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# **School District 191 Legislative Platform**

Adopted for 2026

# 2026 District 191 Legislative Platform



On behalf of the students, educators, families and community members of Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191, the District 191 Board of Education asks the Minnesota State Legislature to take the actions described in this platform in 2026.

## **Priority #1 - School Safety**

Increase Safe Schools levy funding to \$100 per pupil for school districts and \$35 per pupil for intermediate and cooperative units to support important safety initiatives, including cybersecurity, School Resource Officers, mental health services and physical security improvements.

Allow limited student removal within non-exclusionary discipline to support effective reentry planning and maintain safe classrooms.

## **Priority #2 - Stabilize Funding**

Ensure revenue keeps up with inflation by increasing per-pupil allocations for facilities, operating capital and lease levies, while also increasing and indexing Local Optional Revenue to the general education formula.

Stabilize compensatory revenue by continuing Medicaid Direct Certification and hold districts harmless from revenue losses caused by recent formula changes until the Compensatory Revenue Task Force recommendations are fully implemented.

Remove the 15-day state residency requirement for students enrolled in online school.

Repeal the contingent \$250 million cut to special education cross-subsidy reduction aid scheduled for the 2028-2029 biennium.

## **Priority #3 - Fully Fund Mandates & Essential Services**

Fully fund or repeal summer unemployment insurance for non-licensed school district staff.

Provide funding for employer premiums and substitute staff costs associated with the Paid Leave program, or provide an exemption for school districts.

Hold districts harmless for students who opt out of state standardized tests and create a Blue-Ribbon Commission to evaluate and make recommendations to improve the assessment system to support student-centered balanced assessments.

Enhance support for programs that address staff shortages and increase diversity among teachers, including Grow Your Own grants and the short-call substitute teaching program.

## **About District 191**

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 is a future-forward school district creating barrier-free pathways for learning for everyone in our community. We believe learning is a lifelong pursuit, and we create programs, services and opportunities that inspire this belief.