



**TO:** School Board Members

**FROM:** Lisa Grathen, Director of Community Education

**DATE:** June 15, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the Census Population Estimate for the 2026 Payable 2027 Levy

### **BACKGROUND**

According to Minnesota Statutes § 275.14, the population of a school district must be certified by the Department of Education from the most recent federal census. In any year in which no federal census is taken, a population estimate may be made and submitted to the state demographer for approval. The school board can pass a resolution by June 30, 2026, of the updated population of the district as determined by the state demographer.

According to estimates from the state demographer, the district population increased from 45,326 in 2020 to 46,977 in 2025. This population increase will impact the revenue the community education programs receive based on the current funding calculation, which uses the district population to determine total funding. The community education general levy allows school districts to levy a set amount per person in their district. Other community education programs, including youth services, adults with disabilities, and after-school enrichment, will see their funding increase slightly due to population growth.

### **RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** by the School Board of Independent School District 197 that the census figure of 46,977 in 2025 be certified to the State Demographer for approval of use in the 2026 payable 2027 revenue calculations.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF SCHOOL BOARD  
OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 197  
(WEST ST. PAUL-MENDOTA HEIGHTS-EAGAN AREA SCHOOLS)  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 197 (West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area Schools), State of Minnesota, was held in the School District on the 15 day of June, 2026, at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

The following members were present:

and the following were absent:

Member \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the School Board of Independent School District No. 197 that the census figure of 46,977 in 2025 be certified to the State Demographer for approval of use in the 2026 payable 2027 revenue calculations.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF DAKOTA

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Independent School District No. 197 (West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area Schools), State of Minnesota, hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the School Board of said School District duly called and held on the date therein indicated, so far as such minutes relate to authorizing the issuance of certificates of election, and that the resolution included therein is a full, true and correct copy of the original thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such clerk this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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Clerk of the School Board