



June 24, 2025

To: Dr. Carlondrea Hines

From: The Business Office

Re: FY2026 Budget Recommendation

The purpose of this memo is to provide summary information regarding the recommended budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year (FY2026). We appreciate the collaboration with you, budget managers, the Finance Advisory Committee, and the School Board in establishing the budget assumptions that were foundational to the development of this year's budget.

This budget has been updated to reflect:

- Revenues and expenditures for the GASB 68 pension adjustment in the General Fund
- Revenue and expenditures to reflect anticipated activity in the Internal Service Fund for self funded medical and dental.

General Fund

The budget, as presented, results in a FY2026 estimated year-end unreserved General Fund balance of \$5,581,268 (7.93%). This fund balance is a slight decrease of \$33,000 from the FY2025 June budget update. This fund balance is below the board approved budget assumptions for FY2025 (8%). At this point, we believe this is a realistic picture of the budget, as we:

- maximize revenue across all federal and assigned state revenue programs;
- work with our transportation providers to contain rapidly growing costs;
- work with the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) and all budget managers to monitor and contain spending; and
- make a plan to grow fund balance in the coming years, as recommended by the FAC.

Budget Reductions

The budget includes reduction in budget capacity for the following:

- Instruction and Learning Reorganization - \$641,000
- Staffing changes due to enrollment and schedule changes - \$1,031,000
- Reduction in substitute costs for teachers, paras, custodians - \$271,000
- Paraprofessional reduction due to student need and schedule change - \$236,000
- Pause design team work - \$5,000

The final recommended revenue and expenditure budget for FY2026 is as follows:

Fund	Revenue	Expenditures
General	\$85,371,000	\$86,182,000
School Nutrition	\$3,027,000	\$3,090,000
Community Service	\$8,929,000	\$8,064,000
Debt Service	\$19,225,000	\$18,855,000
Internal Service	\$12,479,000	\$13,549,000

We will continue to work closely with budget managers to maintain fiscal transparency and accountability.



St. Louis Park Public Schools

FY 2026 Budget

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FY2026 Budget Executive Summary

Executive Summary

This budget of Independent School District No. 283, St. Louis Park Public Schools, is for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 (FY2026). Prior year data is included for comparative purposes and budgeted amounts for FY2025.

The District anticipates ending FY2026 with a 7.93% unassigned General Fund balance (including assigned for subsequent year's budget). This fund balance is below the 8% assumption that was approved by the School Board at its March 25, 2025 meeting. This fund balance is a slight decrease of \$33,000 from the FY2025 mid-year budget beginning balance. At this point, we believe this is a realistic picture of the budget, as we:

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This fund balance is in keeping with School Board Policy 714, Fund Balances, which states; *The School Board desires an unreserved general fund balance for the following reasons: cash flow, legislative short fall, tax abatements, and other unanticipated needs. The School Board understands that conditions may determine that the target of 6% unreserved general fund balance will be unobtainable in some years. The School Board will establish the amount of unreserved general fund balance during the annual budget process.*

The table below summarizes the FY2026 budget.

	FY2025 Budget Beginning Balance	FY2026 Budgeted Revenue	FY2026 Budgeted Expenditures	FY2026 Budget Ending Balance
General Fund	\$10,383,094	\$85,371,000	\$86,182,000	\$9,572,094
School Nutrition Fund	\$918,608	\$3,027,000	\$3,090,000	\$855,608
Community Service Fund	\$1,334,547	\$8,929,000	\$8,064,000	\$2,199,547
Debt Service Fund	\$3,839,037	\$19,225,000	\$18,555,000	\$4,209,037
Internal Service Fund	\$2,917,262	\$12,479,000	\$13,549,000	\$1,847,262

The budget book is organized as follows:

- The **Executive Summary** contains an overview of the entire budget and the organization of the district
- The **Financial Section** includes overall budget assumptions, a financial overview of all funds, detailed revenue and expenditure assumptions, and explanations of variances for each fund.
- The **Informational Section** includes important details that support the budget preparation process throughout the year.
 1. Budget timeline
 2. Enrollment history and projections
 3. Pay 2025 Tax Levy summary
 4. Debt Service Schedules
 5. High School Athletic Fees

ST. LOUIS PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS				
PROJECTED FUND BALANCES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026				
FUND DESCRIPTION	6/30/2025 Budget Balance	2025-26 Budget Revenue	2025-26 Budget Expenditures	6/30/2026 Budget Balance
GENERAL FUND				
Unassigned (Balance Sheet 422)	5,614,268	68,051,000	68,084,000	5,581,268
School Store	0	0	0	0
Federal Funding	0	2,314,000	2,314,000	0
Unassigned FB + assigned for subsequent years budget - % of expenditures	8.20%			7.93%
Assigned (Balance Sheet 462)				
Donations/Gifts/Local Grants (CRS 6xx)	0	0	0	0
Severance Payments (Object 191)	676,578	0	400,000	276,578
Non-Spendable (Prepaid/Inventory) - Balance Sheet 460	0	0	0	0
Restricted				
Student Activities (Fund 50)	110,437	0	0	110,437
Staff Development (FIN 306-308,316-obj 195/295)	0	708,000	708,000	0
Capital Projects (Technology) Levy (Fund 16/FIN 795)	1,667,026	4,145,000	4,145,000	1,667,026
Literacy Incentive Aid (FIN 312; PRG 203/211 for staff)	0	220,000	220,000	0
Am Indian Ed Aid (FIN 320)	0	0	0	0
Operating Capital (FIN 302)	943,187	1,127,000	1,120,000	950,187
Lease Levy (FIN 389) - should match 570 & 571 object		1,241,000	1,241,000	0
Learning & Development (FIN 330)	0	997,000	997,000	0
Area Learning Center (FIN 303)	0	0	0	0
ATPPS (FIN 335)	0	1,105,000	1,105,000	0
Gifted & Talented (FIN 388)	0	62,000	62,000	0
EL Revenue (FIN 339) - 25% of expenditures subsidy in FY2027	0	0	0	0
Basic Skills (FIN 317)	0	3,276,000	3,276,000	0
School Library Aid (FIN 343)	0	75,000	75,000	0
Achievement & Integration (FIN 313)	0	793,000	793,000	0
Safe Schools (FIN 342)	0	169,000	169,000	0
Literacy Aid (FIN 356)		0	0	0
Teacher Compensation for Read Act Training (FIN 357)		0	0	0
Long Term Facilities Maintenance (Exp PRG 865, 866, 867/Rev FIN 347)	1,371,598	958,000	1,343,000	986,598
Student Support Personnel Aid (FIN 373)	0	80,000	80,000	0
Medical Assistance (FIN 372)	0	50,000	50,000	0
Paraprofessional Training (FIN 314) - PRG 640	0	0	0	0
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	10,383,094	85,371,000	86,182,000	9,572,094
SCHOOL NUTRITION				
Restricted Reserve	884,282	3,027,000	3,090,000	821,282
Non-spendable (Inventory/Prepaid)	34,326	0	0	34,326
TOTAL SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND	918,608	3,027,000	3,090,000	855,608
COMMUNITY SERVICE				
Non-spendable (Inventory/Prepaid)-Balance Sheet 460	1,080	0	0	1,080
Restricted/Reserved Community Education-Balance Sheet 431				
Community Education	710,661	6,480,000	5,837,000	1,353,661
Disabilities Levy (FIN 798)	6,241	525,000	513,000	18,241
ECFE (FIN 325/328)-Balance Sheet 432	100,041	609,000	516,000	193,041
School Readiness (FIN 344/337/338)- sunsets 6/30/2025	146,402	392,000	240,000	298,402
Adult Basic Education (FIN 322)-Balance Sheet 447	80,165	0	0	80,165
Restricted (Balance Sheet 464)				
Pathways I and II (FIN 337/338)	0	0	0	0
Non-Public (FIN 350,351,353); must use program 203/211	160,544	900,000	900,000	160,544
LCTS (FIN 799)	195,273	0	0	195,273
EC Screening (FIN 354)	-65,860	23,000	58,000	-100,860
CCDBG (FIN 699)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	1,334,547	8,929,000	8,064,000	2,199,547
DEBT SERVICE				
Regular	3,839,037	19,225,000	18,855,000	4,209,037
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	3,839,037	19,225,000	18,855,000	4,209,037
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION				
Voter Approved Bond Projects	89,211,516	0	0	89,211,516
LTFM Construction Bonds	0	0	0	0
TOTAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	89,211,516	0	0	89,211,516
INTERNAL SERVICE				
Self Funded Dental (Fund 20)	313,938	611,000	743,000	181,938
Self Funded Medical (Fund 21)	2,603,325	11,868,000	12,806,000	1,665,325
TOTAL INTERNAL SERVICE	2,917,262	12,479,000	13,549,000	1,847,262
TRUST AND AGENCY (25)				
OPEB Trust	-2,949,725	0	0	-2,949,725
TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY	-2,949,725	0	0	-2,949,725
CUSTODIAL (18)				
Scholarship	121,695	0	0	121,695
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	105,776,034	129,031,000	129,740,000	105,067,034

Organization Overview

Independent School District No. 283, St. Louis Park Public Schools, is an instrumentality of the State of Minnesota established to function as an educational institution serving students from early childhood through 12th grade. The elected school board is responsible for legislative and fiscal control of St. Louis Park Public Schools. A superintendent is appointed by the board and is responsible for administrative control of the district. There are no other entities for which the district is considered financially accountable.

SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Back (L-R): Chair, Colin Cox; Treasurer, Taylor Williams; Vice Chair, Virginia Mancini; Abdihakim Ibrahim
Front (L-R): Sarah Davis; Anne Casey; Clerk, Celia Anderson

SUPERINTENDENT'S CABINET

The make-up of the administrative team (Superintendent's Cabinet) at St. Louis Park Public Schools is outlined below. Two positions were eliminated from the Cabinet as a result of budget reductions (Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Principal on Special Assignment).

