



**Board Meeting Date:** 6/9/2025

**Title:** Preliminary Budget – Fiscal Year 2026

**Type:** Action

**Presenter(s):** Mert Woodard - Director, Finance & Operations

**Description:** The preliminary budget for fiscal year 2026 was developed using audited financial data from fiscal year 2024, year-to-date activity of fiscal year 2025, estimates of year end results for fiscal year 2025, the certified property tax levy for taxes payable in 2025, and forecasts of future activity per the assumptions of the administration. Estimates of the aid the District anticipates receiving from the state are derived from Minnesota education laws 2023 and known information from the to be concluded 2025 legislative session.

The budget that is formally recommended to the School Board for approval estimates an 8.9 percent fund balance at the end of fiscal year 2026, in-line with Board policy 702 and in-line with preliminary estimates presented to the Board throughout the 2024-2025 school year

The recommended revised budget for fiscal year 2025 and preliminary budget for fiscal year 2026 are as follows:

	<b>Fiscal Year 2025 Revised Budget</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Budget</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
General Fund	\$ 164,895,014	\$ 167,614,828
Food Service	5,100,214	5,265,078
Community Service	13,296,079	13,772,932
Building Construction	14,722,786	2,836,805
Debt Service	115,011,011	18,113,179
Internal Service	910,000	910,000
Total Revenue	313,935,104	208,512,822
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	161,351,016	165,031,168
Food Service	4,871,973	5,058,082
Community Service	13,095,398	13,299,050
Building Construction	9,594,142	8,208,672
Debt Service	114,697,405	17,636,304
Internal Service	910,000	910,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 304,519,934	\$ 210,143,276

**Recommendation:** Adopt the District administration's recommended budget revision for fiscal year 2025 and preliminary budget for fiscal year 2026.

**Desired Outcomes from the Board:** Approval of the District administration's recommended action, compliance with District policy 701, and compliance with Minn. Stat. § 123B.77 Subd. 4.

**Attachments:**

1. Preliminary Budget Executive Summary – Fiscal Year 2026