

2018 Education Levy

August Business Committee Presentation

Planning, Priorities



- Think Kids, Quality Steering Committee, Community Polling, Community Leaders, Staff meetings, Financial & Strategic Advisors
- Support for renewal and increase in levy
- Highest Community Priorities:
 - *Class Size*
 - *Classroom Technology*
 - *Student Opportunities, Achievement*
- Duluth's World's Best Workforce Plan
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Question 1: Renewal



- Continue current \$371.78 per pupil levy
- Maintain current levy investment of 16-18 full-time teacher positions to support class size
- **This does not result in a property tax increase**
- ***If Question 1 fails, Questions 2 & 3 automatically fail.***



Question 2: Class Size



- \$575 per pupil increase to current levy
- Adds approx 25 teachers district-wide to manage class size, increase site funding for specific supports based on needs
- **Increase of \$8.64 per month for the average home***
- ***If Questions 1 and 2 fail, Question 3 automatically fails.***

**Average assessed home value in Duluth is \$150,000*

Question 3: 1:1 Classroom Technology



- Additional \$335 per pupil increase
- Provide students and staff with devices, upgrade systems, training and technical support
- **Additional Increase of \$5.03 per month for the average home***

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Without Renewal:

- Loss of \$3.3 million in local education funding
- Class sizes will rise significantly over time
- Slow or no updates to classroom technology

Without an Increase:

- Class sizes will rise
- Slow or no updates to classroom technology

95% of Minnesota School Districts are supported by local education levy funds

The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be for ten years.



Increasing current local funding for education would help support community priorities and goals:

- Class Size
- Classroom Technology
- Student Opportunities, Achievement

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Next Steps

August 21: Board scheduled to approve referendum question

August 23: Deadline for ballot language

October: Required public notices of referendum and mailing legal notice

November 6: Election Day