Position	Name
Superintendent	Dr. Carlondrea Hines
Assistant Superintendent	Dr. Quennel Cooper
Executive Director of Business Services	Patricia Magnuson
Executive Director of Student Services	Dr. Constance Robinson
Executive Director of Human Resources	Jason Loewe
Executive Director of Assessment, Research & Evaluation	Dr. Silvy Lafayette
Executive Director of Community Education	Patrice Howard
Executive Director of Communications & Community Relations	Ashley Sukhu
Executive Director of Information Services	Tom Marble

FACILITIES

Students who attend St. Louis Park Public Schools are served in the following grade level configuration:

- **Elementary School:** Kindergarten through Grade 5
- **Middle School:** Grades 6 through 8
- **High School:** Grades 9 through 12

Name of School	Square Footage	School Type
Aquila Elementary	67,405	Boundary
Peter Hobart Elementary	73,076	Boundary
Susan Lindgren Elementary	77,896	Boundary
Park Spanish Immersion Elementary	79,589	District-Wide
St. Louis Park Middle School	201,716	District-Wide
St. Louis Park High School	370,957	District-Wide

Central Community Center/District Office (183,941 sf) houses

- The **District Office** houses the centralized administrative services of the district which are a part of the Superintendent's cabinet as listed above.
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Early Childhood Family Education
- Early Learning Programs (half-day preschool)
- Kids Place Preschool Childcare
- Aquatics
- Central Clinic, a free, walk-in clinic for children from birth through high school who live in or go to school in the St. Louis Park or Hopkins school districts
- Adult Education Programs; GED, Career Pathways, Adult English as a Second Language (previously in Adult Options Education Center)

Park Central Operations Center/Maintenance Center (25,443 sf) houses

- All technology infrastructure and team members
- Custodial/Maintenance leadership team and maintenance & grounds staff and equipment

These programs are housed at the **Lenox Community Center** (56,973 sf)

- Community Education Senior and Adult Programs
- District Community Education facilities scheduling/rentals
 - long term rentals; RISE, Maggie's Farm, St. Louis Park Friends of the Arts
- District Community Education Volunteers
- Transition Plus, a joint program with Hopkins Public Schools, that works with young adults with disabilities (ages 18 to 21).
- 9-12 Program, a setting for high school special education program

The district continues to lease a 17,775 sq. foot building (located at 6311 Wayzata Boulevard) which is used for storage and offices as needed. The lease for this facility expires on June 30, 2028.

The **Melrose Center**, St. Louis Park, houses an eating disorder treatment program. St. Louis Park Public Schools provides a teacher for this Park Nicollet program because it is a care and treatment facility that falls within school district boundaries.

Other Community Education classes such as Adult Programs, Youth Enrichments, and Kids Place (before and after school care) are held in district school facilities and in locations throughout the City of St. Louis Park.



St. Louis Park Public Schools

FY2026 Budget Financial Section

Budget Assumptions

The **Budget Assumptions** are an important starting point in budget preparation. These assumptions were created in collaboration with the Finance Advisory Committee. Budget assumptions approved by the School Board at its March 25, 2025 meeting are as follows:

1. Estimated Enrollment

- Kindergarten through 12th grade estimated enrollment of 4,326 (includes 302 kindergarten students), which is a decline of 29 students overall using a three year cohort survival model.

2. Classroom Teacher Staffing

- Class size guidelines are consistent with FY2025 and staffing assumptions are based on estimated enrollment and these class size guidelines across district and by grade:

Grade	Guidelines
Kindergarten	23.0
Grade 1	23.0
Grade 2	24.0
Grade 3	26.0
Grade 4	28.0
Grades 5	29.0
Grade 6-8	30.0 - 35.0
Grades 9-12	

3. District Fees

- Student activity fees - no change (see informational section)
- High School club fees - no change
- High School parking fees - no change (\$50 per semester)
- Increase Community Education premium space rental fees (stadium, performing arts/theatre)
- Add a technology fee for lost/damaged items

4. State General Funding - Formula increase of 2.74% for FY2026; \$7,481 per adjusted pupil unit.

5. Fund Balance - Minimum General Fund balance maintained above 6% per School Board policy with the goal of 8% and a strategy to grow to 12%-16%; budget presented with a 7.95% balance

6. Purchased Services - Market increase in transportation, utilities and property/liability insurance

7. Salary/Benefits - Open employment contract reflect historical patterns

8. Contingency General Fund contingencies: \$400,000 to address class size or other staffing concerns as this fall's enrollment numbers become known or to address other unforeseen needs of the General Fund throughout the year

OVERVIEW OF FUNDS

As per state law, St. Louis Park Public Schools maintains a separation of funds. The **General Fund** is used to account for the basic K-12 educational operations of St. Louis Park Public Schools including salary and benefits for teachers, custodians, district administrative support, site principals and site staff; building operations costs; pupil transportation; and other general district operational costs. The General Fund also includes expenditures associated with categorical state funding sources specified in statute:

- Operating Capital – revenue and expenditures for capital items such as equipment, furniture, software, computers, vehicles, and textbooks;
- Long Term Facilities Maintenance – revenue and expenditures associated with the deferred maintenance and health and safety programs; and
- Capital Projects Levy – revenue and expenditures associated with the voter approved technology levy.

While the Executive Summary will focus on the General Fund’s fiscal condition, the district also approves a budget in the following funds:

- School Nutrition Fund (operating fund) – Revenue and expenditure activity related to the school lunch, milk, concessions, vending and breakfast programs
- Community Service Fund (operating fund) – Revenue and expenditure activity related to Community Education, Early Childhood and Family Education, School Readiness, Preschool Screening, and Non-Public pupil support
- Debt Service Fund (non-operating fund) – Revenue and expenditure activity related to the district’s outstanding bonded indebtedness, whether for building construction or operating capital, and whether for initial or refunding bonds
- Internal Service Fund – Revenue and expenditure activity related to the district’s self-funded dental and health insurance plans and Other Post Employment Benefits (OBEP) funds; the revenue and expenditures in these areas are dependent upon the choices made by staff who participate in these benefits. We began to establish a budget for these funds in FY2025.

The following non-operating funds are not budgeted and are not included in this executive summary.

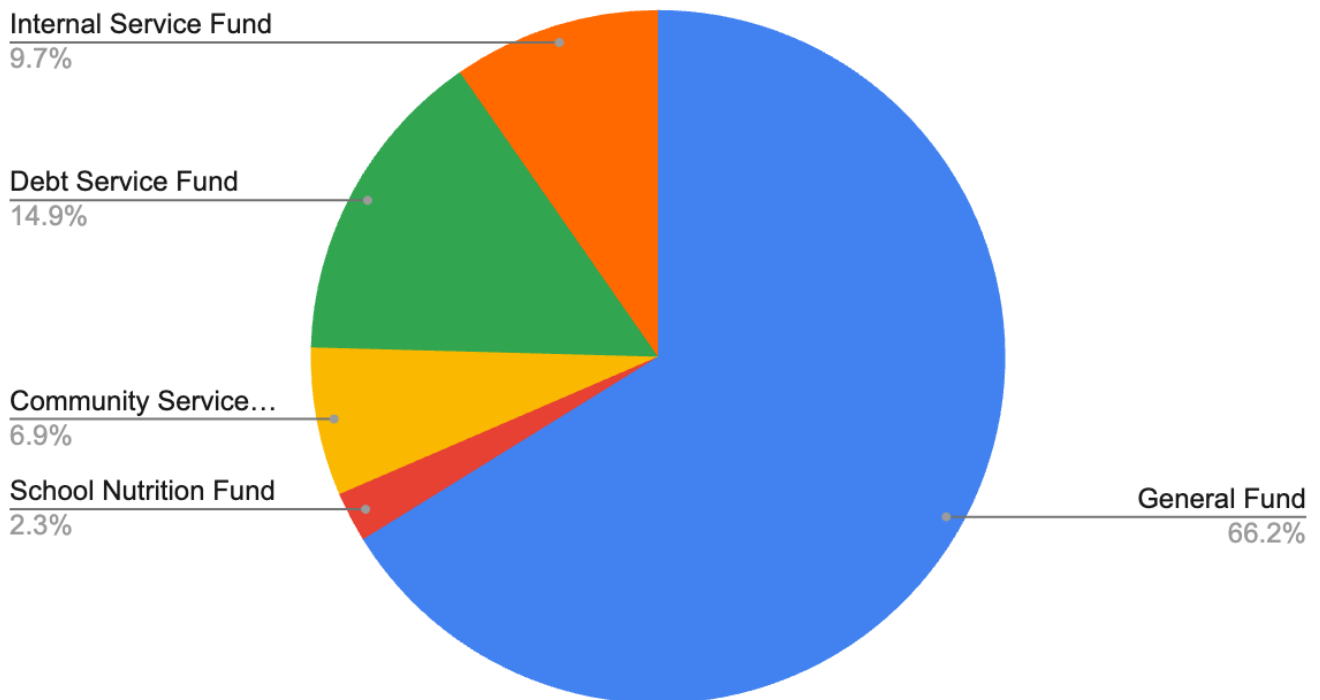
- Building Construction Fund – The Building Fund is used to record all operations of a district’s building construction program that are funded by the sale of bonds or capital loans; because building construction is ongoing throughout the duration of construction projects, the budget is established for the project and not by fiscal year
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- Trust & Agency Fund – Revenue and expenditure activity related to funds that the district holds in trust for others; these funds are budgeted by the school district, but are available for the purposes of other organizations; the district currently holds a custodial account for the Voss Family Foundation

