

Memo

To: Bill Holmgren, Executive Director of Business Services
CC: Grace Olson, Executive Director of Communications
Kim Elsen, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
From: Steven Porter, Director of Community Education
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026
Re: Estimated District Population Update

The Lakeville Area School District is growing. As Community Education is charged with serving the educational needs of the entire community, funding for several parts of Community Education are directly tied to the estimated population of the school district including Youth Enrichment, Youth Service & Development, Adult Basic Education and General Community Education.

According to Minnesota Statutes § 275.14, by adopting an updated population estimate, a School Board can request additional levy authority and state aid for these programs to serve the growing community. Although a School Board may intend to use the new levy authority, adopting an updated population estimate does not obligate the School Board to do so.

The proposed update uses the methodology and estimate from the Office of the Minnesota State Demographer. The methodology uses a combination of decennial census data to estimate the proportion of each city or township that lives within a school district, and their own population estimates of the most current population of each city and township.

Updating the estimate from 65,678 (2024 population estimate released in June 2025), to 68,033 (2025 population estimate released in June 2026) would mean a growth of 2,355 people or a 3.6% increase. As per the process outlined in state statute, upon approval by the School Board, the resolution adopting the estimate would be forwarded to the State Demographer for approval.

Under current formulas, this would result in an estimated additional \$22,396 in funding for Youth Enrichment, Youth Service & Development, Adult Basic Education and General Community Education. Funding for these programs only changes by legislative action or by School Boards adopting updated estimates. These program areas do not receive inflationary growth factor increases.

Below is a resolution to be included in the upcoming School Board consent agenda on June 23, 2026. If you, or a School Board member have questions prior to the board meeting, please contact me at Steve.Porter@isd194.org or 952-232-2151.

Certification of Updated District Population Estimate (Sample Resolution)

RESOLUTION

CERTIFYING THE POPULATION ESTIMATE FOR THE 2026 PAYABLE 2027 LEVY OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 194.



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WHEREAS, the Independent School District #194 has experienced an increase in population from the 2024 census figure of 65,678, to the current census figure of 68,033 as determined by the State Demographer.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District #194 that the census figure of 68,033 be certified to the State Demographer for approval of use in the 2026 payable 2027 revenue calculations.

For the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member _____ and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: _____

And the following voted against: _____

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Date: _____

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

_____ (Clerk Signature)

_____ (Clerk Name)

School Board Clerk
