

**School Board Meeting:**

**June 26, 2012**

**Subject:**

**2012 School District Census**

**Presenter:**

**Kim Carlson**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Approval of 2012 School District Census, total population of 31,857.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The School Board approves an updated district census population annually. The census must be approved and updated with the Minnesota State Demographers office by July 1 each year. The new census population figure for 2012 is 31,857. This is an increase of 101 people from the 2010 report. This will increase revenue to Community Education by approximately \$835.

The District has not increased the census population to the State of Minnesota since 2008. Given the anticipated 2010 Federal Census update and the decrease in the housing industry in our District over the past few years, we chose to hold steady with the 2008 number.

When the 2010 Census number came in we were only off by 344 people. The government used the new 2010 number for each school district across the state. Some district showed increases and of course some came up short and actually took a hard hit. We were pleased to be extremely close with a net loss of 344 people.

The 2012 update was completed according to the same methodology used in past years and approved by Tom Gillaspy, Minnesota State Demographer.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Census letter to Minnesota State Demographer  
Census calculation sheet