

March 27, 2023

To: Dr. Josh Swanson, Superintendent

From: The Business Office Re: Capital Budget

In keeping with the 2023-24 budget timeline, the capital outlay and building fund budgets are brought to the board for discussion in March and for approval in April. This timeline allows for adequate planning and implementation of projects needed for the 2023-24 school year. Most of the larger projects included within the capital budget are spent during the summer months, so approval of this budget is needed earlier than the general operating budget in order to secure bids and quotes.

There are four budget areas within the capital outlay and building funds, mostly due to legal restrictions on the use of the designated revenue streams. Each budget area has its own revenue source and corresponding expenditures aligned to meet the Minnesota Department of Educations' (MDE) guidelines on appropriate use. See the attached table which shows a breakdown of the budget areas, including the funding source and proposed expenditures along with a summary of the revenue, expenditures and fund balances for fiscal year 2024.

The expenditure budgets comprise of planned projects to be undertaken in the coming year. They represent the district administrations' recommendation of priority projects necessary to achieve the district's academic & facility goals for fiscal year 2024. The budget recommendation is a culmination of the input and prioritization process, which included site administrators, department administrators with direct oversight of the budget areas, and the superintendent's cabinet. Where applicable, the department of education has reviewed and given its approval of certain projects, including health & safety and long-term facility maintenance projects.

Category	Revenue/Funding Source	Expenditures
Capital Outlay & Building Funds		
Operating Capital	State funding formula (split between State Aid and Levy) per Adjusted Pupil Unit (APU) based upon building age and square footage	 Minor building and equipment repair and replacement Annual bus replacement cycle Updated radios for the buses New pickup with plow for grounds Aerie stadium press box computer system EPHS PAC lighting board Early childhood motor room equipment/furniture Curriculum adoption needs, new course development Music instrument replacement Custodial equipment Appual spow removal, dome setup/takedown, inspections
	Lease levy	 Annual snow removal, dome setup/takedown, inspections Costs for leased spaces as approved by the MDE
Long-Term Facility Maintenance (LTFM) Health & Safety (LTFM)	Proceeds from 2020 & 2022 bond sale & annual levy Annual levy for MDE health & safety related projects	 MDE Approved Deferred Maintenance Projects such as: EPHS activity center roof replacement EPHS & ASC restroom refreshes Districtwide energy updates for plumbing fixtures Flooring replacement Roofing, paving, parking lot repairs Door/hardware replacement MDE Approved Projects such as: Program management staff Training (blood-borne pathogen, first aid, CPR, vaccine) Personal protective equipment Elevator, fire & other inspections Equipment, lighting, and hazard replacements/repairs
Capital Project Levy (Technology)	Voter approved annual levy Voter approved bond	 Annual playground re-surfacing Technology staff salary & benefits Student & staff devices Other technology equipment & peripherals Flight simulator Infrastructure needs (servers, wiring, switches, fiber) Software & licenses
Designing Pathways (Bond)	referendum	 Safety and security updates Emergency radio replacement Districtwide furniture Final CMS construction closeout