

2024 Payable 2025 Truth In Taxation Public Meeting

6:00 PM

December 16, 2024

at the

Foley High School (Library)



Truth in Taxation Law

Minnesota's Truth in Taxation Law requires that cities, counties and school districts follow certain steps before adopting a tax levy for the following year. One important part of that law requires a **mailed notice** to each property owner in the county, which describes the tax levies proposed by the city, county and school district and what percent increase such a levy would mean in dollars.



Truth in Taxation Public Meeting

A second part of the law pertains to a "Truth in Taxation" public meeting for each taxing jurisdiction.

You are here tonight as part of the school district's public meeting process.



Requirements of the Truth in Taxation Public Meeting

- 1. Discuss proposed property tax levy for taxes payable 2025.
- 2. Provide and discuss information on the current budget (2024-2025).
- 3. Public must be given a reasonable amount of time to comment on the proposed property tax levy and budget and to ask questions.

- Minnesota Statute 275.065



Points to Remember:

- 1. Revenue formulas are set by the State Legislature except for voter approved referendums.
- 2. Local Levy and State Aid mix (Equalization) are set by the State Legislature.
- 3. An increase in local taxes does not necessarily mean an increase in revenues for the school district.



School District Budget

Current School Year 2024-2025

Fund Accounting Overview

GENERAL FUND (Fund 01)

- Revenue is based on student enrollment
- The local referendum levy is part of the General Fund
- Provides for classroom instruction, instructional supplies and equipment, and other educational activities
- Special Education, and State / Federal Mandated Programs
- Extra-curricular Activities
- Pupil Transportation
- Facilities Operation and Maintenance
- Capital Expenditures and Improvements
- Health and Safety Code Compliance

FOOD SERVICE (Fund 02)

School Breakfast and Lunch Program

Fund Accounting Overview (cont.)

COMMUNITY SERVICE (Fund 04)

- Levy is based on adult population in the District
- Early childhood levy is based on the number of children under 5 years of age
- Provides for enrichment programs for any age level that are not part of the K-12 education program
- Early Childhood Family Education
- School Readiness
- Adult Basic Education

DEBT SERVICE (Fund 07)

• Based on annual debt retirement schedules for the district's outstanding bonded indebtedness. Annual levy is for the payment of principal and interest on bonds as due.



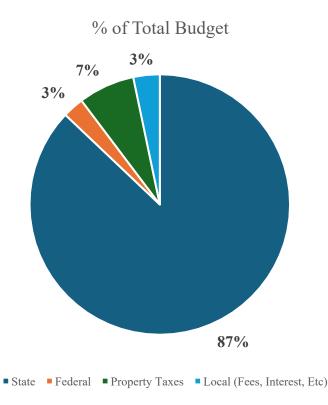
2024-2025 BUDGET OVERVIEW REVENUES

	23-24		Percent
	Actual	24-25 Budget	Change
General Fund	\$25,399,136	\$25,664,890	1.05%
Food Service	\$2,051,708	\$1,885,727	-8.09%
Community Service	\$971,592	\$862,436	-11.23%
Debt Service	\$1,717,401	\$1,686,117	-1.82%
Totals	\$30,139,838	\$30,099,170	-0.13%



General Fund Revenue Budget

Where Do Our School Revenues Come From?





2024-2025 BUDGET OVERVIEW EXPENDITURES

			Percent	
	23-24 Actual	24-25 Budget	Change	
General Fund	\$26,224,241	\$26,009,070	-0.82%	
Food Service	\$1,884,977	\$1,793,284	-4.86%	
Community Service	\$1,028,481	\$1,084,311	5.43%	
Debt Service	\$1,621,838	\$1,615,138	-0.41%	
Totals	\$30,759,537	\$30,501,803	-0.84%	



HOW ARE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS SPENT?

Expenses incurred in the operation of the district are paid from the General Fund. The following schedule presents how the dollars allocated to the General Fund are spent:

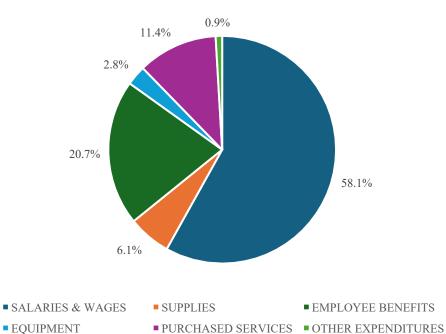
District & School Administration	4.6%
District Support Services	2.2%
Regular Instruction	40.8%
Extra Curricular	4.9%
Vocational Instruction	0.7%
Special Education Instruction	19.1%
Instructional Support Services	6.4%
Pupil Support Services	8.9%
Sites-Buildings, Equipment	11.7%
Fiscal and Other	0.8%
	100%