FY2026 Budget All Funds Financial Summary

All Funds Revenue

Revenue	Budget				Actual	
	FY2026	FY2025 June Update	Change		FY2024	FY2023
General Fund	\$85,371,000	\$83,022,700	\$2,348,300	2.83%	\$79,441,801	\$73,791,189
School Nutrition Fund	\$3,027,000	\$3,027,000	\$0	0.00%	\$2,789,943	\$2,366,208
Community Service Fund	\$8,929,000	\$8,243,800	\$685,200	8.31%	\$8,643,705	\$8,055,784
Debt Service Fund	\$19,225,000	\$19,171,000	\$54,000	0.28%	\$19,235,042	\$12,804,098
Internal Service Fund	\$12,479,000	\$11,797,310	\$681,690	5.78%	\$19,235,042	\$12,804,098

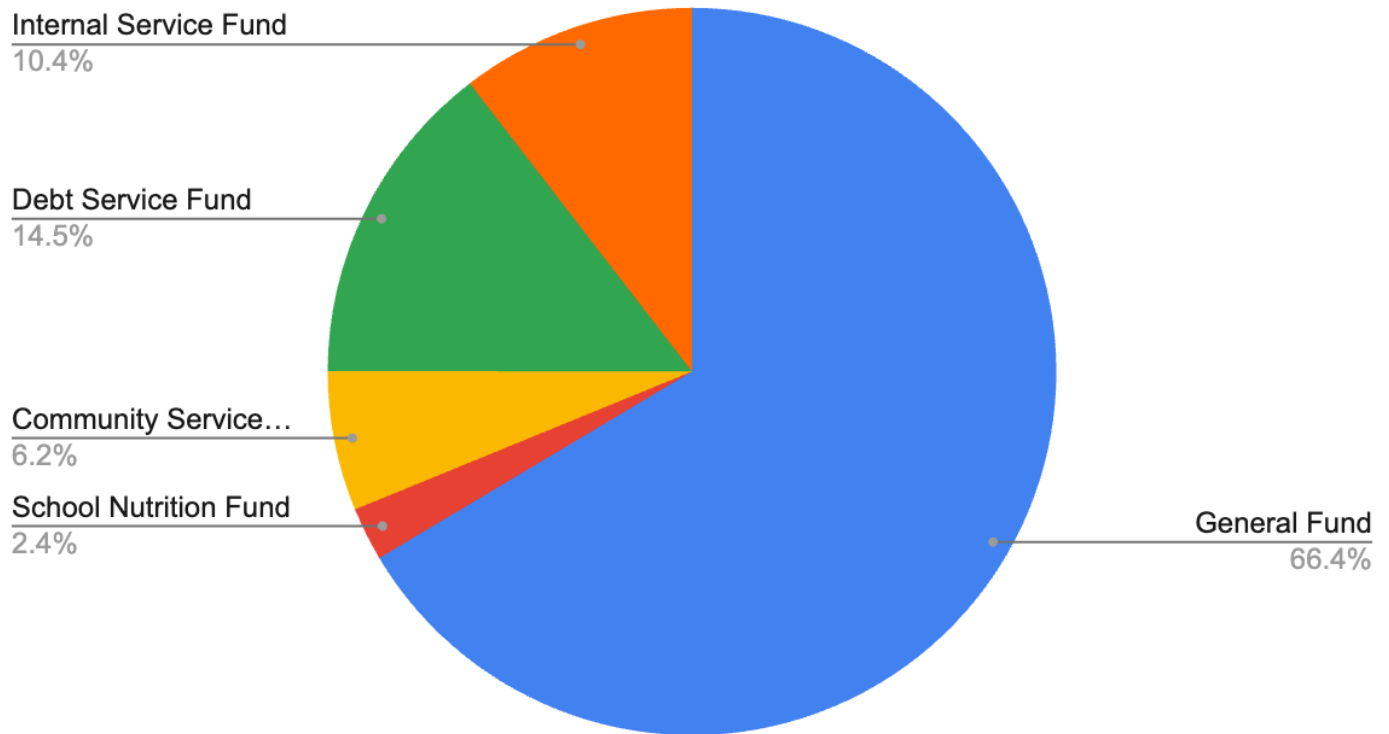
FY2026 All Funds Revenue Budget



All Funds Expenditures

Expenditures	Budget				Actual	
	FY2026	FY2025 June Update	Change		FY2024	FY2023
General Fund	\$86,182,000	\$84,307,300	\$1,874,300	2.23%	\$79,832,497	\$76,852,975
School Nutrition Fund	\$3,090,000	\$2,963,000	\$127,000	4.29%	\$2,866,173	\$2,305,475
Community Service Fund	\$8,064,000	\$8,183,910	-\$119,910	0.78%	\$7,972,732	\$7,568,413
Debt Service Fund	\$18,855,000	\$18,783,000	\$72,000	0.38%	\$18,469,109	\$12,367,534
Internal Service Fund	\$13,549,000	\$12,776,000	\$773,000	6.05%	\$9,573,053	\$8,821,406

FY2026 All Funds Expenditure Budget

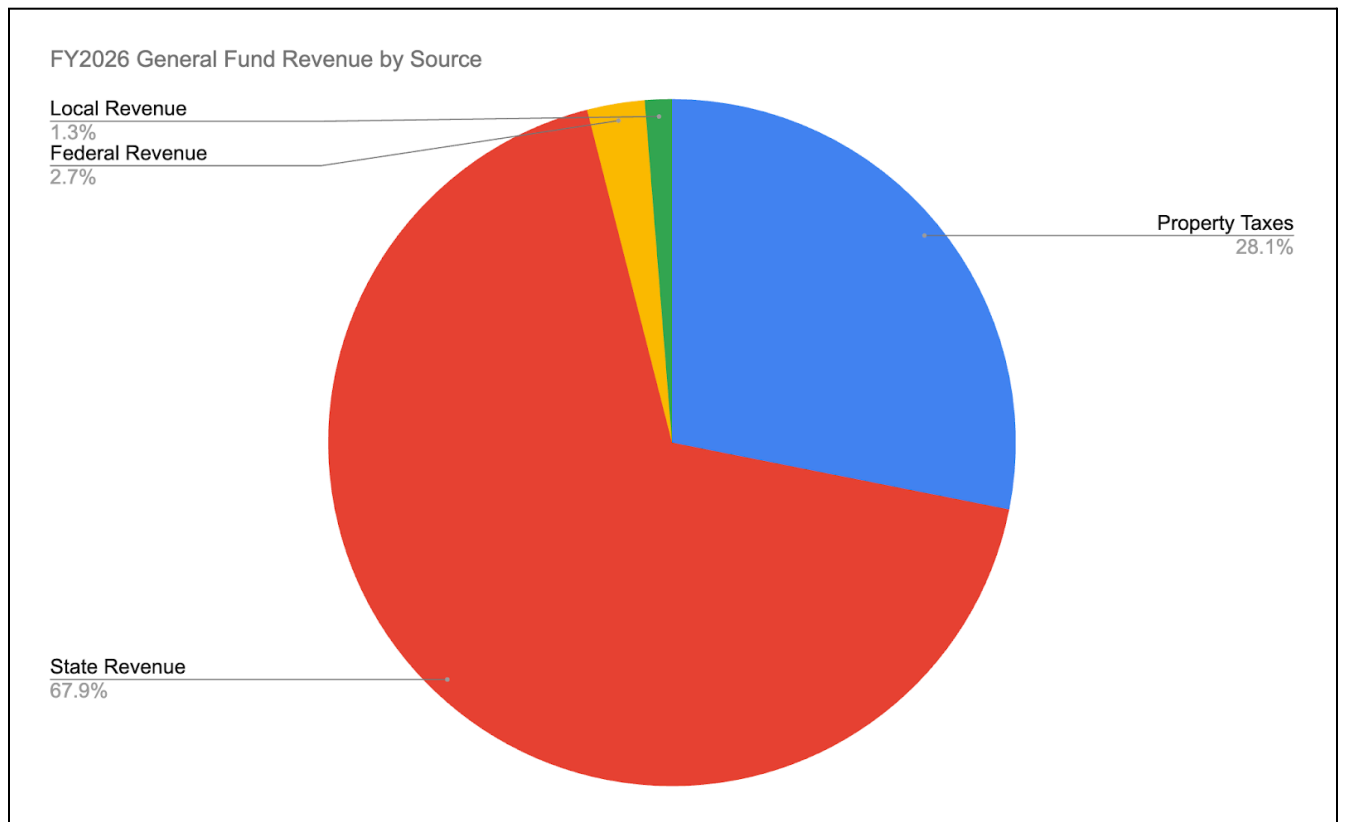


FY2026 Revenue Budget Financial Summary

GENERAL FUND

General Fund revenue is projected to increase by \$2,348,300 or 2.84% from the FY2025 June updated budget. The breakdown of the revenue within the general fund by source is as follows:

Revenue Source	Budget				Actual	
	FY2026	FY2025 June Update	Change		FY2024	FY2023
Property Taxes	24,006,000	23,527,000	479,000	2.04%	23,031,079	21,615,813
State Revenue	57,970,000	56,078,200	1,891,800	3.39%	51,962,595	47,149,378
Federal Revenue	2,314,000	2,265,700	48,300	2.13%	2,379,237	3,223,300
Local Revenue	1,081,000	1,151,800	-70,800	-6.15%	2,068,890	1,802,698
Total Revenue	85,371,000	83,022,700	2,348,300	2.83%	79,441,801	73,791,189



1. **State Revenue** serves as the district's primary funding source, comprising 67.9% of the General Fund revenue. State Aid is budgeted to increase by \$1,891,800 or 3.39% from the FY2025 mid-year budget.

