

Regular Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2026 6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City of Mendota Heights
1101 Victoria Curve
Mendota Heights, MN 55118

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order and Recite Pledge of Allegiance - 6:00 p.m.
Presenter: Sarah Larsen, School Board Chair
2. Approval of the Agenda
Presenter: Sarah Larsen, School Board Chair
3. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Presenter: Sarah Larsen, School Board Chair
 - 3.A. Approval of Minutes of the August 24, 2026 School Board Meeting
 - 3.B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations
 - 3.C. Administrative Review of Policy 511, Student Fundraising
 - 3.D. Administrative Review of Policy 706, Acceptance of Gifts
 - 3.E. Administrative Review of Policy 906, Community Notification of Predatory Offenders
 - 3.F. Second Reading of Policy 106, Equity
 - 3.G. Approval of July 2026 Accounts Payable Report
 - 3.H. Approval of July 2026 Treasurer's Report
 - 3.I. Approval of August 2026 Wire Transfers Report
4. Recognitions - 6:05 p.m.
Presenter: Peter Olson-Skog, Superintendent
5. Student Representatives' Report - 6:20 p.m.
Presenter: Aubrey McMahon and Clara Rebhan
6. Superintendent's Report - 6:30 p.m.
Presenter: Peter Olson-Skog, Superintendent
7. Presentation of Middle School Technology Update - 6:40 p.m.
Presenter: Cari Jo Drewitz, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Tom Stukel, Assistant Director of Technology
8. Presentation of First Day of School Enrollment Report - 7:00 p.m.
Presenter: Peter Mau, Assistant Superintendent
9. Presentation of Levy Update - 7:10 p.m.
Presenter: Peter Olson-Skog, Superintendent
10. Adjournment - 7:35 p.m.
Presenter: Sarah Larsen, School Board Chair

School District 197
West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area Schools
Regular Meeting and Work Session
Monday, August 24, 2026
ISD 197 District Office, Mendota Heights, MN

A meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 197 was held on Monday, August 24, 2026 beginning at 5:00 p.m. pursuant to due notice.

The meeting was called to order by current School Board Chair Larsen at 5:00 p.m. The following School Board members were present: Tim Aune, Marcus Hill, Byron Schwab, Morgan Steele, Jon Vaupel, Randi Walz. School Board members absent: Sarah Larsen. Superintendent Peter Olson-Skog was present.

Also present for the meeting were: Peter Mau; Assistant Superintendent; Cari Jo Drewitz, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Sara Lein, Director of Special Programs; Sara Blair, Director of Communications; Tye Michaels, Director of Human Resources; Brian Schultz, Director of Finance; Lisa Grathen, Director of Community Education.

Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Schwab to approve the agenda as presented.

*Aye: Tim Aune, Marcus Hill, Byron Schwab, Morgan Steele, Jon Vaupel, Randi Walz
Nay: none*

The motion carried (6-0).

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Aune and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the consent agenda items as presented:

- Approval of the August 10, 2026 School Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Personnel Recommendations
- Approval of TRHS Boys' Soccer Field Trip
- Approval of TRHS Girls' Soccer Field Trip
- Approval of TRHS Girls' Swimming and Diving Field Trip
- Administrative Review of Policy 502, Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person

*Aye: Tim Aune, Marcus Hill, Byron Schwab, Morgan Steele, Jon Vaupel, Randi Walz
Nay: none*

The motion carried (6-0).

Comments to the School Board

There was one comment to the School Board expressing gratitude to the board and administration for their welcoming and informative session for candidates running for School Board seats.

Referendum Update

Superintendent Olson-Skog presented an update on the district's budget outlook, the proposed capital project levy, and the statewide Permanent School Fund constitutional amendment appearing on the November 3, 2026 ballot. Administration explained that the amendment would change the Permanent School Fund's annual distribution method from interest and dividend earnings to 4.5% of the fund's three-year average value, without

creating a new tax or revenue source, and is estimated to provide District 197 with a relatively modest increase in revenue. The Board also reviewed how the statewide amendment differs from the local capital project levy, including the amount of revenue generated, taxpayer impact, and voting requirements. Administration emphasized that the two ballot questions are separate and that passage of the Permanent School Fund amendment would not eliminate the district's projected structural budget gap or replace the need for the local levy question.

Approval of 2026-2027 School Board Goals

Superintendent Olson-Skog presented the final draft of the 2026-2027 School Board Continuous Improvement Goals, which were developed by the Planning Committee and revised following Board input at the August 10, 2026 meeting. The goals focus on clarifying the school liaison role and related communication, conducting an evaluative review of the "197 School Board" webpage, and participating in educational sessions regarding the district's current use of technology. Each goal is aligned with district strategic priorities related to connection and trust, communication and collaboration, and innovation, with the intended outcomes of improving understanding, strengthening messaging, and increasing the Board's knowledge of technology use.

It was moved by Mr. Aune and seconded by Ms. Steele to approve the 2026-2027 School Board Goals as presented.

Aye: Tim Aune, Marcus Hill, Byron Schwab, Morgan Steele, Jon Vaupel, Randi Walz

Nay: none

The motion carried (6-0).

Approval of 2026-2027 Superintendent Goals

Superintendent Olson-Skog presented the 2026-2027 Superintendent goals, which were developed in alignment with the district's strategic framework, prior evaluation feedback, stakeholder input, and the Minnesota School Boards Association Superintendent Evaluation System. The goals focus on implementation of the district's strategic plan, communication and planning related to the capital project levy and long-term fiscal stability, and increased staff engagement through one-on-one interviews and site-based listening sessions if additional budget reductions are required. Each goal is connected to specific MSBA competencies related to governance, financial management, communication, and culture of cooperation.

It was moved by Mr. Aune and seconded by Ms. Steele to approve the 2026-2027 School Board Goals as presented.

Aye: Tim Aune, Marcus Hill, Byron Schwab, Morgan Steele, Jon Vaupel, Randi Walz

Nay: none

The motion carried (6-0).

Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Schwab and seconded by Mr. Aune to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Aye: Tim Aune, Marcus Hill, Byron Schwab, Morgan Steele, Jon Vaupel, Randi Walz

Nay: none

The motion carried (6-0).

The next regularly scheduled School Board meeting of Independent School District 197 will be Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the City of Mendota Heights Council Chambers, 1101

Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights, MN. *Please refer to the district website for possible changes to any meeting times/locations.*

Upon approval by the School Board, official minutes will be available at the District Office, 1897 Delaware Avenue, Mendota Heights, and on the district website. The full meeting materials are available for public inspection at the administrative offices of the school district and on the district website.

Sarah Larsen
School Board Chair

Jon Vaupel
School Board Clerk

TO: School Board Members

FROM: Tye Michaels, Director of Human Resources

DATE: September 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Personnel Recommendations

The following personnel items are recommended for approval at the School Board Meeting on September 14, 2026.

Licensed Employment

- Better, Olivia - 1.0 FTE ELA Teacher at Heritage E-STEM Magnet School at a salary of \$55,999.93 effective August 31, 2026
- Dodson, Jaime - 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at Moreland Arts and Health Science Magnet School at a salary of \$50,089.96 effective August 31, 2026
- Ehnstrom, Melyssa - 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at Heritage E-STEM Magnet School at a salary of \$65,985.20 effective August 31, 2026
- Hagge, Andrew - 1.0 FTE Physical Education Teacher at Heritage E-STEM Magnet School at a salary of \$50,089.96 effective August 31, 2026.
- Lang, Matthew - 0.96 FTE Physical Education Teacher at Garlough Environmental Magnet School at a salary of \$62,175.50 effective August 31, 2026
- Linden, Katherine - 1.0 FTE FACS Teacher at Two Rivers High School at a salary of \$104,400.46 effective August 31, 2026.
- O'Brien, Emily - 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at Pilot Knob Elementary School at a salary of \$77,921.56 effective August 31, 2026
- Regel, Kaitlyn - 0.6 FTE Art Teacher at Mendota Elementary School at a salary of \$30,053.98 effective August 31, 2026
- Richter, Jordan - 1.0 FTE Building Sub at Pilot Knob Elementary School at a salary of \$50,340.05 effective August 31, 2026
- Sorensen, Maria - 1.0 FTE Psychologist at Friendly Hills Middle School at a salary of \$50,089.96 effective August 31, 2026

Non-Licensed Employment

- Engel, Alexander - 3.75 hours per day Kitchen Assistant at Somerset Elementary School at an hourly rate of \$19.04 effective September 8, 2026
- Hannah, Anissa - 6.25 hours per day Special Education Paraprofessional at Mendota Elementary School at an hourly rate of \$23.92 effective September 8, 2026
- Hopkins, Christina - 3.75 hours per day Kitchen Assistant at Heritage E-STEM Magnet School at an hourly rate of \$19.04 effective September 8, 2026

- Kraemer, Laura - 3.75 hours per day Kitchen Assistant at Two Rivers High School at an hourly rate of \$19.04 effective September 8, 2026
- Nielson-Pierce, Apolonia - 6 hours per day Districtwide Kitchen Assistant Float at an hourly wage of \$19.04 effective September 8, 2026

Non-Licensed Resignation, Retirements, Terminations

- Heine, Bruce - Bus Driver, retirement effective July 30, 2026
- Radmer, Ann - Satellite Lead, retirement effective September 1, 2026
- White, Lucas - Special Education Paraprofessional, resignation effective August 30, 2026.
- Wilder, Kashonna - Special Education Paraprofessional, resignation effective August 26, 2026

Licensed Resignation, Retirements, Terminations

- Salzman, Amber - Physical Education Teacher, resignation effective September 3, 2026.

