

School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Compensatory Funding
Presenter(s): Bob Jaszczak, Superintendent

Nature of Action Requested

Board Action
Board Information or Report X

Background Information

Superintendent Jaszczak will provide the formula and process in determining compensatory funding for Red Wing Public School.

In Minnesota, compensatory education revenue is state funding designed to help school districts and charter schools support the educational needs of students who are underprepared or below grade level. This funding is distributed to school sites where eligible students attend, and is calculated based on the number of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Key aspects of compensatory education funding in Minnesota:

- **Purpose:**
The primary purpose of compensatory funding is to address the educational needs of students who are underprepared or struggling to keep up with their peers, according to the Minnesota Department of Education.
- **Eligibility:**
Students are considered eligible for compensatory revenue if they are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the federal school lunch program.
- **Calculation:**
The amount of compensatory revenue a school district or charter school receives is based on the number of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
- **Allocation:**
School districts are required to allocate at least 95% of compensatory revenue to the school sites generating the revenue, according to the Minnesota legislature.
- **Funding Sources:**
Compensatory education revenue comes from the state's general fund and is distributed to districts, charter schools, and other educational organizations.

- **Recent Increases:**

In recent years, there has been a significant increase in compensatory funding, partly due to the "hold harmless" provision that guarantees districts a certain amount of funding, according to the Minnesota Rural Education Association.

- **Reporting:**

School districts are required to report how they are using compensatory revenue to meet the needs of students, according to the Minnesota Department of Education.