The majority of the State Aid category is Basic General Education Aid. This category includes a 2.74% increase in the basic funding formula, the state calculated inflationary increase for

FY2026. This aid increase is offset by a projected enrollment decline of 29 students. The components of Basic General Education Aid are (1) the per pupil funding formula multiplied by (2) Adjusted Pupil Units, as described below.

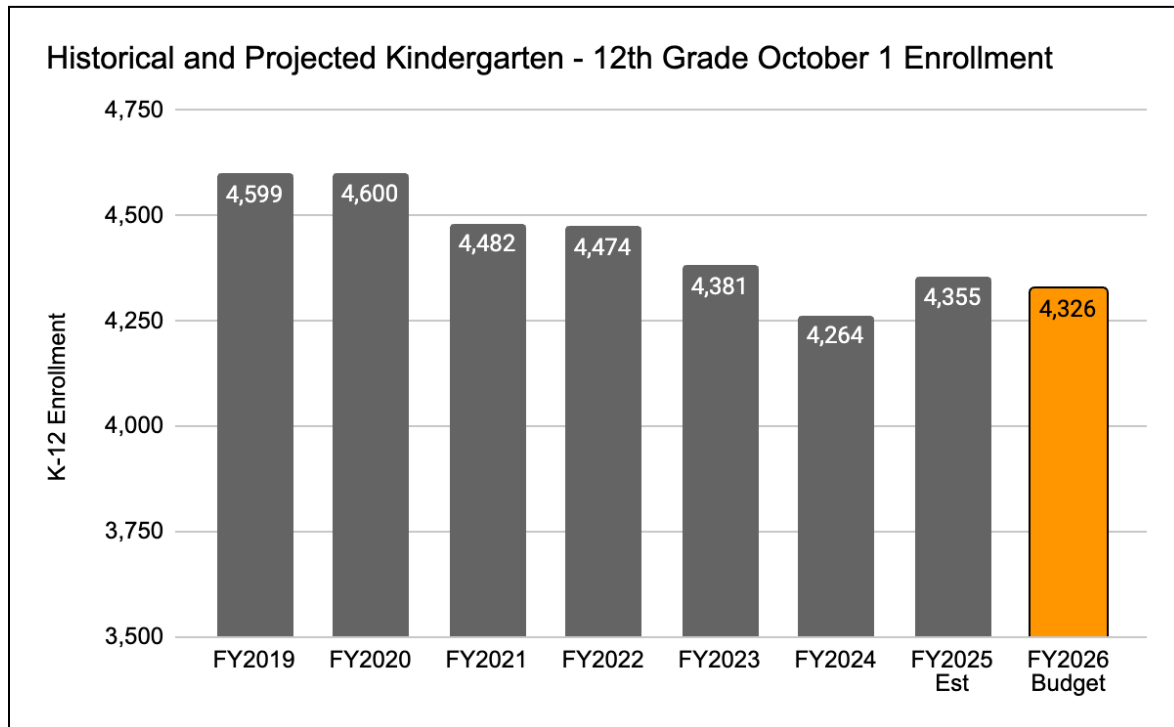
- (1) Basic General Education Funding Formula - The per pupil funding formula used in the is \$7,465 for FY2026. The table below outlines historical per-pupil-unit funding.

Year	Amount	Explanation
2013-14	\$5,302	1.5% increase
2014-15	\$5,831	1.5% increase + \$25
2015-16	\$5,948	2.0% increase
2016-17	\$6,067	2.0% increase
2017-18	\$6,188	2.0% increase
2018-19	\$6,312	2.0% increase
2019-20	\$6,438	2.0% increase
2020-21	\$6,567	2.0% increase
2021-22	\$6,728	2.45% increase
2022-23	\$6,863	2.0% increase
2023-24	\$7,138	4% increase
2024-25	\$7,281	2% increase
2025-26	\$7,481	2.74% increase (1st year of MDE calculated Inflationary increase)

- (2) Adjusted Pupil Units - The district anticipates enrollment for FY2026 to be 4,326 for K-12th grade students in attendance in local district facilities. Note: this differs from enrollment reported to the state for other purposes which will include students in attendance at facilities outside the district, such as Intermediate District 287, for which the district receives and passes along aid in the form of a tuition payment.

Final adjusted pupil units are calculated by the Minnesota Department of Education approximately 6 months after the end of a fiscal year (January 2026 for the FY 2025) through a complex set of data and reporting which includes the following:

- **Adjusted Pupil Units** calculate actual “membership time” in St. Louis Park Public Schools multiplied by a statutory weighting factor per grade level (grades K-6 – 1.0, grades 7-12 = 1.2), rather than simple enrollment counts at a given point in time.



- Adjusted Pupil Units also includes the net impact of **“enrollment options”** agreements with other Minnesota public school districts. This accounts for students enrolling into or out of St. Louis Park Public Schools to or from other Minnesota public school districts.
- Adjusted Pupil Units also includes students who leave the district through **tuition agreements** with another district and excludes students who enter the district through these tuition agreements. The state aid is passed along to the enrolling district through tuition payments.
- St. Louis Park Public Schools has approximately 200 resident students who attend **public charter schools**. Unlike the tuition options noted above, public charter schools receive state aid directly, so are not reported by St. Louis Park Public Schools. There are also approximately 1,000 resident students who attend **private or religious schools** (10 in St. Louis Park district boundaries), which are not reported by St. Louis Park Public Schools. Neither of these sets of students is included in the Adjusted Pupil Unit calculations for the district.

The remainder of the State Aid is made up of state Special Education Aid and other categorical programs such as achievement & integration, desegregation transportation, non-public pupil transportation, secondary vocational aid, and alternative teacher compensation (Q-comp).

Special education aid accounts for the vast majority of the revenues outside of the basic funding formula. Totaling \$15.5 million, special education makes up 26.8% state aid in the General Fund. Special Education aid is budgeted to increase by \$1.5 million next year. This is due to an increase in the funding formula made during the 2023 legislative session which reflects increasing costs for special education, particularly in the area of transportation.

Beginning in FY2025 we have begun budgeting for the revenue associated with the GASB 68 pension adjustment in state revenue source code 397.

2. Property Tax Revenue

Property tax revenue is determined by specific funding formulas and limits established in state law or by voter approval. Property tax revenue in the General Fund is budgeted to be fairly stable between FY2025 and FY2026, increasing by \$479,000.

- In the unrestricted General Fund, there is a slight increase in the voter-approved referendum due to the inflationary factor included in the operating referendum formula.
- Revenue for the capital projects (restricted for technology) levy is also increasing due to the formula for this voter-approved levy of 4.287% of net tax capacity. This levy was last authorized for 10 years in August of 2022 through voter approval.
- Property tax revenue also includes levies for other formula-driven categories such as alternative teacher compensation (Q-comp) and safe schools and other MDE approved categories such as achievement and integration, unemployment, judgment and career and tech), and for capital related levies such as Long Term Facility Maintenance (LTFM), leases and the equalized portion of operating capital.
- See exhibit in the Informational Section for the line item details for taxes payable in 2026.

3. Federal Sources

Federal revenue represents just under 3% of the general fund revenue. Federal sources include:

- Special Education IDEA funds make up 60% of the budget for federal revenue or \$1,398,000 in FY2026.
- Title I, II, III and IV funding in FY2026 totals \$835,000, or 36% of the budget for federal revenue.
- The remainder of federal revenue totalling \$81,000 includes smaller federal grants such as Indian Education and Carl Perkins.

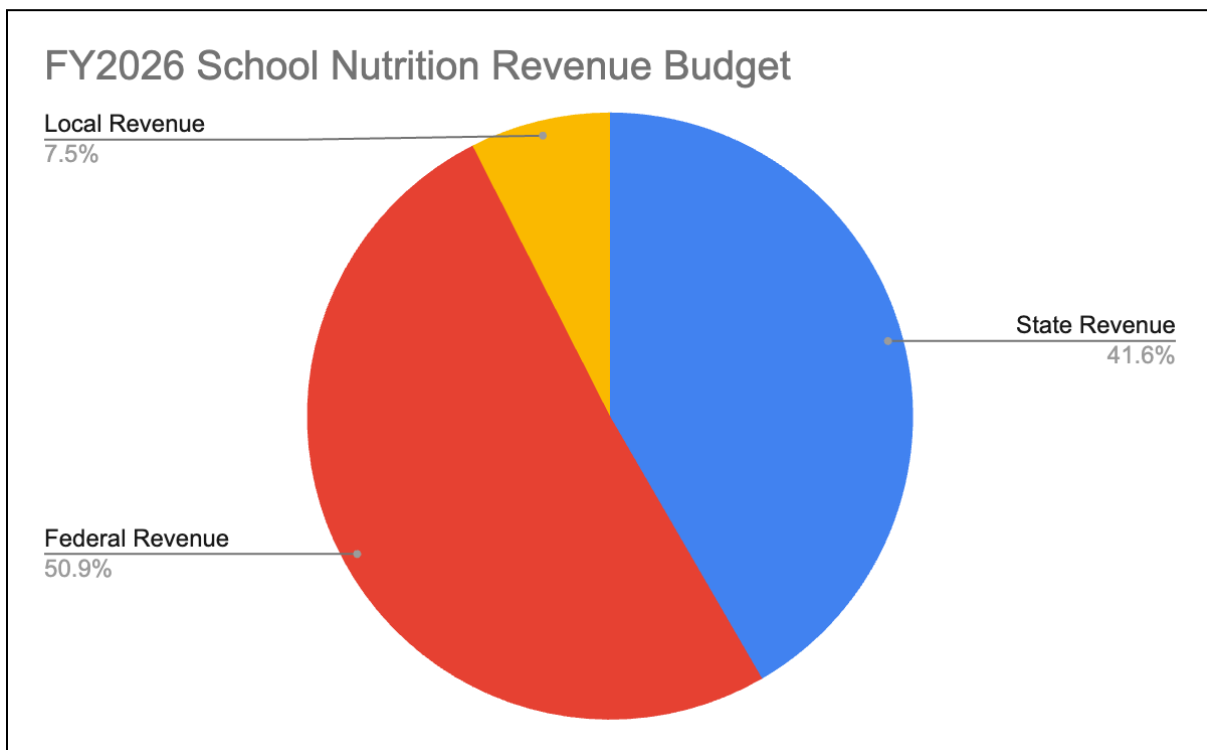
4. Other (Tuition, Fees, Admissions, Interest, Donations)

Revenue in this category represents 1.3% of General Fund revenue or \$1,081,000. Items included in this category are student parking fees, student activity fees (see informational section), athletic and other event admissions, and interest earnings. At \$500,000, interest earnings make up the bulk of this category.

SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND

Revenue in the School Nutrition Fund is budgeted to remain flat in FY2026 at \$3,027,000. Changes to revenue patterns that have resulted from the state's universal free meals program are reflected in the FY2025 mid-year budget. Until we have more year over year about the impact of this program (which began in FY2024) and the closed campus at the high school (which began in FY2025), and new federal reimbursement rates, we will budget for flat revenue in school nutrition.

Revenue Source	Budget				Actual	
	FY2026	FY2025 Mid Year Budget	Change		FY2024	FY2023
Property Taxes						
State Revenue	1,260,000	1,260,000	0	0.00%	1,193,378	97,248
Federal Revenue	1,540,000	1,540,000	0	0.00%	1,434,428	1,452,570
Local Revenue	227,000	227,000	0	0.00%	162,138	816,390
Total Revenue	3,027,000	3,027,000	0	0.00%	2,789,943	2,366,208



The following assumptions are included in the FY2026 School Nutrition revenue budget:

1. **Local Revenue** is budgeted to remain at \$227,000 in FY2026, only 7% of the total revenue budget. This reflects reduced sales due to state funding for universal free meals. Prices included in the budget for meal sales are as follows (due to free meals, this would only be attributed to second meals or adult meals).

		Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary/Secondary Student	1st meal	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2nd full meal	\$3.50	\$5.00
	extra entree	\$2.00	\$3.00
Adult meal		\$3.50	\$5.00
Milk		\$ 0.60	\$0.60

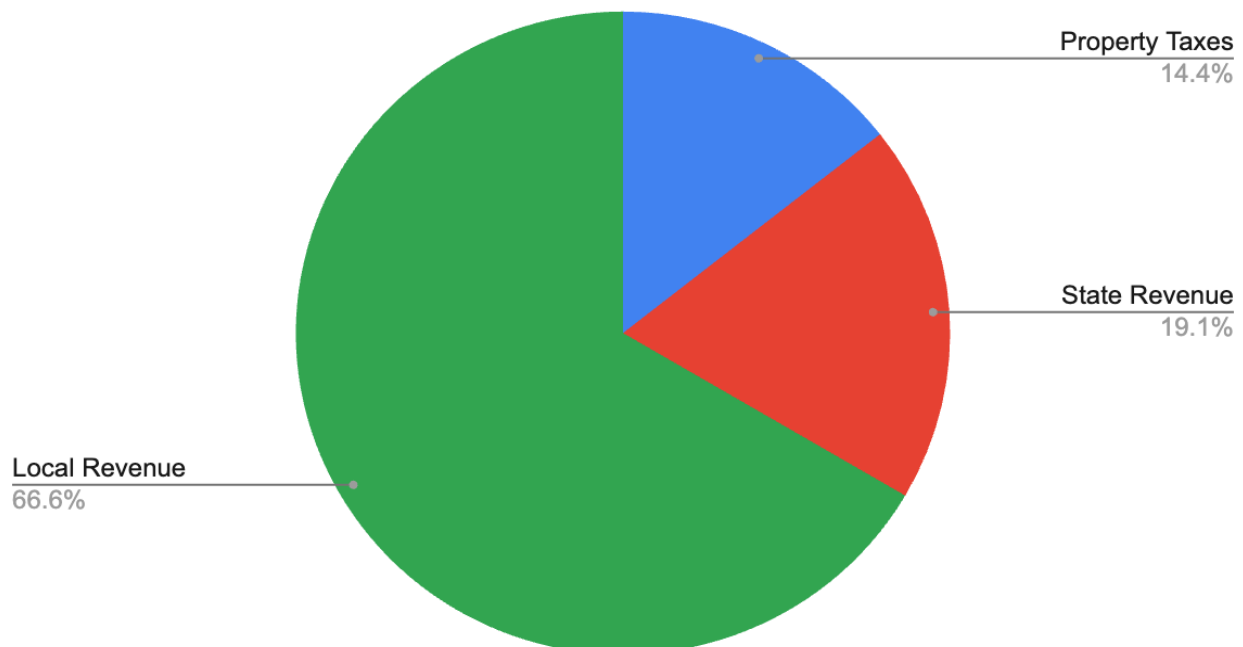
2. **State Revenue** for school nutrition is budgeted to remain at \$1,260, 000, which represents 42% of the total revenue budget.
3. **Federal Revenue** sources are budgeted to remain at \$1,540,000, 51% of the total revenue budget, in FY2026.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

The Community Service Fund includes community education, nonpublic pupil aid, and early childhood family education (ECFE). Total revenue for this fund is budgeted to increase by \$685,200 or 8.31% from the FY2025 June Update budget. The Community Education Advisory Council reviews and approves this budget, with the exception of Nonpublic Pupil Aid, which is monitored by the Business Office in conjunction with Student Support Services.

Revenue Source	Budget				Actual	
	FY2026	FY2025 June Update	Change		FY2024	FY2023
Property Taxes	1,284,600	1,328,000	-43,400	-3.27%	1,312,871	1,208,755
State Revenue	1,701,100	1,633,310	67,500	-4.13%	1,441,987	1,340,024
Federal Revenue					2,157	187,744
Local Revenue	5,943,300	5,282,200	661,100	12.52%	5,886,690	5,319,261
Total Revenue	8,929,000	8,243,800	685,200	8.31%	8,643,705	8,055,784

FY2026 Community Service Revenue Budget



DEBT SERVICE FUND

The revenue budget of \$19,225,000 represents property tax revenue levied to make debt service payments during FY2026.

Minnesota Statutes, section 475.61, subdivision 1 requires school districts to levy debt service at 105%. This statute mandates that school districts, when issuing general obligation bonds, must levy a direct general ad valorem tax that, if collected in full, will generate at least five percent in excess of the amount needed for the principal and interest payments on the obligations. The purpose of the 105% levy requirement:

- To ensure funds are available to meet payments despite delinquencies and abatements: This cushion helps guarantee that the district can make its bond payments on time, even if some property taxes are not collected as expected.
- For cash flow needs: The extra amount can help manage cash flow related to debt service payments.
- To cover potential tax delinquencies: It accounts for the possibility that some property taxes might not be paid, ensuring the district has enough funds to cover the debt.

If the Debt Service Fund has an excess balance after all debt obligations are met, the district can reduce the following year's tax levy by a corresponding amount. This reduction is achieved by certifying the excess amount to the county auditor, who then adjusts the tax rolls. The process ensures that taxpayers are not unnecessarily burdened with over-levying for debt service. This mechanism prevents districts from collecting more property taxes than necessary for debt service, ensuring efficient use of taxpayer money.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

The revenue budget of \$12,479,000 represents the anticipated collection of premiums (both employer and employee) for the self funded medical and dental program.

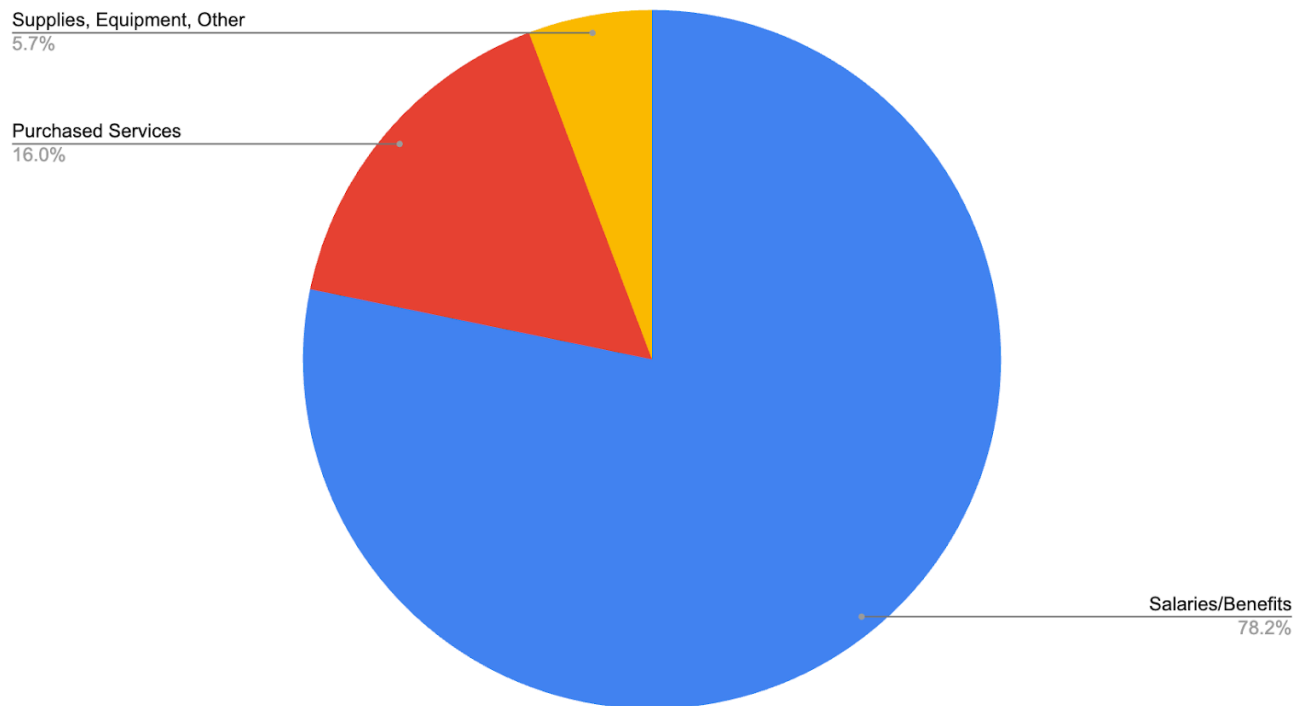
FY2026 Expenditure Budget Financial Summary

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund expenditure budget is increasing by \$1,874,700 from FY2025 to FY2026.