Licensed Leave of Absence

- Krienke, Allie - 4th Grade Teacher at Somerset Elementary School, unpaid leave of absence from October 19, 2026 through December 20, 2026



TO: School Board Members

FROM: Brian Schultz, Director of Finance

DATE: September 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Administrative Review of Policy 511, Student Fundraising

BACKGROUND

An administrative review of Policy 511, Student Fundraising, has been completed. The policy adheres to the district's processes and procedures currently in place. This policy was last reviewed in April of 2023.

School District 197 reviews its policies on a 3-year cycle unless otherwise required by law. Typically, recommended policy changes are brought to the school board for three readings, with approval at the third reading. However, when the administration is recommending minor or no changes to the policy, it is labeled as an "administrative review." Consistent changes the board has asked to be applied to policies are considered minor. One example is using more inclusive language such as using "parent/guardian" instead of just "parent."

When labeled an "administrative review" the policy is placed on the consent agenda for a single reading with a recommendation to approve the policy as presented. As a reminder, board members always have the opportunity to remove a policy from the consent agenda to discuss it as part of the main agenda.

The policy was also reviewed using the district's Four-Way Equity Test. This policy provides consistent expectations for fundraising activities in the district. When our schools and district choose to engage in fundraising activities it is important that we consider accessibility, diversity, equality of opportunity and inclusivity. All funds raised must be used to benefit all students of the group or school for which the funds were raised.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by School Board of School District 197 to approve Policy 511, Student Fundraising, as presented.



OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

ISD 197 School Board

Students

Contact: Director of Finance

511 STUDENT FUNDRAISING

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to address student fundraising efforts.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school board recognizes a desire and a need by some student organizations for fundraising. The school board also recognizes a need for some constraint to prevent fundraising activities from becoming too numerous and overly demanding on employees, students and the general public.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The building administrators shall be responsible for developing recommendations to the superintendent that will result in a level of activity deemed acceptable by employees, parents and students. Fundraising must be conducted in a manner that will not result in embarrassment on the part of individual students, employees, or the school.
- B. All fundraising activities must be approved in advance by the administration. Participation in non-approved activities shall be considered a violation of school district policy.
- C. The superintendent shall be responsible for providing coordination of student fundraising throughout the school district as deemed appropriate.
- D. The school district expects all students who participate in approved fundraising activities to represent the school, the student organization and the community in a

responsible manner. All rules pertaining to student conduct and student discipline extend to student fundraising activities.

- E. The school district expects all employees who plan, supervise, coordinate, or participate in student fundraising activities to act in the best interests of the students and to represent the school, the student organization, and the community in a responsible manner.

IV. ANNUAL REPORT

The superintendent shall report to the school board, at least annually, on the nature and scope of student fundraising activities approved pursuant to this policy.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120A.20 (Age Limitations; Pupils)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 8 (Duties)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.36 (Authorized Fees)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)

POLICY ADOPTED:	December 14, 2009
POLICY REVIEWED/REVISED:	January 19, 2016; January 22, 2019; April 17, 2023
Monitoring Method:	Administrative Review
Monitoring Frequency:	Every three years



TO: School Board Members

FROM: Brian Schultz, Director of Finance

DATE: September 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Administrative Review of Policy 706, Acceptance of Gifts

BACKGROUND

An administrative review of Policy 706 has been performed and the current policy adheres to the district's processes and procedures currently in place. The district's current policy was reviewed against MSBA's model policy and continues to match that language. Based on this review, no changes are recommended at this time other than two minor updates to legal references. This policy was last updated in September of 2023.

School District 197 reviews its policies on a 3-year cycle unless otherwise required by law. Typically, recommended policy changes are brought to the school board for three readings, with approval at the third reading. However, when the administration is recommending minor or no changes to the policy, it is labeled as an "administrative review." Consistent changes the board has asked to be applied to policies are considered minor. One example is using more inclusive language such as using "parent/guardian" instead of just "parent."

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The policy was also reviewed using the district's Four-Way Equity Test. Within the Strategic Framework, equity is specified as a core value of the district, further emphasizing our commitment to providing all students with equitable access to educational resources and opportunities. Gifts to the district help provide programming and educational opportunities and are directed toward helping all students achieve their personal goals and academic potential.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of School District 197 to approve Policy 706, Acceptance of Gifts, as presented.



OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

ISD 197 School Board

Non-Instructional Operations and Business Services

Contact: Director of Finance

706 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the acceptance of gifts by the school board.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of this school district to accept gifts only in compliance with state law.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS GENERALLY

The school board may receive, for the benefit of the school district, bequests, donations or gifts for any proper purpose. The school board shall have the sole authority to determine whether any gift or any precondition, condition, or limitation on use included in a proposed gift furthers the interests of or benefits the school district and whether it should be accepted or rejected.

IV. GIFTS OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

The school board may accept a gift, grant or devise of real or personal property only by the adoption of a resolution approved by two-thirds of its members. The resolution must fully describe any conditions placed on the gift. The real or personal property so accepted may not be used for religious or sectarian purposes.

V. ADMINISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS

If the school board agrees to accept a bequest, donation, gift, grant, or device which contains preconditions, conditions or limitations on use, the school board shall administer

it in accordance with those terms. Once accepted, a gift shall be the property of the school district unless otherwise provided in the agreed upon terms.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, Subd. 6 (General Powers of Independent School Board)
Minn. Stat. § 465.03 (Gifts to Municipalities)

Cross References:

POLICY ADOPTED:	December 14, 2009
POLICY REVIEWED/REVISED:	March 20, 2017; February 18, 2020; September 18, 2023
Monitoring Method:	Administrative Review
Monitoring Frequency:	Every three years



TO: School Board Members

FROM: Sara Blair, Director of Communications

DATE: September 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Administrative Review of Policy 906, Community Notification of Predatory Offenders

BACKGROUND

An administrative review of Policy 906, Community Notification of Predatory Offenders, has been performed. The district's current policy was reviewed against the MSBA model policy and continues to match that language. The only changes to the model policy were the reordering of definitions and reformatting of existing policy language. This policy was last reviewed in September of 2023.

School District 197 reviews its policies on a 3-year cycle unless otherwise required by law. Typically, recommended policy changes are brought to the school board for three readings, with approval at the third reading. However, when the administration is recommending minor or no changes to the policy, it is labeled as an "administrative review." Consistent changes the board has asked to be applied to policies are considered minor. One example is using more inclusive language such as using "parent/guardian" instead of just "parent."

When labeled an "administrative review" the policy is placed on the consent agenda for a single reading with a recommendation to approve the policy as presented. As a reminder, board members always have the opportunity to remove a policy from the consent agenda to discuss it as part of the main agenda.

This policy was also reviewed using the district's 4-Way Equity Test. Policy 906 seeks to protect all students regardless of race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, ability, home or first language, religion, national origin, age, or physical appearance. Policy 906 outlines a clear and concise plan to ensure notification of known predatory offenders who are moving into the district is carried out with the involvement of district and school administration as well as any adults who interact with students such as coaches, paraprofessionals, custodians, coaches, and before- and after-school care providers.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of School District 197 to approve Policy 906, Community Notification of Predatory Offenders, as presented.



OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

ISD 197 School Board

School District-Community Relations

Contact: Director of Communications

906 COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF PREDATORY OFFENDERS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assist school administrators and staff members in responding to a notification by a law enforcement agency that a convicted predatory offender is moving into the school district so that they may better protect individuals in the school's care while they are on or near the school district premises or under the control of the school district.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The policy of the school district is to provide information to staff regarding known predatory offenders that are moving into the school district so that they may monitor school premises for the safety of the school, its students, and employees. Staff will be notified as appropriate and have access to Offender Fact Sheets.
- B. The superintendent, in cooperation with appropriate school transportation officials, will evaluate bus routes and bus stops. Bus drivers will have access to Offender Fact Sheets. If necessary, bus stops may be moved if they place children in close proximity to a predatory offender who has been convicted of crimes against children of similar ages.
- C. The superintendent, in conjunction with the building principal or designee, shall prepare or provide safety information for distribution to students regarding protecting themselves from abuse, abduction, or exploitation. The school district will prepare a list of available resources. Staff will provide safety information to students on how to protect themselves against abuse, abduction, or exploitation. School officials may ask their police liaison officer or local law enforcement officials for assistance in providing instruction to staff and students.

