

Duluth Public Schools

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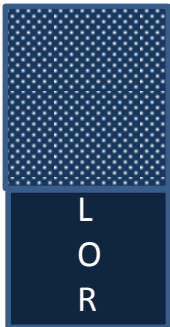
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Operating Levy Referendum History

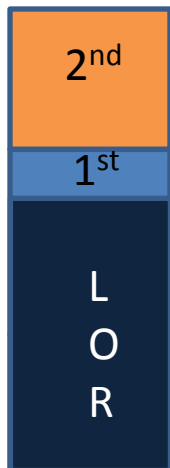
2008-2013 Referendum

- \$4.4 M
- In 2013 legislative action changed the funding formulas and gave authorization to transition \$212 per pupil (~\$1.9M) to Location Optional Revenue(LOR)
- School Board did not take action to stop LEA transition
- The legislature also granted the School Board the authority to approve up to \$300 Per Pupil (~\$2.7M)
- The School Board opted not to use that authority



2013 Operating Levy Referendum

- Local Optional Revenue stayed in place
- School Board approved referendum language for a two tiered ballot
- 1st Question renewed the operating referendum
- 2nd question increased the referendum by \$200 per pupil (~\$1.8M)
 - \$1.3 M Manage class size
 - \$250,000 Curriculum updates
 - \$250,000 Achievement Gap Strategies
- Subsequent legislative action increased Local Optional Revenue to \$424 per pupil



Operating Levy Referendum Planning

2018 Referendum

- \$424 Per Pupil Local Optional Revenue stays in place
- Consider Authority for Additional \$300 Per Pupil Board Approved Levy
 - If approved, a renewal would ask voters to approve \$71 Per Pupil
 - If not approved, a renewal would ask voters to approve \$371 Per Pupil



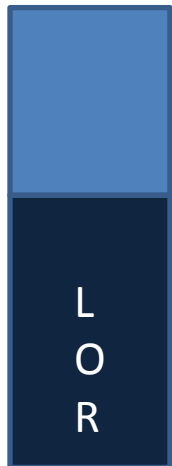
Current Operating Levy Sunsetting

2013-2018 Referendum

~\$7.2 M supports class size, curriculum investments, achievement gap efforts

If a referendum is not sought

\$3.8M Local Optional Revenue would stay in place
\$3.4M in reductions would need to be made likely increasing class size, reducing programs, and causing an inability to replace technology and curriculum as needed.

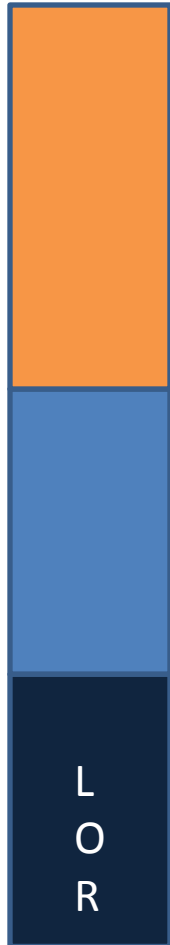


Resolution of Intent

If intent is declared, the administration would be asked to bring referendum language to the August Business Committee Meeting for discussion. A decision would be made at the August 21 School Board Meeting.

Referendum Language Proposal Guidance

- \$424 Per Pupil Local Optional Revenue is already in place.
- The Question(s)?
 - Renewal of \$795.78 Per Pupil (reductions likely)
 - Renewal with additional funding request (allows for further investments)
 - Both of the above with tiered questions
 - Other Guidance



Tonight's Decisions

\$300 Per Pupil Board Authorized Local Optional Revenue

- Yes vote authorizes
- No vote does not authorize

Resolution of Intent to Call for a Referendum

- Yes vote brings proposal to August School Board Meeting for consideration
- No vote allows Voter Approved Levy to sunset

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