Expenditure Object	Budget				Actual	
	FY2026	FY2025 June Update	Change		FY2024	FY2023
Salaries/Benefits	67,414,000	65,284,700	2,129,300	3.26%	59,652,771	58,079,773
Purchased Services	13,821,000	14,131,500	-310,500	-2.20%	15,543,116	13,126,469
Supplies, Equipment, Other	4,947,000	4,691,100	55,900	1.14%	4,636,610	5,646,734
Total Expenditures	86,182,000	84,307,300	1,874,700	2.23%	79,832,497	76,852,975

FY2026 General Fund Expenditures by Object



The **salaries & wages and employee benefits** budget of \$67,414,000 includes all General Fund employee groups and represents 78.2% of the total budget.

This budget includes:

1. Wage/benefit costs for existing employment agreements.
2. An allowance for wage/benefit changes that may result from bargaining agreements that are being negotiated for the FY2026 budget. This budget capacity was calculated based upon the average increase from previous rounds of bargaining.

3. The cost of statutory benefits (Teachers Retirement Association (TRA), Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), Federal Insurance Contributions Act/Medicare and Social Security (FICA). The employer portion of FICA is 7.65%, TRA is 9.81% and PERA is 7.5%. TRA rates were increased from 9.5% to 9.81% in the 2025 legislative session. The 0.31% increase in the employer rate is specifically allocated to fund a benefit improvement for eligible TRA members who are 60 years or older with 30 years of service and opt for early retirement. This increase is offset with an increase in the pension adjustment in the General Education Aid formula.
4. Any other employee benefits provided within each bargaining unit's contract:
 - Health/Dental insurance - district contribution to employee premiums
 - Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association (VEBA) - district contribution to medical costs (such as deductibles) during and after employment
 - 403(b) pre tax retirement plan match
 - Workers Compensation coverage
 - Health Care Savings Plan contributions to reimburse post-employment medical or dental expenses or premiums
 - Unemployment benefits
 - Summer unemployment benefits - effective January of 2024, MN Statute 268.085 requires summer break unemployment benefits for non-instructional school employees (i.e. school nutrition, paraprofessionals). Cost of this program has been funded through state aid and the 2025 legislative session funded this provision for FY2026.
 - Uniform allowances
 - Earned sick and safe time - enacted in 2024, MN Statute 181.9446 requires paid leave for certain wellness, injury, or sfe time reasons; there is not an additional overt cost for this program, however it shows up in the form of substitute or other overtime costs to make up for additional time off
 - Paid family leave - effective January 1, 2026 (passed into law during the 2023 legislative session) this program required under MN Statute 268B will provide paid family leave for certain medical and family leave use. The program will be funded by a combination of employer and employee contributions, with the premium rate capped at 0.7% of taxable wages. Employers will be responsible for at least 50% of the total premium, but can choose to pay up to 100%, and can deduct the remainder from employee pay. The FY2026 budget includes a contribution by the district of 50%.
5. Any changes to staffing levels to accommodate budget reductions.

As of the budget preparation date, the status of employee contracts is as follows.

(*Note: School Nutrition personnel are a part of the Food Service Fund and Child Care Educators are a part of the Community Service Fund.)

Bargaining Unit	Contract Expires	Status
Teachers (PAT)	June 30, 2025	Open
Student Support Staff (EM Spark)	June 30, 2025	Open
Clerical Secretarial (CAPS)	June 30, 2025	Open
Principals and AP's (Principal's Assn)	June 30, 2025	Open
Custodial Maintenance Personnel (SEIU)	June 30, 2025	Open
* School Nutrition Personnel (SEIU)	June 30, 2025	Open
* Child Care Educators (non-lic. & PK)	June 30, 2025	Open
Operations Supervisors	June 30, 2026	Settled
Professional Employee Group	June 30, 2026	Settled
Supervisor/Manager Group	June 30, 2026	Settled
Technical Employee Group	June 30, 2026	Settled
Individual Contract Employees	June 30, 2026	Settled
Directors Group (individual contracts)	June 30, 2026	Settled
Superintendent	June 30, 2026	Settled

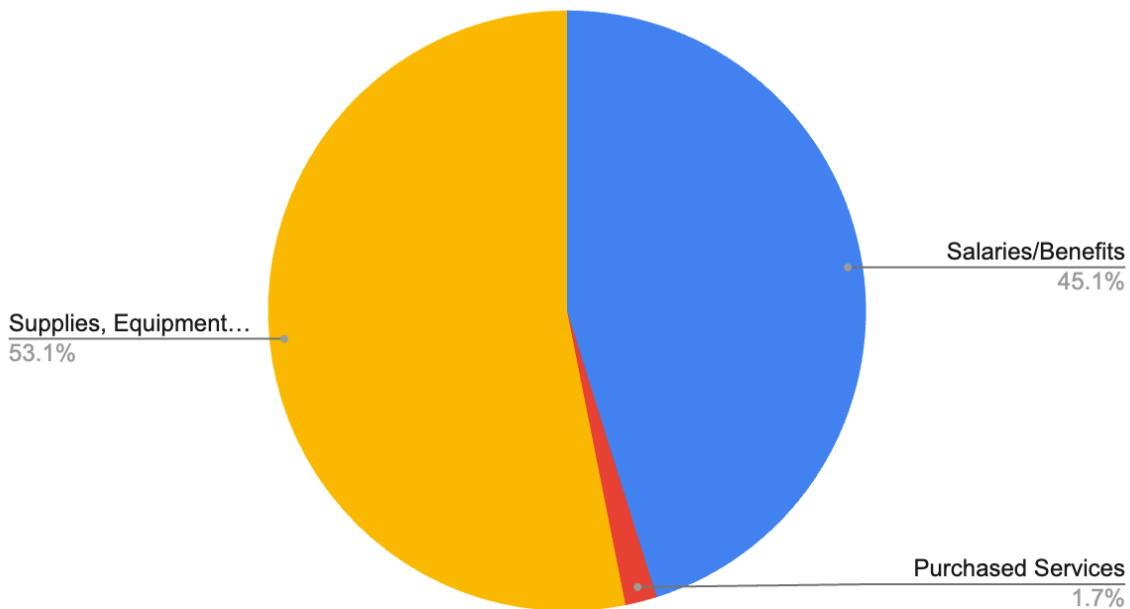
6. The **purchased services** budget of \$13,821,000 represents a decline of \$310,500 or 2.20% from the FY2025 July Update budget. This budget category includes tuition payments to other districts, contracted services (i.e. pupil transportation services and substitute teachers) utilities, property insurance, professional service fees, and travel & conferences. The costs for pupil transportation services reflect rate increases with both Park Adam and other transportation service providers, in keeping with current contracted rates resulting from inflationary pricing structures in the transportation market. Costs for pupil transportation are driven by increasing costs and a sharp increase in the number of homeless, foster care and special education students transported. The FY2026 budget anticipates continued cost containment measures in transportation. The reduction in this category is driven by anticipated reductions in substitute teacher costs in FY2026.
7. The **supplies, equipment and other** budgets of \$4,947,000 is up \$55,900 from the FY2025 June budget update. This budget includes both instructional and non-instructional supplies, fuel, and equipment. Anticipated costs in this category are largely unchanged and are concentrated in restricted categories such as technology, operating capital and long-term facilities maintenance. Beginning in FY2025 we have begun budgeting for the expenditures associated with the GASB 68 pension adjustment in object code 891.

SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND

The expenditure budget of \$3,090,000 represents an increase of \$127,000 or 4.29%.