- D. Minnesota Statutes, section 244.052, as amended, allows law enforcement agencies to disclose information about certain predatory offenders when they are released into the community. The information disclosed and to whom it is disclosed will depend upon their assessment of the level of risk posed by the predatory offender.**

III. DEFINITIONS

- ~~A. The “Sex Offender Community Notification Act,” Minn. Stat. § 244.052, as amended, allows law enforcement agencies to disclose information about certain predatory offenders when they are released into the community. The information disclosed and to whom it is disclosed will depend upon their assessment of the level of risk posed by the predatory offender.~~
- ~~B. “Risk Level Assessment” is the level of danger to the community as established by the Minnesota Department of Corrections following a review by a committee of experts. The level of risk assigned to a soon-to-be-released offender determines the scope of notification. (Minn. Stat. § 244.052, Subds. 2, 3)~~
- ~~C. “Risk Levels”~~
- ~~1. “Level I” – Risk Level I is assigned to a predatory offender whose risk assessment score indicates a low risk of reoffense.~~
 - ~~2. “Level II” – Risk Level II is assigned to a predatory offender whose risk assessment score indicates a moderate risk of reoffense.~~
 - ~~3. “Level III” – Risk Level III is assigned to a predatory offender whose risk assessment score indicates a high risk of reoffense. (Minn. Stat. § 244.052, Subd. 3(e))~~
- ~~D. “Notification or Disclosure by Law Enforcement Agency”~~
- ~~1. Risk Level I – The local law enforcement agency may disclose certain information to other law enforcement agencies and to any victims of or witnesses to the offense committed by the offender. There will be no disclosure to school districts.~~
 - ~~2. Risk Level II – In addition to those notified in Level I, a law enforcement agency may notify agencies and groups the offender is likely to encounter~~

~~that the offender is about to move into the community and provide to those agencies and groups an Offender Fact Sheet on the offender. School districts, private schools, day care centers, and other institutions serving those likely to be victimized by the predatory offender are included in a Level II notification.~~

- ~~3. Risk Level III—In most cases, the local law enforcement agencies will hold a community meeting and distribute an Offender Fact Sheet with information concerning and a photograph of the soon-to-be-released Level III offender. (Minn. Stat. § 244.052, Subd. 4)~~

~~E. “Offender Fact Sheet” is a data sheet compiled by the Department of Corrections or local law enforcement agency. The Offender Fact Sheet contains both public and private data including a photograph and physical description of the predatory offender, as well as the general location of the offender’s residence.~~

- ~~1. A local law enforcement agency will generally provide Offender Fact Sheets for Level II predatory offenders directly to the school district.~~
- ~~2. Level III Offender Fact Sheets will be distributed at a community meeting conducted by the local law enforcement agency.~~

~~F. “Law enforcement agency” means the law enforcement agency having primary jurisdiction over the location where the offender expects to reside upon release. (Minn. Stat. § 244.052, Subd. 1(3))~~

~~G. “Criminal history conviction data” is public data on a convicted criminal which is compiled by the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). (Minn. Stat. § 13.87)~~

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B. “Law enforcement agency” means the law enforcement agency having primary jurisdiction over the location where the offender expects to reside upon release. (Minn. Stat. § 244.052, Subd. 1(3))

C. “Notification or Disclosure by Law Enforcement Agency”

1. **Risk Level I** – The local law enforcement agency may disclose certain information to other law enforcement agencies and to any victims of or witnesses to the offense committed by the offender. There will be no disclosure to school districts.
 2. **Risk Level II** – In addition to those notified in Level I, a law enforcement agency may notify agencies and groups the offender is likely to encounter that the offender is about to move into the community and provide to those agencies and groups an Offender Fact Sheet on the offender. School districts, private schools, day care centers, and other institutions serving those likely to be victimized by the predatory offender are included in a Level II notification.
 3. **Risk Level III** – In most cases, the local law enforcement agencies will hold a community meeting and distribute an Offender Fact Sheet with information concerning and a photograph of the soon-to-be-released Level III offender. (Minn. Stat. § 244.052, Subd. 4)
- D. “Offender Fact Sheet”** is a data sheet compiled by the Department of Corrections or local law enforcement agency. The Offender Fact Sheet contains both public and private data including a photograph and physical description of the predatory offender, as well as the general location of the offender’s residence.
1. A local law enforcement agency will generally provide Offender Fact Sheets for Level II predatory offenders directly to the school district.
 2. Level III Offender Fact Sheets will be distributed at a community meeting conducted by the local law enforcement agency.
- E. “Risk Level Assessment”** is the level of danger to the community as established by the Minnesota Department of Corrections following a review by a committee of experts. The level of risk assigned to a soon-to-be-released offender determines the scope of notification. (Minn. Stat. § 244.052, Subds. 2, 3)
- F. “Risk Levels”**
1. **“Level I”** – Risk Level I is assigned to a predatory offender whose risk assessment score indicates a low risk of reoffense.

2. **“Level II” – Risk Level II is assigned to a predatory offender whose risk assessment score indicates a moderate risk of reoffense.**
3. **“Level III” – Risk Level III is assigned to a predatory offender whose risk assessment score indicates a high risk of reoffense. (Minn. Stat. § 244.052, Subd. 3(e))**

IV. PROCEDURES

A. Level II Notification

In keeping with the statutorily designated purpose that Offender Fact Sheets are to be used by staff members to secure the school and protect individuals in the school district's care while they are on or near the school district's premises or under the control of the school district, the school district will take the following steps:

1. The superintendent shall notify the law enforcement agencies within the school district that all appropriate Level II and Level III notifications are to be provided at least to the superintendent of schools.
2. Upon notification of the release of a Level II predatory offender, the superintendent shall forward the Offender Fact Sheet to all building principals and central office administrators. This would include transportation, food service, and buildings and grounds supervisors.
3. Principals of schools in close proximity to the Level II predatory offender's residence shall meet with staff and show the Offender Fact Sheet to persons within the buildings who supervise students or who would be in a position to observe if the Level II offender was in or around the school. This includes, but is not limited to, administrators, teachers, coaches, paraprofessionals, custodians, clerical and office workers, food service workers, playground monitors, before- and after-school care workers, volunteers, and transportation providers.
4. The school district shall request criminal history conviction data on the Level II predatory offender from its local law enforcement agency. On a case-by-case basis, the superintendent may determine whether to send a communication to parents/guardians with general information regarding release of the Level II offender. A copy of the Offender Fact Sheet and/or a copy of the criminal history conviction data that the school district obtained

from its local law enforcement agency may be included with the letter to parents/guardians or made available at the school for review by parents/guardians. The Offender Fact Sheet contains data classified as private or not public under Minnesota law and may only be distributed or made available to parents/guardians, students, or others outside the school district if it determines the release is for the purpose of securing the schools and protecting individuals under the school district's care while they are on or near school premises.

5. The building administrator shall cause the Offender Fact Sheet to be posted in each building in an area accessible to staff and employees but not the general public unless a determination has been made that public posting will help secure the school or protect students.
6. The school district shall not distribute or provide access to Level II Offender Fact Sheets to parents/guardians, students, or others outside the school district unless a determination has been made that dissemination of the data will help secure the school or protect students.

B. Level III Notification

1. The superintendent shall notify the law enforcement agencies within the school district that all Level III notifications of community meetings are to be provided to the superintendent of schools.
2. When a Level III predatory offender is released into a community, generally the local law enforcement agency will notify the school district of the time and location of the community meeting at which the Level III Offender Fact Sheet will be distributed to the community.
3. When the school district receives this information, the superintendent shall determine on a case-by-case basis whether the school district will notify parents/guardians and students of the time, date, and location of the community meeting.
4. When notified of a Level III predatory offender community meeting the superintendent or another school district administrator designated by the superintendent shall attend the community notification meeting.