General Fund Expenditure Budget

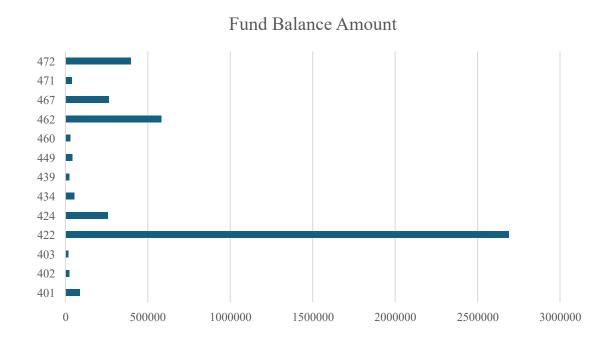
What Do Our Expenditures Pay For?







Components of the General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2024





School District Levy

- > 2024 Payable 2025
- > 2024-2025 School Year
 - Fiscal Year 2025



Authority for School Levies

A School District Tax Levy must be either:

- Set by State Formula
- Voter Approved
- Board Approved
 - Up to \$724 per APU



Factors Impacting Tax Change (cont.)

Local Factors:

- > Inflationary pressure on real estate market
- > Abatements
- Property improvements not previously taxed
- ➤ Change in individual assessed market value
- ➤ Possible change in property classification (e.g. homestead to rental)



How will your 2025 school taxes be spent?

	<u>Percent</u>
General Fund	
Provides additional funding for district instructional programs	
by means of the approved excess referendum. Provides	
funds for operating capital expenses, building/land lease,	
and Health & Safety costs:	61%
Community Education Fund	
Levy for Community Education Programs:	2%
Debt Service	
Levy for repayment of principal and interest on district debt:	37%
Total Levy Before Credits:	100.0%



LEVY LIMITATION AND CERTIFICATION 2024 Payable 2025

Comparison of Certified Payable 2024 Levy with Proposed Payable 2025 Levy

GROSS LEVIES BY FUND	ACTUAL 23 PAY 24	PROPOSED 24 PAY 25	DOLLAR DIFFERENCE	PERCENT DIFFERENCE
General Fund	\$2,115,070.37	\$2,985,609.68	\$870,539.31	41.16%
Community Services	\$110,543.06	\$121,680.32	\$11,137.26	10.08%
Debt Redemption	\$1,686,117.28	\$1,788,700.29	\$102,583.01	6.08%
Total	\$3,911,730.71	\$4,895,990.29	\$984,259.58	25.16%



Changes by Levy Category			
Category	Pay 2024	Pay 2025	Change
General Fund			
Referendum/LOR	\$1,042,165.96	\$1,153,064.51	\$110,898.55
Equity & Transitional	\$339,261.53	\$355,415.49	\$16,153.96
Operating Capital	\$123,675.97	\$147,826.34	\$24,150.37
Building/Land Lease	\$320,587.82	\$433,534.81	\$112,946.99
Safe Schools	\$72,921.60	\$72,489.60	-\$432.00
Career & Tech	\$54,002.93	\$63,739.86	\$9,736.93
Long-Term Fac. Maint	\$226,246.95	\$681,193.00	\$454,946.05
PY Adjustments	-\$109,725.11	\$17,196.36	\$126,921.47
Other General Fund	\$45,932.72	\$61,149.71	\$15,216.99
Sub-Total	\$2,115,070.37	\$2,985,609.68	\$870,539.31
Community Service	\$110,543.06	\$121,680.32	\$11,137.26
Debt Service	\$1,686,117.28	\$1,788,700.29	\$102,583.01
Total Change			\$984,259.58



Whereas, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes the School Board of Foley School District, Foley, Minnesota, is authorized to make the following proposed tax levies for general purposes:

Maintenance	(General Fund)	\$2,985,609.6	8
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Community Service \$121,680.32

Debt Service \$1,788,700.29

Total Proposed School Tax Levy \$4,895,990.29

Now Therefore, Be it resolved by the School Board of Foley School District, Foley, Minnesota, that the levy to be levied in 2024 to be collected in 2025 is set at \$4,895,990.29. The clerk of the Foley School Board is authorized to certify the proposed levy to the County Auditor.