Expenditure Object	Budget				Actual	
	FY2026	FY2025 Mid Year Budget	Change		FY2024	FY2023
Salaries/Benefits	1,395,000	1,317,000	78,000	5.92%	59,652,771	58,079,773
Purchased Services	53,000	52,000	1,000	1.92%	15,543,116	13,126,469
Supplies, Equipment, Other	1,642,000	1,594,000	48,000	3.01%	4,636,610	5,646,734
Total Expenditures	3,090,000	2,963,000	127,000	4.29%	79,832,497	76,852,976

FY2026 School Nutrition Expenditure Budget



This budget includes the following assumptions:

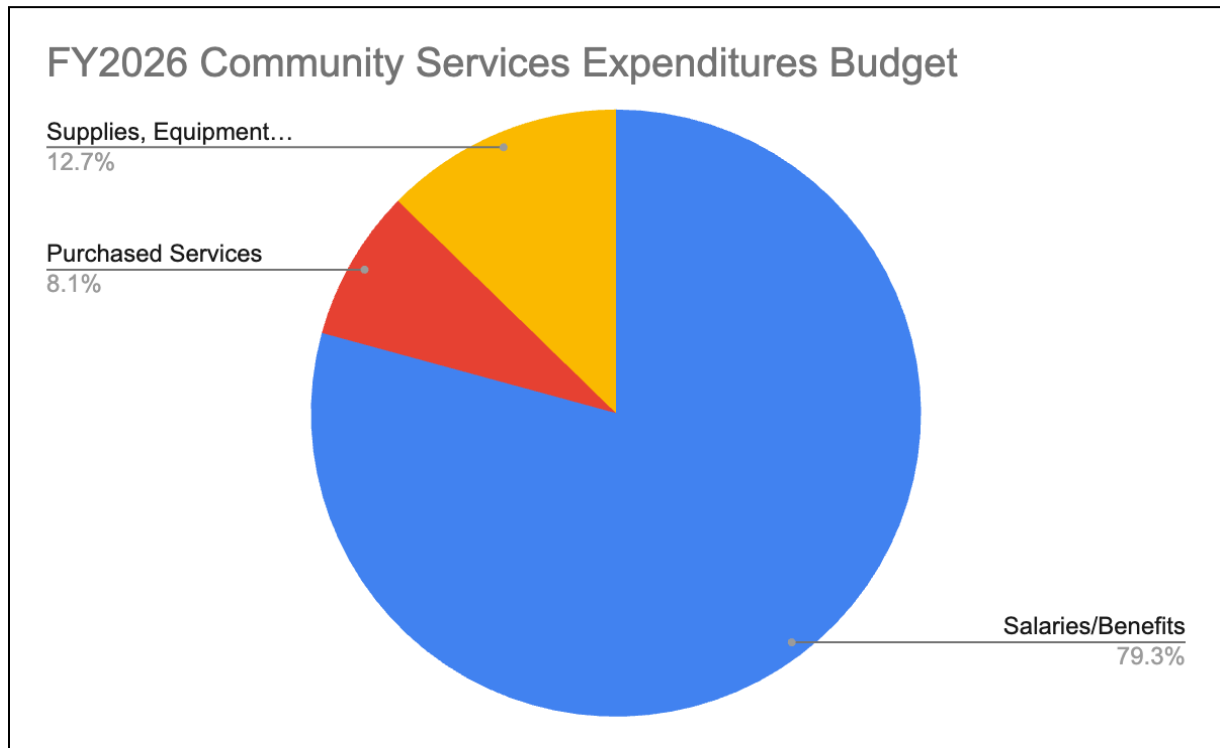
1. **Salaries & wages and employee benefits** budget of \$1,395,000, up from FY2025 by \$78,000, includes salary and benefits for School Nutrition employees and custodial support. This budget represents 45.1% of the total School Nutrition budget and includes:
 - Wage/benefit costs for existing employment agreements including allowances for longevity, education, health & dental benefits and pay rates.
 - The cost of statutory benefits (PERA, FICA)
2. The **purchased services** budget of \$53,000, an increase of \$1,000 or 1.92%, includes payments for equipment repairs and maintenance, credit card fees, and conferences.
3. The **supplies, equipment and other** budget of \$1,642,000 represents a 3.01% increase over FY2025. This category includes costs for food supplies, kitchen supplies, and cafeteria

supplies. This budget reflects a continued investment in fresh, locally grown meats, fruits and vegetables.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

The expenditures budget of \$8,064,000 reflects an decrease of \$119,910 or -1.47% from FY2025. The Community Education Advisory Council reviews and approves this budget.

Expenditure Object	Budget				Actual	
	FY2026	FY2025 June Update	Change		FY2024	FY2023
Salaries/Benefits	6,391,000	6,542,200	-151,200	-2.31%	6,449,816	5,809,872
Purchased Services	650,300	1,266,776	-616,476	-48.66%	1,150,566	1,190,792
Supplies, Equipment, Other	1,022,700	374,934	647,766	172.77%	372,350	567,750
Total Expenditures	8,064,000	8,183,910	-119,910	-1.47%	7,972,732	7,568,413



DEBT SERVICE FUND

The expenditure budget of \$18,855,000 represents principal and interest payments on bonded debt. See the informational section for detailed debt service schedules. The budget includes principal payments of \$8,945,000, interest payments of \$9,885,000 and other debt service expenses of \$25,000.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

The expenditure budget of \$13,549,000 represents the anticipated payment of premiums and administrative costs for the self funded medical and dental program.

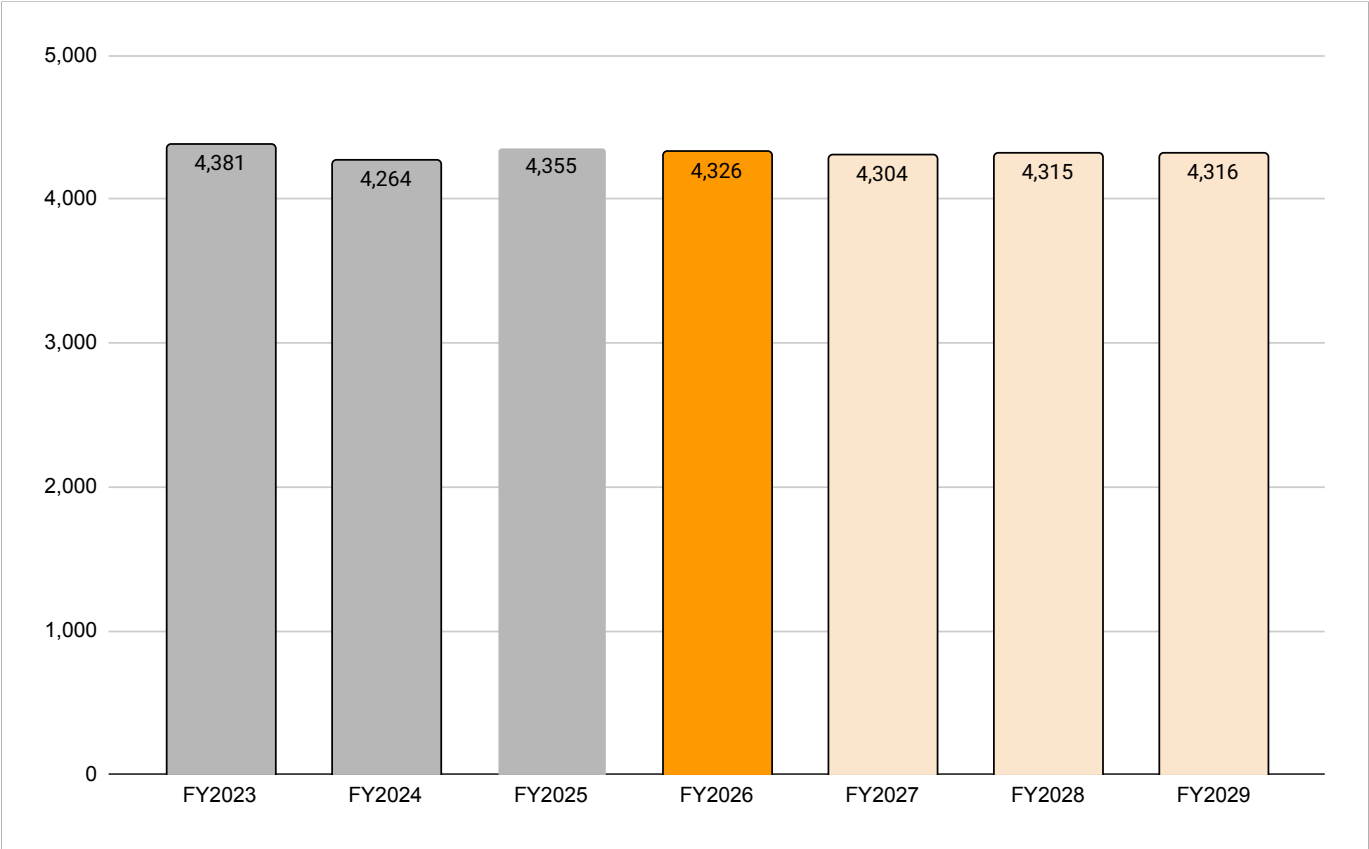


St. Louis Park Public Schools

FY2026 Budget Informational Section

FY2026 Budget Planning Timeline for Operating Fund Budgets			
Operating Funds: General, School Nutrition, Community Service			
	Date	Who	Outcome
	Grey shading denotes FAC Meeting		Orange shading denotes School Board (Bold = school board budget-related action)
D a t a G a t h e r i n g	August 22, 2024	Budget Managers	Review YTD Expenditures
	September 10 ,2024	School Board Regular Meeting	Review Preliminary Levy Process
	September 11, 2024	Budget Managers	Review YTD Expenditures
	September 24 ,2024	School Board Regular Meeting	Approve preliminary Pay 2025 levy
	September 25, 2024	Finance Advisory Committee	1. Overview of plan/expectations 2. Understand Budget Timeline
	October 9, 2024	Budget Managers	Review YTD Expenditures
	October 23, 2024	Finance Advisory Committee	Begin budget analysis
	November 13, 2024	Budget Managers	Review YTD Expenditures
	November 27, 2024	Finance Advisory Committee	Enrollment focus
	December 10, 2024	School Board Regular Meeting	1. Tax Hearing 2. Approve final Pay 2026 levy
	December 11, 2024	Budget Managers	Review YTD Expenditures
	December 18, 2024	Finance Advisory Committee	1. FY2026 enrollment projections 2. FY2026 Fund Balance assumptions 3. FY2026 other assumptions
P r e p a r a t i o n	January 22, 2025	Budget Managers	Review YTD Expenditures
	January 22, 2025	Finance Advisory Committee	1. Draft final budget assumptions 2. Begin draft of Spring 2025 FAC Report
	January 28 ,2025	School Board Regular Meeting	Accept FY2024 Audit Results
	February 19, 2025	Finance Advisory Committee	1. Finalize budget assumptions 2. Spring 2025 FAC Report
	February 25, 2025	School Board Regular Meeting	FAC Presentation
	March 6, 2025	Budget Managers	Review YTD Expenditures
A p p r o v a l	March 11, 2025	School Board Study Session	1. Discuss FY2026 Budget Assumptions 2. Discuss FY2025 Mid Year Budget Update
	March 25 ,2025	School Board Regular Meeting	1. Approve FY2025 Mid Year Budget Update 2. Approve FY2026 budget assumpitons
	March 26, 2025	Finance Advisory Committee	Continue Expenditure analysis and plan for next year
	April 8, 2025	School Board Study Session	Discuss FY2025 Mid Year Budget Update for School Nutrition & Community Service Funds
	April 9, 2025	Budget Managers	Review YTD Expenditures
	April 22 ,2025	School Board Regular Meeting	Approve FY2025 Mid Year Budget Update for School Nutrition & Community Service Funds
	May 14, 2025	Budget Managers	Review YTD Expenditures
	May 19, 2025	MN Legislative session ends	Special session
	June 10, 2025	School Board Study Session	Preview final FY2026 Budgets for all funds; prepare to take action at June 24 regular meeting
	June 24, 2025	School Board Regular Meeting	Approve final FY2026 budget for all funds
	July 2025	Business Services	Prepare for FY2025 Audit