5. When the school district receives information that a Level III predatory offender is moving into the school district, in addition to following the procedures specified above, the school district shall follow the procedures outlined for a Level II notification.
6. If the predatory offender is participating in programs offered by the school district that require or allow the person to interact with children other than the person's children, the superintendent, in conjunction with the school principal, shall notify parents/guardians of children in the school district of the contents of the Offender Fact Sheet.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)
Minn. Stat. § 244.052 (Community Notification)
20 U.S.C. § 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
34 U.S.C. 20901 *et seq.* (Jacob Wetterling, Megan Nicole Kanka, and Pam Lychner Sex Offender Registration and Notification Program)
Minnesota Department of Administration Advisory Opinion: 98-004

Cross References: School District Policy 414 (Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse)
School District Policy 415 (Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults)
School District Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)
School District Policy 903 (Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites)

POLICY ADOPTED:	December 14, 2009
POLICY REVIEWED/REVISED:	November 21, 2016; February 18, 2020; September 18, 2023
Monitoring Method:	Administrative Review
Monitoring Frequency:	Once every three years



TO: School Board Members

FROM: Peter Mau, Assistant Superintendent

DATE: September 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Second Reading of Policy 106, Equity

BACKGROUND

A review of Policy 106, Equity, has been performed and the policy adheres to the district's processes and procedures currently in place. This district-specific policy was established in 2023 and mandated for annual review in 2025 and beyond. The board was presented with a first reading of the policy at their August 24th board meeting.

Upon review, the only recommendation is for the policy to be revised from an annual review to a triennial review, in alignment with the majority of the other School District 197 policies.

This policy was reviewed using the district's Four-Way Equity Test, to which it is highly aligned because the policy itself is designed to establish equity as a guiding principle for governance, resource allocation, instruction, staffing, family engagement, and student outcomes. In fact, the policy explicitly incorporates the Four-Way Equity Test as a required framework for future policy review and decision-making.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

None at this time. This policy will be brought back for a final reading during a future meeting.



OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

ISD 197 School Board

School District

Contact: Assistant Superintendent

106 EQUITY

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure equity and inclusion for every student, staff, and family member in School District 197. Additionally, this policy establishes equity as an essential value in our governance, leadership, policies, programs, operations, and practices.

As our District strategic framework states, we believe:

People thrive when they feel connected, trusted and affirmed.

To that end, this policy will make it a priority to create the conditions so that every student, staff, family and School District community member feels a sense of belonging, and that they are valued and heard.

Our diversity makes us stronger.

To that end, this policy serves to affirm this belief by recognizing the value of a wide range of perspectives and lived experiences and their important contributions to our School District community.

We are all accountable for removing barriers and creating equitable systems.

Through this policy, the school board recognizes the historical legacy and compounding impact of the systems, structures and practices that have created and continue to afford advantages to some groups while further marginalizing and perpetuating inequities for others.

Therefore, we seek the elimination of inequity in our systems, structures and practices as a School District. We recognize that the responsibility for ensuring equitable access, opportunities, participation and outcomes falls on the adults in the system.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

School District 197 is on an equity journey. While there has been work done previously and

some progress has been made, there remains much to do.

The School District is committed to equitable access and opportunities for all members of our School District community, including students, families and staff.

Creating equitable access and opportunities is dependent upon having inclusive policies and practices that represent all students, and providing each student increased access to and creating meaningful participation in high-quality learning experiences where each student realizes positive outcomes. Educational equity benefits everyone and prepares all students to thrive in a racially and culturally diverse local, national and global community.

School District 197 is committed to the success of every student in each of our schools. The school board recognizes the history of academic, discipline, and social-emotional disparities that have occurred in many schools across our country based on race and ethnicity, language, immigration status, socioeconomic status, sex, and gender identity and sexual orientation (2SLGBTQ+ status). The academic and discipline gaps are contrary to the fact that all students can learn and succeed in our schools, and they are unacceptable if we are to meet our School District mission of caring relationships, equitable practices and high achievement for all. Student outcomes must not be predictable based on student demographics or school attended.

The school board also recognizes that it is the responsibility of its administration and staff to remove barriers and create systems to ensure educational equity, which will require the allocation and reallocation of resources. School District 197 will actively work to interrupt, dismantle, and eliminate racism and other forms of inequity by identifying, acknowledging, confronting and disrupting beliefs and systems that marginalize children and their families. This work will be informed by evidence, including research, data, and the voices of marginalized communities.

The school board further recognizes that every student deserves a responsive, affirming and inclusive learning environment in which their cultural norms and experiences are valued and contribute to successful academic and social-emotional outcomes. School District 197 recognizes the value in validating a student's own understanding of themselves, their identity, their culture, and their experiences in our schools.

III. DEFINITIONS

“2SLGBTQ+” is an acronym that stands for Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning and additional sexual orientations and gender identities while the plus reflects the countless affirmative ways in which people choose to self-identify.

“Equity” means giving each person the (individualized) opportunities and access they need to be successful. This is different from equality, which means giving each person equal (the same) opportunities and access without recognition of their unique needs.

“Educational equity” means the condition of justice, fairness and inclusion in our systems of education so that all students (including those who are a part of traditionally marginalized communities) have access to the opportunities to learn and develop to their fullest potentials.

“Culturally affirming” means treating others’ culture and experiences with respect and high regard in order to affirm their value. This is done through practices, behaviors and policies that thoroughly acknowledge and proactively seek to affirm students’ cultural identities and cultural assets as integral to their positive self-concept and their academic and social well-being.

“Culturally responsive” means having the ability to understand cultural differences, recognize potential biases, and look beyond differences to work productively with children, families, and communities whose cultural contexts are different from one’s own.

“Disparity” means a noticeable and usually significant difference or dissimilarity.

“Gender identity” means a person’s deeply held knowledge of their own gender, which can include being a man, woman, or another gender. Gender identity is an innate part of a person’s identity. One’s gender identity may or may not align with society’s expectations with the sex they were assigned at birth (male, female, or intersex). In School District 197, individuals are encouraged to use their self-identified name and pronouns.

“Institutional racism” means the biases that may be built into the policies, practices, and processes of institutions. These systemic biases discriminate against and disadvantage people of color through unwitting prejudice, ignorance, thoughtlessness or racial stereotyping. As a result, these systemic biases create different and predictable outcomes for different racial groups, typically maintaining an advantage for white individuals and simultaneously maintaining a disadvantage for individuals of color.

“Marginalize” means to treat as insignificant or unimportant or inferior. It involves social exclusion that results from a group having less access or opportunity than other groups.

“Racial consciousness” means understanding multiple theories of race and ethnicity, including but not limited to racial formation, processes of racialization, and intersectionality. Racial consciousness, in regard to intersectionality, means understanding the impact of the intersection of race and ethnicity with other forms of difference, including socioeconomic status, sex, gender identity and sexual orientation (2SLGBTQ+ status), religion, national origin, immigration status, language, ability, and age.

“School culture” means the shared beliefs, norms, and values among the members of the school which can be observed from the behaviors of the members.

IV. COMMITMENTS

- A. **Diverse Classrooms and Schools:** School District 197 commits to promoting equity in educational programs and extracurricular activities. Student representation in our classrooms and programs should reflect the diversity of our schools. This includes socioeconomic status, sex, gender identity and sexual orientation, religion, national origin, immigration status, language, ability, and age.
- B. **Teacher and Leader Quality and Diversity:** School District 197 commits to recruiting, hiring, and retaining a diverse, culturally responsive, and equity-minded workforce. This includes ongoing professional development focused on equity, gender inclusion, racial consciousness, and cultural responsiveness.
- C. **Equitable Resource Allocation:** School District 197 commits to prioritizing the allocation of resources, including but not limited to, curriculum, facilities, staffing, support services, technology, transportation, and activities, in a manner that ensures all students, including historically marginalized students, have the access and opportunity necessary to succeed.
- D. **Equitable Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment:** Aligned to our curriculum review cycle, School District 197 commits to selecting and implementing curriculum that is culturally relevant and representative of our student population. We also commit to including equity in the rubrics used in our decision-making process for curriculum adoption. School District 197 commits to culturally affirming, inclusive, and responsive instructional practices and to equitable assessment and grading practices that foster motivation, are bias-resistant, and accurately reflect student learning.
- E. **Equitable Learning in Classroom and Other School Environments:** School District 197 commits to culturally affirming, inclusive, and responsive community building and behavior management practices. Our physical spaces and routines will be reflective of the diversity of our students' identities. We also commit to building strong, supportive relationships with each student while holding them accountable to high expectations. School District 197 commits to behavior support and discipline practices that reduce disparities in suspensions. When there is harm, we commit to interrupting the harm regardless of the intent, while also committing to restoring relationships within the classroom and school.
- F. **Equitable Student Leadership and Voice:** School District 197 commits to seeking to gather and understand student perspectives (including those from historically marginalized groups) in decision-making processes, creating spaces for student groups, and providing leadership opportunities.
- G. **Equitable Family and Community Partnerships:** School District 197 commits to building two-way linguistic and cultural bridges between the School District and the various communities it serves. We will seek representation reflective of our student

demographics on District advisory committees, provide spaces for family groups, provide cultural liaisons, provide family education, and provide interpretation and translation tools and resources. We commit to using these resources to better understand the perspectives, goals, and priorities of the communities we serve and to seek ongoing input and feedback.

