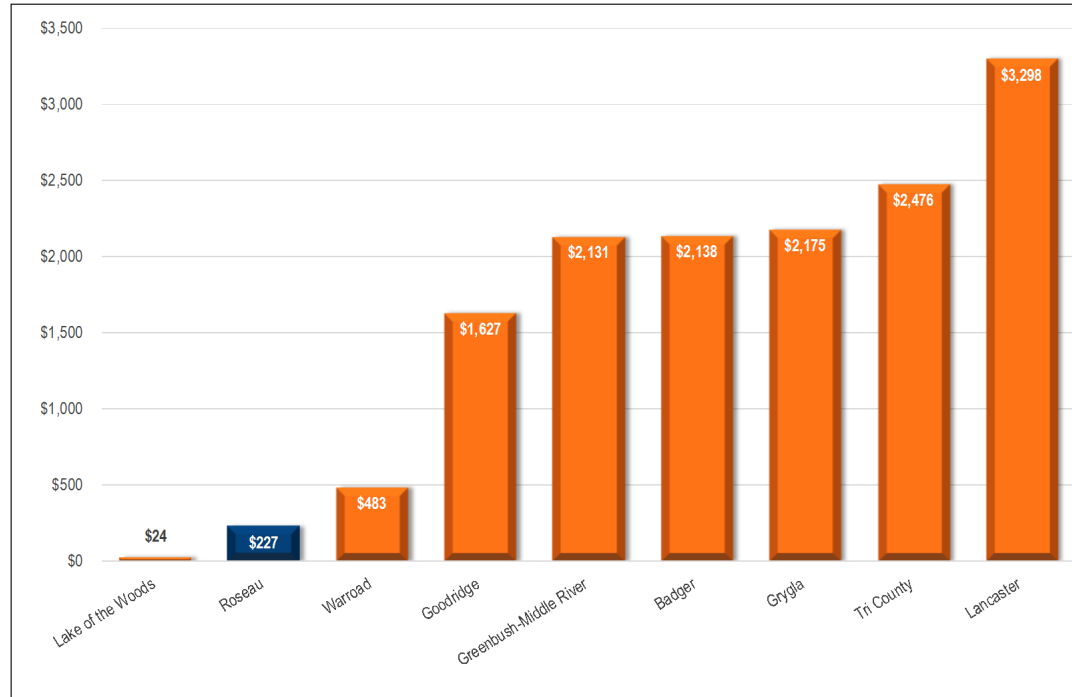
Total School Property Taxes, Payable 2025, on a Home with an Estimated Market Value of \$200,000



Source: Pay 25 School Tax Report.

Operating Referendum Allowance Comparison

Voter Approved Referendum Authority Per Pupil Unit FY 2025-26



Source: MDE Pay 25 Levy Certification Report, Pay 25 School Tax Report.

Current Operating Referendum Provisions

- Tax levies spread on Referendum Market Value (RMV)
 - ✓ Property taxes are not levied on:
 - Seasonal recreational property (cabins)
 - Agricultural land & buildings (only levied on house, garage & 1 acre)
 - ✓ Almost all other property pays same tax per dollar of market value
- Most other school levies are spread on Net Tax Capacity (NTC)
- Operating referendum revenue amounts can qualify for state equalization aid (dependent on District's RMV per resident pupil)



District Specific Information

- November 4, 2025 - Ballot Question
 - ✓ **Question 1:** Proposes to increase its general education revenue by \$1,000 per pupil
 - Subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation
 - First levied for taxes payable in 2026
 - Applicable for ten (10) years, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law

Estimated Tax Impact

Year Taxes are Payable		2026
Est. Adjusted Pupil Units (APU)		1,195.40
Estimated Increase in Operating Referendum Revenue		\$1,195,400
Estimated Net Increase in Total Revenue (Including Estimated Reduction in Equity Revenue)		\$1,142,175

Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Taxes for Referendum Only*	
		Annual	Monthly
	\$100,000	\$190	\$16
	125,000	238	20
	150,000	285	24
	175,000	333	28
	200,000	381	32
	225,000	428	36
	250,000	476	40
Residential	300,000	571	48
Homesteads,	350,000	666	55
Apartments,	400,000	761	63
and Commercial-	450,000	856	71
Industrial Property	500,000	951	79
	600,000	1,142	95
	700,000	1,332	111
	800,000	1,522	127
	900,000	1,712	143
	1,000,000	1,903	159
	1,250,000	2,378	198
	1,500,000	2,854	238
	2,000,000	3,805	317

2025 Election Timeline

Adopt resolution calling for
special election & Notify
Commissioner of Education &
County Auditor of election
information

By August 12

Sept. 20 -
Oct. 20



November 4

November 7-14

Special election canvass results
(3rd through 10th day following election)

Mail required referendum notice
to each taxpayer in District

When Would New Revenue be Available?

November
2025

- Operating Referendum Vote

December
2025

- School Board certifies the levy

Taxes Payable
2026

- 1st year of tax increase

Fiscal Year
2026-27

- 1st year District recognizes additional revenues

State Property Tax Refunds & Deferral

- State of Minnesota has two tax refund programs & one tax deferral program available for owners of homestead property
- Programs may reduce net tax burden for local taxpayers, when property owners complete & submit forms
- For help with forms & instructions
 - ✓ Consult your tax professional, or
 - ✓ Visit Department of Revenue web site at www.revenue.state.mn.us

State Property Tax Refunds & Deferral

Homestead Credit Refund

- Available for all homestead property, both residential & agricultural - house, garage & one acre (HGA) only.
- Refund is sliding scale, based on total property taxes & income (maximum refund is \$3,310 for homeowners).

Special Property Tax Refund

- Available for all homestead property, both residential & agricultural (HGA only) with a gross tax increase of at least 12% & \$100 over prior year.
- Refund is 60% of tax increase that exceeds greater of 12% or \$100 (max \$1,000)

Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral

- Allows people 65 years of age or older with household income of \$96,000 or less to defer a portion of property taxes on their home.
- Deferred property taxes plus accrued interest must be paid when home is sold or homeowner(s) dies.

Income Taxes

- If you itemize deductions for federal income taxes, you may deduct a portion of your property taxes paid. Starting with your 2024 taxes, renters can claim the Renter's refundable credit on a Minnesota income tax return. Renters will no longer file a Renter's Property Tax Refund.

Thank you!

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