Enrollment Projections							
FALL ENROLLMENT PRIOR YEAR DATA							
Year	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Kindergarten	298	323	334	302	303	310	299
Grade 1	345	282	331	331	300	300	307
Grade 2	294	345	300	339	339	307	308
Grade 3	364	283	339	294	332	332	300
Grade 4	316	339	300	341	296	334	333
Grade 5	303	317	351	304	345	299	338
Kind - Grade 5	1,920	1,889	1,955	1,911	1,915	1,882	1,885
Grade 6	320	310	321	357	310	352	305
Grade 7	322	315	329	328	365	316	359
Grade 8	316	313	324	328	327	364	315
Grade 6-8	958	938	974	1,013	1,002	1,032	979
Grade 9	361	326	339	346	350	349	388
Grade 10	393	354	338	342	349	353	352
Grade 11	364	375	363	334	338	345	350
Grade 12	385	382	386	380	350	354	362
Grade 9-12	1,503	1,437	1,426	1,402	1,387	1,401	1,452
Kind - Gr 12	4,381	4,264	4,355	4,326	4,304	4,315	4,316
Year over Year Ch	-93	-117	91	-29	-22	11	1
	-2.08%	-2.67%	2.13%	-6.85%	-0.51%	0.26%	0.02%



ST. LOUIS PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS - DISTRICT 283

A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE FINAL LEVY BY FUND

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ST. LOUIS PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS - DISTRICT 283 A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE FINAL LEVY BY FUND						
				Dollar Change Payable 2025 to 2024	Percent Change Payable 2025 to 2024	
		Final Payable 2025	Final Payable 2024			
Community education levy	*	\$ 358,001.37	\$ 368,444.49	\$ (10,443)	-2.83%	
Early childhood levy	*	\$ 217,001.15	\$ 196,770.98	\$ 20,230	10.28%	
Prior Year Levy Adjustment		\$ (357.94)	\$ (10,553.61)	\$ 10,196	-96.61%	
Home visitation levy	*	\$ 9,978.00	\$ 9,978.00	\$ -	0.00%	
Prior Year Levy Adjustment		\$ (6.00)	\$ 180.83	\$ (187)	-103.32%	
School age care	*	\$ 525,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 75,000	16.67%	
Prior Year Levy Adjustment		\$ 91,464.31	\$ 2,041.29	\$ 89,423	4380.71%	
Adults with disabilities		\$ 5,753.20	\$ 5,895.11	\$ (142)	-2.41%	
Abatements	*	\$ 9,222.93	\$ 13,478.29	\$ (4,255)	-31.57%	
Community Service Fund Total		\$ 1,216,057.02	\$ 1,036,235.38	\$ 179,822	17.35%	
		Final Payable 2025	Final Payable 2024	Dollar Change Payable 2025 to 2024	Percent Change Payable 2025 to 2024	
Scheduled Principal and Interest (105%)						
(Voter Approved)	! x	\$ 17,591,760.00	\$ 17,438,460.00	\$ 153,300	0.88%	
(LTFM/Capital Facilities)	!	\$ 2,179,066.00	\$ 2,252,828.00	\$ (73,762)	-3.27%	
Reduction for Debt Excess						
(Voter Approved)	x	\$ (619,644.06)	\$ (626,113.96)	\$ 6,470	101.03%	
(LTFM/Capital Facilities)		\$ (76,754.40)	\$ (80,885.89)	\$ 4,131	105.11%	
Prior Year Levy Adjustments/Abatements						
(Voter Approved)	x	\$ 150,830.68	\$ 186,902.23	\$ (36,072)	-19.30%	
Debt Service Fund Total		\$ 19,225,258.22	\$ 19,171,190.38	\$ 54,068	0.28%	
Levy Grand Total		\$ 44,012,599.23	\$ 43,813,929.72	\$ 198,670	0.45%	
	Notes:					
	!	Disrict must levy the maximum amount for this component				
	x	Voter-approved				
	*	Equalized formula; underlevy could result in the loss of state aid				

Independent School District No. 283 (St. Louis Park Public Schools), Minnesota
Schedule of Bonded Indebtedness
General Obligation Debt Secured by Taxes
(As of 03/01/2025)

	School Building Bonds Series 2018A		Facilities Maintenance Bonds Series 2019A		School Building Bonds Series 2022A							
Dated	02/15/2018		07/18/2019		11/03/2022							
Amount	\$92,950,000		\$22,795,000		\$136,000,000							
Maturity	02/01		02/01		02/01							
Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total Principal	Total Interest	Total P & I	Principal Outstanding	% Paid	Fiscal Year Ending
2026	4,795,000	3,174,931	1,365,000	710,300	2,785,000	5,999,125	8,945,000	9,884,356	18,829,356	223,545,000	3.85%	2026
2027	5,030,000	2,935,181	1,435,000	642,050	3,455,000	5,859,875	9,920,000	9,437,106	19,357,106	213,625,000	8.11%	2027
2028	5,285,000	2,683,681	1,505,000	570,300	3,700,000	5,687,125	10,490,000	8,941,106	19,431,106	203,135,000	12.63%	2028
2029	5,550,000	2,419,431	1,580,000	495,050	3,975,000	5,502,125	11,105,000	8,416,606	19,521,606	192,030,000	17.40%	2029
2030	5,825,000	2,141,931	1,660,000	416,050	4,160,000	5,303,375	11,645,000	7,861,356	19,506,356	180,385,000	22.41%	2030
2031	6,115,000	1,850,681	1,730,000	349,650	4,370,000	5,095,375	12,215,000	7,295,706	19,510,706	168,170,000	27.67%	2031
2032	6,360,000	1,606,081	1,795,000	280,450	4,585,000	4,876,875	12,740,000	6,763,406	19,503,406	155,430,000	33.15%	2032
2033	6,555,000	1,415,281	1,865,000	208,650	4,815,000	4,647,625	13,235,000	6,271,556	19,506,556	142,195,000	38.84%	2033
2034	6,760,000	1,210,438	1,910,000	152,700	5,060,000	4,406,875	13,730,000	5,770,013	19,500,013	128,465,000	44.74%	2034
2035	6,970,000	999,188	1,975,000	95,400	4,025,000	4,153,875	12,970,000	5,248,463	18,218,463	115,495,000	50.32%	2035
2036	7,190,000	781,375	1,205,000	36,150	4,170,000	3,952,625	12,565,000	4,770,150	17,335,150	102,930,000	55.73%	2036
2037	7,440,000	529,725			5,625,000	3,744,125	13,065,000	4,273,850	17,338,850	89,865,000	61.35%	2037
2038	7,695,000	269,325			5,915,000	3,462,875	13,610,000	3,732,200	17,342,200	76,255,000	67.20%	2038
2039					13,790,000	3,226,275	13,790,000	3,226,275	17,016,275	62,465,000	73.13%	2039
2040					14,650,000	2,674,675	14,650,000	2,674,675	17,324,675	47,815,000	79.43%	2040
2041					15,270,000	2,052,050	15,270,000	2,052,050	17,322,050	32,545,000	86.00%	2041
2042					15,930,000	1,403,075	15,930,000	1,403,075	17,333,075	16,615,000	92.85%	2042
2043					16,615,000	706,138	16,615,000	706,138	17,321,138	0	100.00%	2043
	81,570,000	22,017,250	18,025,000	3,956,750	132,895,000	72,754,088	232,490,000	98,728,088	331,218,088			

St. Louis Park Public Schools

FY2026 High School Athletic Fees

SPORT	Full Fee	Students Qualifying for Educational Benefits	
	Regular Fee	Reduced	Free
CROSS COUNTRY	\$210	\$105	\$25
SWIMMING	\$210	\$105	\$25
SYNCHRO SWIM	\$210	\$105	\$25
TENNIS	\$210	\$105	\$25
ALPINE	\$220	\$110	\$25
BASEBALL	\$220	\$110	\$25
GOLF	\$220	\$110	\$25
NORDIC SKI	\$220	\$110	\$25
SOCCER	\$220	\$110	\$25
SOFTBALL	\$220	\$110	\$25
TRACK & FIELD	\$220	\$110	\$25
VOLLEYBALL	\$220	\$110	\$25
BASKETBALL	\$230	\$115	\$25
GYMNASTICS	\$230	\$115	\$25
LACROSSE	\$230	\$115	\$25
FOOTBALL	\$250	\$125	\$25
HOCKEY	\$270	\$135	\$25
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	\$220	\$110	\$25