V. **SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES & ACCOUNTABILITY**

School District 197 believes education is a shared responsibility among staff, students, families, and the community.

- A. **School Board:** The school board will ensure that educational equity efforts are in alignment with the District strategic framework. The school board will provide and allocate resources for educational equity. The school board will hold the superintendent accountable for annual progress toward the commitments of this policy. The school board will hold the superintendent accountable for supporting staff in implementing this policy. The school board will review and update District policies in accordance with the four-way equity test:
 - i. How does this help to provide opportunities for all students, including students who have historically been underserved, underrepresented, or disadvantaged by the current system?
 - ii. How does this help to ensure equitable access for all?
 - iii. How does this help to eliminate barriers (structural, process, financial, etc) based on race and ethnicity, language, immigration status, ability, socioeconomic status, sex, or gender identity and sexual orientation (2SLGBTQ+ status)?
 - iv. How does this ensure the same rigorous standards for academic performance exist for all students?
- B. **Superintendent:** The superintendent shall create procedures and guidelines for the implementation of this policy. Annually, the superintendent or designee, will provide a report to the school board regarding progress on the commitments outlined in this policy. Progress will also be communicated to the community in the District's annual report. In addition to the annual report, the superintendent will ensure ongoing communication with families and the broader community about the District's equity initiatives related to its strategic framework and the commitments in this policy. The superintendent will hold administration accountable for making progress on the commitments. The superintendent will require each site and the District to set annual equity goals. The superintendent will actively cultivate a School District culture that prioritizes equity and recognizes, responds to, and remedy inequities in its practices and systems. The superintendent will provide support to staff responsible for implementing this policy and hold

administration accountable to supporting staff in the implementation of this policy.

- C. **Administration:** District and site administration will actively cultivate department and school cultures that prioritize equity and recognize, respond to, and remedy inequities in its practices and systems. Administration will support staff in implementing this policy. District and site administration will set annual equity specific goals and action plans and report out progress and results to the superintendent or designee. District and site administration will engage in ongoing equity professional development aimed at increasing their cultural awareness and their ability to be culturally responsive and equity-minded. Administration will provide and align resources to the commitments in this policy and the goals and action plans of sites and District departments. District and site administrators will regularly seek the input and perspectives that reflect the diversity of students in the School District. Administration will strive to recruit, hire and retain culturally responsive and equity-minded staff whose backgrounds and experiences are reflective of student demographics in the District.
- D. **School District Staff:** School district staff, including administration, will, within the parameters of their various duties and responsibilities, adhere to and execute the equity-based plans developed to meet the commitments named in this policy. School District staff will demonstrate the values outlined by this policy as they go about their daily work. School District staff will actively contribute to the efforts of their site or department in meeting its annual equity goal. School District staff will engage in ongoing equity professional development aimed at increasing their cultural awareness and their ability to be culturally responsive and equity-minded. School District staff are further responsible for making suggestions to the appropriate authority to improve the ability of the District to live up to the commitments named in this policy.
- E. **Students:** Students are partners in their academic achievement and personal growth. Students can demonstrate this partnership by providing feedback to the District, advocating for themselves, taking ownership of their learning, growing toward their goals, supporting the learning environment, and making positive contributions to the school culture.

School District 197 acknowledges the important role of student voice and student leadership. Through intentional inclusion and engagement, students will be encouraged to regularly share their voice and leadership as the District actively works to create more equitable systems and opportunities.

- F. **Families and Community:** Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring students attend school. The District is responsible for encouraging ongoing partnerships with families and communities that reflect its diversity. Parents/guardians are encouraged to partner with schools and school staff in

culturally meaningful ways. School District 197 will encourage partnership through opportunities to volunteer, ongoing communication, parent/guardian education, and opportunities for parent/guardian participation in decision-making. We will further support community connections and collaborations with groups and organizations that reflect the diversity of our students.

VI. RELATED POLICIES

It is the policy of the District to maintain a safe and supportive learning and educational environment that is free from harassment, intimidation, violence, and/or bullying and free from discrimination.

Complaints alleging discrimination, harassment, violence or bullying should be made according to the procedures in the policies below. For more information about Equal Education Opportunity, including information about complaints alleging violations, refer to Policy 102. For information about the types of conduct that violate the School District's policy on harassment and violence and the District's procedures for addressing such complaints, refer to the School District's policy on harassment and violence (Policy 413). For information about the types of conduct that violate the School District's policy on bullying and the school district's procedures for addressing such complaints, refer to the District's policy on bullying (Policy 514).

For information about the types of conduct that violate the District's sex discrimination policies and procedures for complaints, refer to Policy 522. For information about the types of conduct that constitute disability discrimination and how to make a complaint, refer to District Policies 402 and 521. Questions related to District Policy 401 Equal Employment Opportunity should be referred to the Director of Human Resources.

VII. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

- A. This policy shall be given to each school district employee at the time of initial employment with the school district.
- B. The school district will develop a method for the regular review of this policy by all employees.
- C. This policy shall be referenced in the family handbook and the student rights and responsibilities handbook.

References:

Minnesota Department of Education's Equity Commitments
Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board's
Standards of Effective Practice

Cross References:

District Policy 102 Equal Education Opportunity
District Policy 401 Equal Employment Opportunity
District Policy 402 Disability Nondiscrimination

District Policy 413 Harassment & Violence
District Policy 503 Student Attendance
District Policy 514 Bullying Prohibition
District Policy 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination
District Policy 522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy,
Grievance, Procedures and Process

POLICY ADOPTED:	August 21, 2023
POLICY REVIEWED/REVISED:	August 18, 2025
Monitoring Method:	Administrative Review
Monitoring Frequency:	Annually Once every three years

July 2026 Check Register

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304126	490.54	07/16/2026	STATE SUPPLY COMPANY
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304128	5347.27	07/16/2026	UNITED STATES TREASURY
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304229	1175	07/30/2026	NEP LLC
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304231	140	07/30/2026	OKEY, KAY
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304233	2070	07/30/2026	PRO CARE THERAPY
304234	26304.5	07/30/2026	REGENTS OF THE UNIV OF MN
304235	6088.64	07/30/2026	SMARTPASS INC
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304237	935	07/30/2026	SUNBELT STAFFING LLC
304238	2363.82	07/30/2026	T MOBILE USA INC
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304240	796.47	07/30/2026	TRI-STATE BOBCAT
304241	3700	07/30/2026	TWO RIVERS WRESTLING BOOSTERS INC
304242	3810	07/30/2026	TWO RIVERS BOYS BASKETBALL BOOSTERS
304243	187.04	07/30/2026	VESTIS GROUP INC
304244	9537.99	07/30/2026	VISTA HIGHER LEARNING
304245	4304.56	07/30/2026	W W NORTON & CO INC
304246	2421.9	07/30/2026	WAYSIDE
304247	172.89	07/30/2026	WILSON, FLETCHER
304248	2700	07/30/2026	WIZARDS OF CHESS LLC
304249	348.2	07/30/2026	AERCOR WIRELESS INC

304250	18772.4	07/30/2026	AMIOT SCHOLASTIC RECOGNITION INC
304251	1970.04	07/30/2026	ARROW MOWER
304252	828.75	07/30/2026	BENEFIT EXTRAS INC
304253	575	07/30/2026	BRIDGEPOINT GLASS INC
304254	1595.8	07/30/2026	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS
304255	59.99	07/30/2026	CENTURYLINK
304256	1854	07/30/2026	CESO FINANCE LLC
304257	1985.16	07/30/2026	CINTAS CORPORATION #2
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304266	21183	07/30/2026	MGX EQUIPMENT SVCS LLC
304267	1992	07/30/2026	MN HUMANITIES CENTER
304268	114	07/30/2026	MRI SOFTWARE
304269	2540	07/30/2026	NORTHERN DAKOTA COUNTY CABLE COMMUNICATIONS
304270	8269.65	07/30/2026	PAYDHEALTH LLC
304271	2476.02	07/30/2026	PEARSON
304272	513.75	07/30/2026	PROFESSIONAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS
304273	17010	07/30/2026	RICH BOYER MASONRY & CONCRETE INC
304274	285.5	07/30/2026	SAFETY SIGNS
304275	27370	07/30/2026	SAFEWAY DRIVING SCHOOL
304276	708.1	07/30/2026	SHRED N GO INC
304277	3480	07/30/2026	SQUIRES WALDSPURGER & MACE PA
304278	3260.25	07/30/2026	TRI-STATE BOBCAT
304279	15321.63	07/30/2026	TRUGREEN COMMERCIAL
304280	576.15	07/30/2026	VERIZON WIRELESS
304378	290.95	07/31/2026	DAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF

304379	91	07/31/2026	DISTRICT LODGE # 737 IAMAW
304380	1074	07/31/2026	IUOE #70
304381	1120	07/31/2026	MN TEAMSTERS LOCAL #320
304382	100	07/31/2026	RANGE CREDIT BUREAU INC
304383	255.43	07/31/2026	WI SCTF
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262700009	47.73	07/14/2026	GOLDADE, KRISTINE
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262700015	48.07	07/14/2026	KINTZ, SABRINA
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262700025	35.95	07/14/2026	TROOLIN, AMANDA
262700026	39.44	07/14/2026	VESEY, BENJAMIN
262700027	39.98	07/14/2026	WAHBA, SEHAM

2,799,239.27	Total
2,325,883.75	P/R 7/2/26
2,394,578.74	P/R 7/17/26
2,394,903.86	P/R 7/31/26
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9,914,605.62	Grand Total

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 197
WEST ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
TREASURER'S REPORT TO SCHOOL BOARD

Jul-26

Fund	Balance Beginning Of Month	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance End Of Month
General	7,112,848.20	3,775,890.89	12,948,882.80	(2,060,143.71)
Food Service	1,856,702.96	71,288.63	180,652.20	1,747,339.39
Comm. Service	3,588,907.48	601,146.12	969,263.26	3,220,790.34
Building Constructic	7,921,599.44			7,921,599.44
Debt Service	8,511,602.95	715,159.56	2,484,111.25	6,742,651.26
Trust & Agency	148,070.45	99,679.28	24,545.31	223,204.42
Custodial Fund	136,773.55	5,424.00		142,197.55
Self Insurance	1,186,481.48			1,186,481.48
OPEB Trust	5,863,847.51		67,251.64	5,796,595.87
Internal Service	2,559,933.80			2,559,933.80
Total	38,886,767.82	5,268,588.48	16,674,706.46	27,480,649.84

Bank	Balance Per Bank Statement	Outstanding Checks	Other Reconciling Items	Balance Per Treasurer's Books
US Bank	16,963,100.25	1,794,890.61	(99,404.25)	15,068,805.39
Ehlers Bond	6,826,596.02			6,826,596.02
PMA				286,381.26
PMA Bond	-			-
PERA				5,238,426.39
CD'S				60,440.78
Total				27,480,649.84

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ISD 197 WEST ST. PAUL SCHOOLS**Wire Transfers
8/1/26 thru 8/31/26**

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
8/14/26	MSDLAF - General	MSDLAF - Payroll	1,408,634.61	A/P - P/R*
8/14/26	MSDLAF _ - Payroll	State of MN	80,051.06	Payroll taxes
8/14/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	IRS	467,767.14	Payroll taxes
8/14/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	PERA	72,940.32	Pension
8/14/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	TRA	256,309.81	TRA contrib.
8/14/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	EBC	104,717.60	403B
8/14/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	Health Equity	2,329.62	Flex
8/28/26	MSDLAF - General	MSDLAF - Payroll	1,415,057.66	A/P - P/R*
8/28/26	MSDLAF _ - Payroll	State of MN	81,922.75	Payroll taxes
8/28/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	IRS	479,225.03	Payroll taxes
8/28/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	PERA	67,136.50	Pension
8/28/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	TRA	296,603.04	TRA contrib.
8/28/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	EBC	112,118.95	403B
8/28/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	Health Equity	17,294.62	Flex
		Total	<u><u>4,862,108.71</u></u>	

* To cover accounts payable or payroll checks.



TO: School Board Members

FROM: Cari Jo Drewitz, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Tom Stukel, Assistant Director of Technology

DATE: September 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Middle School Technology Update

BACKGROUND

District administration will provide the School Board with an update regarding technology use and digital citizenship supports at the middle school level. The presentation will highlight current practices for students in grades 5 and 6, family resources, and digital citizenship lessons.

At the start of the 2026-27 school year, the district is piloting a new approach in which iPads for students in grades 5 and 6 remain at school. Students leave devices in their sixth-period classrooms and retrieve them during the first period the following day. Feedback will be gathered throughout September and October, with the goal of balancing technology use by using devices when they strengthen instruction and setting them aside when they do not.

Future actions include gathering feedback, monitoring the iPad pilot, implementing and communicating artificial intelligence guardrails, and continuing a deeper analysis of classroom technology use.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

No resolution is needed. Information only.

Middle School Technology Update

September 14, 2026

Presented by:

Cari Jo Drewitz, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Tom Stukel, Assistant Director of Technology

iPads Pilot



iPads in Grades 5 and 6 stay at school to start the year

- ✓ Students will leave their iPads in period 6
- ✓ Students will pick up their iPads in period 1.
- ✓ Feedback will be gathered through September and October.

The goal is balance: use technology when it strengthens instruction — and put it away when it doesn't.

New Lessons in Writing

4 new lessons in grade 5 writing to support the transition to middle school and the use of the iPad for learning

- ✓✓ **Device Ownership and Care**
- ✓ **Account Safety and Boundaries**
- ✓✓ **School Email and Digital Citizenship**
- ✓ **District Policy and Consequences**

✓

Acceptable Use Policy

Reviewed with all students and families in grades 5 - 12.

- ✓ Student created video
- ✓ Students watch as a class and sign google form
- ✓ Parent/Guardian sent a form through Parent Square to complete by Sept 25



Health and Wellness Course

Students in grades 5 and 6 participate in a semester long, every other day Health and Wellness Course

5

Digital Citizenship Unit Topics

Digital Footprint and Privacy
Online Relationships & Personal Boundaries
Healthy Media Habits & Design Awareness
Media Literacy & Ethical Creation
Navigating Cyberbullying & Rebuilding Trust

6

Digital Citizenship Unit Topics

Digital Footprint & Privacy
Information Literacy & AI Ethics
Navigating Online Interactions
Conflict Resolution & Community Responsibility
Digital Well-Being & Mindful Tech Habits

Jamf Parent

When a school-issued iPad is at home, families can add limits outside the school day.

01

LIMIT

Set basic limits for apps or device functions outside of the school day.

02

FILTER

Add web-browsing limits beyond district filtering.

03

SCHEDULE

Limit when—or how long—an app can be used outside of school day.

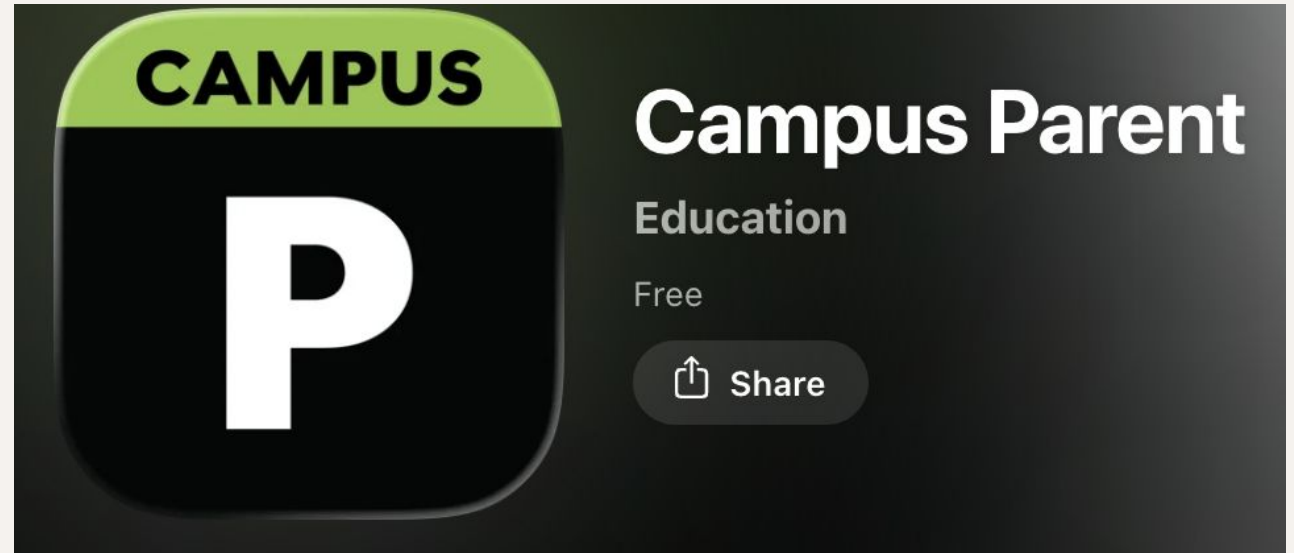
For a step by step guide check out the Family Hub:

<https://www.isd197.org/academics/technology>

Campus Parent Portal

Stay up to date with student grades, assignments and assessment scores.

Visit the district Website for specifics
<https://www.isd197.org/parent-family-hub/tech-resources>



What's Next

- Gathering feedback
- Monitor the iPad pilot
- Classroom visits
- Student focus groups
- Implementation and communication of artificial intelligence (AI) Guardrails
- Continued and deepened analysis of classroom technology use



First Day of School Enrollment Update

September 14, 2026

Peter Mau, Assistant Superintendent

First Day Enrollment Report Context

- Projections are based on multi-year averages of the student capture rate from grade to grade at each school in each grade level.
- Kindergarten is harder to predict because we don't have capture rate data. We typically use the average of the last five years at each school.
- First day enrollment counts all students with an active enrollment. It is not an attendance count.
- October 1 is the date MDE uses for many of its official counts. It is also after the volatility of enrollment has subsided.

K-12 Enrollment Overall

Year	Proj.	First Day	First Day +/- Proj.	Oct. 1	Oct. 1 +/- Proj.
22-23	4894	5011	+117	4904	+10
23-24	4967	5102	+135	5107	+140
24-25	5196	5256	+60	5202	+6
25-26	5190	5203	+13	5134	-56
26-27	5105	5124	+19	?	?

K-12 Enrollment by Level

Grades	26-27 First Day +/- Proj.	25-26 First Day +/- Proj.	24-25 First Day +/- Proj.	23-24 First Day +/- Proj.	22-23 First Day +/- Proj.
Kinder-garten	-8	-49	-57	-33	-15
Elemen-tary	13	-42	2	-5	42
Middle School	15	31	40	39	23
High School	-9	24	18	101	53

Notes to Know

- Based on recent history, official enrollment numbers will likely drop some by October 1st when official data is captured by MDE
- We continue to monitor “hot spots” relative to the board’s approved class size parameters.

Questions?



TO: School Board Members

FROM: Peter Olson-Skog, Superintendent

DATE: September 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Levy Update

BACKGROUND

District administration will provide the School Board with an update regarding the capital project levy question that will appear on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot. The presentation is intended to review key information and frequently asked questions that have emerged as the district continues its community information efforts.

A presentation and additional commentary will be provided at the meeting.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

For informational purposes only, no resolution needed.

Strong Schools. Strong Communities.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 197

Frequently Asked Questions

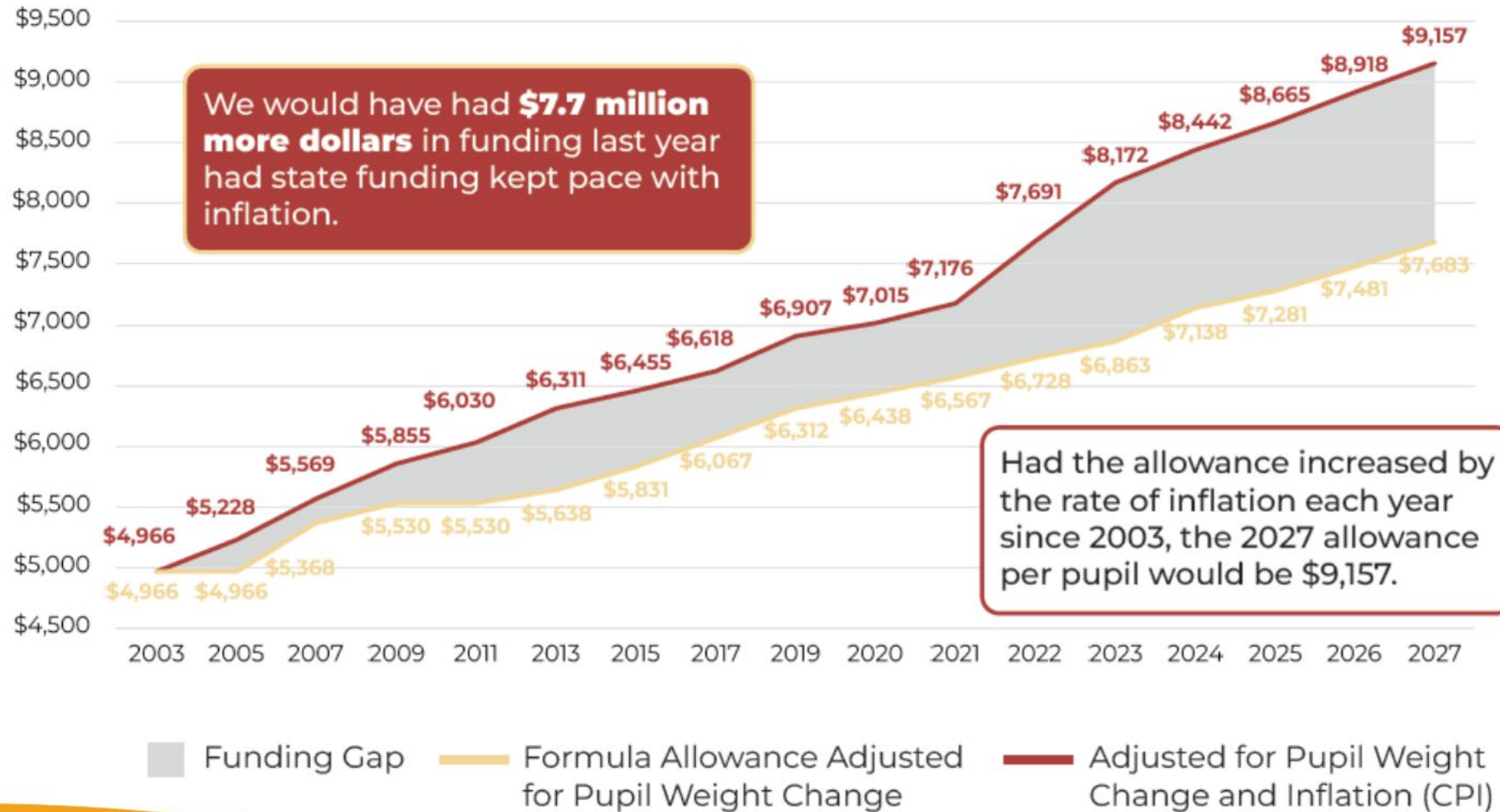


Question:
Why a levy is needed?



General Education Formula Allowance, 2003-2027

Adjusted for Pupil Weight Change and Inflation (CPI)



Question:

**What has the district
already done to address
the budget gap?**



BEFORE ASKING

We didn't start with property taxes

More than \$3.2 million reduced over two years before bringing any question to voters. Nearly all of it permanent structural change rather than one-time patches.

\$3.2M

CUT OVER TWO YEARS

Reductions made before any levy question went to the ballot.

\$2.55M

FOR 2026–27 ALONE

\$1.73M from positions;
\$825,000 from everything else.

One-third less

THAN STATE AVERAGE SPENT ON ADMIN

Per MDE's FY25 report as a percentage of budget*

**The MDE report predates nearly all of these reductions — the next one should show us further below average, not closer to it.*

Question:
What is the tax impact?

The bottom of the slide features two overlapping wavy lines. The top line is a dark red color, and the bottom line is a golden-yellow color. They create a layered, organic shape that spans the width of the slide.

TAXPAYER IMPACT

What it costs an average-priced home

The average home value in School District 197 is \$400,000. Impact varies with your home's estimated market value.

\$14/month

On a \$400,000 home.

\$168/year

The full-year cost on that same home.

Renters pay no direct property tax impact.



The proposed amount was reduced from \$5 million to \$4.6 million after community feedback. Actual impact varies by property.

Question:
**What would the
levy fund?**



LEVY USES

What the levy would fund

The ballot authorizes **textbooks and teaching materials, plus other operating capital purposes permitted by law** — costs the district already carries, in other words...existing expenses in....



Textbooks

Teaching materials and classroom resources.



Maintenance & Utilities

Building upkeep and utility costs.



Safety & Security

Cameras, secure entrances, door access systems.



Transportation & Equipment

Equipment and school transportation vehicles.

CLARITY OF PURPOSE

What This Is — and Is Not

What the levy covers, and what it does not.

This Is Not

- New schools, stadiums, or construction
- New or expanded programs
- A replacement for responsible budgeting
- A permanent fix to school funding

This Is

- A way to pay existing costs differently
- Relief for the general operating budget
- Fewer and smaller future cuts
- A decision the community makes

Question:

**How is the levy different
from the Permanent
School Fund?**



SIDE BY SIDE

Different very different ballot questions

	Permanent School Fund amendment	Capital project levy
Who decides	Every voter in Minnesota	Only voters inside our district
What it costs you	Nothing — no new taxes	About \$14 a month on a \$400,000 home
What we would receive	Roughly 0.2% more revenue (~\$150 to \$200K)	About 5% more revenue (\$4.6 million a year)
Against a \$2M annual gap	Helps a little — about 10% of one year’s gap	Closes it for the near future and rebuilds fund balance, assuming consistent state and federal funding

They are not alternatives. Passage of the statewide amendment would not remove the need for the local question.

Question:

What is the funding gap?



The math...one more time

~3%

**What our costs rise
each year**

Wages, health insurance, fuel,
food, utilities — everything we
buy.

~1%

**What our revenue rises
each year**

Set almost entirely at the
Capitol. Not something we
choose.

~\$2 million

**The distance between
those two lines**

Every year, compounding on
top of the last year.

Had the state's general education formula tracked inflation, we would have roughly
\$7.7 million more this year.

Question:

**Why ask for more than
the funding gap?**



"So why ask for \$4.6 million if the gap is \$2 million?"

The \$2 million isn't a hole we fill once. It's a hole that gets about \$2 million deeper every year.

YEAR 1

\$2M gap

Covered, with room to spare.

YEAR 2

\$4M gap

Roughly break-even.

YEAR 3

\$6M gap

About \$1.5 million short, but we will have built up some fund balance.

YEAR 4

\$8M gap

About \$3.5 million short.

Realistically this buys somewhere around three years — and that assumes nothing gets worse at the state or federal level, which I can't promise anyone. If that makes you wonder whether we'll be back: that is exactly why the real fix is at the Capitol. This buys time to keep fighting for it. It does not substitute for it.

Question:

**What happens if the levy
fails to pass?**



What happens either way

If it passes

- About \$4.6 million a year covers eligible existing costs
- Pressure comes off the general operating budget
- Current classroom supports, programs and services are maintained
- We can rebuild the fund balance to board policy
- Future reductions get smaller and less frequent

If it doesn't

Another \$2 to \$4 million cut for 27-28, just to hold the fund balance where it is. The range depends on the Legislature. Based on where we are, that would likely include:

- Staff reductions
- Larger class sizes, and higher caseloads for staff working with our neediest students
- Reduced student programming
- Reduced transportation services

Question:

What will the ballot look like?



Official Ballot

Judge _____

Judge _____

State General Election Ballot

Dakota County, Minnesota

November 3, 2026

EAGAN P-01 ISD 197

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

Federal Offices	State Offices	City Offices Eagan
United States Senator Vote for One	State Auditor Vote for One	Mayor Vote for One
☐ Michele Tafoya Republican	☐ Scott Jensen Republican	☐ Mike Maguire
☐ Marisa Simonetti Independent	☐ Zack Filipovich Democratic-Farmer-Labor	☐ Mike Supina
☐ Rebecca Whiting Libertarian	☐ Jay Reeves Forward Independence	
☐ Peggy Flanagan Democratic-Farmer-Labor	☐ _____ write-in, if any	☐ _____ write-in, if any
☐ _____ write-in, if any	Attorney General Vote for One	Council Member Vote for Up to Two
United States Representative District 2 Vote for One	☐ Ronald J. Schutz Republican	☐ Gary Hansen
☐ Eric Pratt Republican	☐ Keith Ellison Democratic-Farmer-Labor	☐ Scott Armitage
☐ Matt Little Democratic-Farmer-Labor	☐ _____ write-in, if any	☐ Jason Narverud
☐ _____ write-in, if any	Constitutional Amendments	☐ Paul Bakken
State Offices	<p>Failure to vote on a constitutional amendment will have the same effect as voting no on the amendment.</p> <p>To vote for a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.</p>	☐ _____ write-in, if any
State Senator District 52 Vote for One	Increasing funding to school districts	School District Offices Independent School District No. 197 (West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan)
☐ Brady O'Neil Republican	<p>Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to increase the funding going to all school districts from the permanent school fund, which is a fund that supports school districts without raising individual income or property taxes, effective July 1, 2027?</p>	School Board Member Vote for Up to Three
☐ Liz Rayer Democratic-Farmer-Labor	☐ Yes	☐ Dwight H Larson
☐ _____ write-in, if any	☐ No	☐ Sarah Larsen
State Representative District 52B Vote for One		☐ Marcus Hill
☐ Bianca Virnig Democratic-Farmer-Labor		☐ Jon Vaupel
☐ Tom Lopac Republican	County Offices	☐ _____ write-in, if any
☐ _____ write-in, if any	County Commissioner District 3 Vote for One	☐ _____ write-in, if any
Governor and Lieutenant Governor Vote for One Team	☐ Laurie Halverson	☐ _____ write-in, if any
☐ Amy Klobuchar and Ben Schlierer Democratic-Farmer-Labor	☐ _____ write-in, if any	☐ _____ write-in, if any
☐ Lisa Demuth and Ryan Wilson Republican	County Sheriff Vote for One	
☐ Steven Young and Jane Kirby Green	☐ Joe Leko	
☐ _____ write-in, if any	☐ Bobby Lambert	
Secretary of State Vote for One	☐ _____ write-in, if any	
☐ George "Chip" Tangen Libertarian	County Attorney Vote for One	
☐ Steve Simon Democratic-Farmer-Labor	☐ Jeffrey Sheridan	
☐ Seth Kuhl-Stennes Green	☐ Kathy Keena	
☐ Tad Jude Republican	☐ _____ write-in, if any	
☐ _____ write-in, if any	Vote front and back of ballot	<p>Typ 01 Seq 0053 Spt 01</p>

Front



Back



State General Election Ballot

Dakota County, Minnesota

November 3, 2026

Instructions to Voters:
 Completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

School District Questions	Judicial Offices	Judicial Offices
<p>To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.</p>	Court of Appeals Judge 7 - Court of Appeals <small>Vote for One</small>	1st District Court Judge 9 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small>
<p>School District Question 1</p> <p>Approval of Capital Project Levy Authorization</p> <p>The school board of Independent School District No. 197 (West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan) has proposed a capital project levy authorization of 4.027% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The additional revenue from the proposed authorization will be used to provide funds for safety and security improvements; textbooks and teaching materials; school transportation vehicles; school facility maintenance; cybersecurity protections; utility service costs; and other operating capital revenue purposes permitted by law. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$4,600,000 for taxes payable in 2027, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$46,000,000. The projects to be funded have received a positive Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education. Shall the capital project levy authorization proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 197 be approved?</p> <p>☐ Yes</p> <p>☐ No</p>	<p>☐ Rachel Bond Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 13 - Court of Appeals <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Jeanne Cochran Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 15 - Court of Appeals <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Kevin G. Ross Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 18 - Court of Appeals <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ JaPaul J. Harris Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>1st District Court Judge 1 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Ann M. Offermann Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 2 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Krista M. Marks Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 3 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Danna L. Edwards Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p>	<p>☐ Patrick Goggins Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 12 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Michael D. Wentzell Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 15 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Lauren M. Johnson Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 16 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Luis Morales Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 18 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Christian Sean Wilton Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 27 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Tanya Olympia O'Brien Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 34 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Christopher D. Bates Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 36 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Adam Johnson Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p>
<p>QUESTION: YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.</p> <p>Judicial Offices</p> <p>Supreme Court</p> <p>Associate Justice 1 - Supreme Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Sarah Hennesy Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Associate Justice 4 - Supreme Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Paul Thissen Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Court of Appeals</p> <p>Judge 1 - Court of Appeals <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Elizabeth Bentley Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p>	<p>Judge 4 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Tracy Perzel Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 6 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Kelly A. Staples Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p> <p>Judge 7 - District Court <small>Vote for One</small></p> <p>☐ Matthew Schmidt Incumbent</p> <p><small>write-in, if any</small></p>	
	Vote front and back of ballot	EAGAN P-01 - ISD 197

School District Question 1

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☐ Yes

☐ No

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Constitutional Amendments

Failure to vote on a constitutional amendment will have the same effect as voting no on the amendment.

To vote for a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.

Increasing funding to school districts

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to increase the funding going to all school districts from the permanent school fund, which is a fund that supports school districts without raising individual income or property taxes, effective July 1, 2027?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Front

School District Offices Independent School District No. 197 (West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan)

School Board Member Vote for Up to Three

- ☐ Sarah Larsen
- ☐ Marcus Hill
- ☐ Jon Vaupel
- ☐ Dwight H Larson
- ☐ _____
write-in, if any
- ☐ _____
write-in, if any
- ☐ _____
write-in, if any

Question:

**How do our taxes
compare to other school
districts?**



TAX CONTEXT

Where Our Taxes Stand Today

How School District 197 school property taxes compare across the metro today.

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Metro School Tax Ranking

Seventh-lowest total school property taxes among metro districts, on a \$400,000 home.

Lowest

Among Our Neighbors

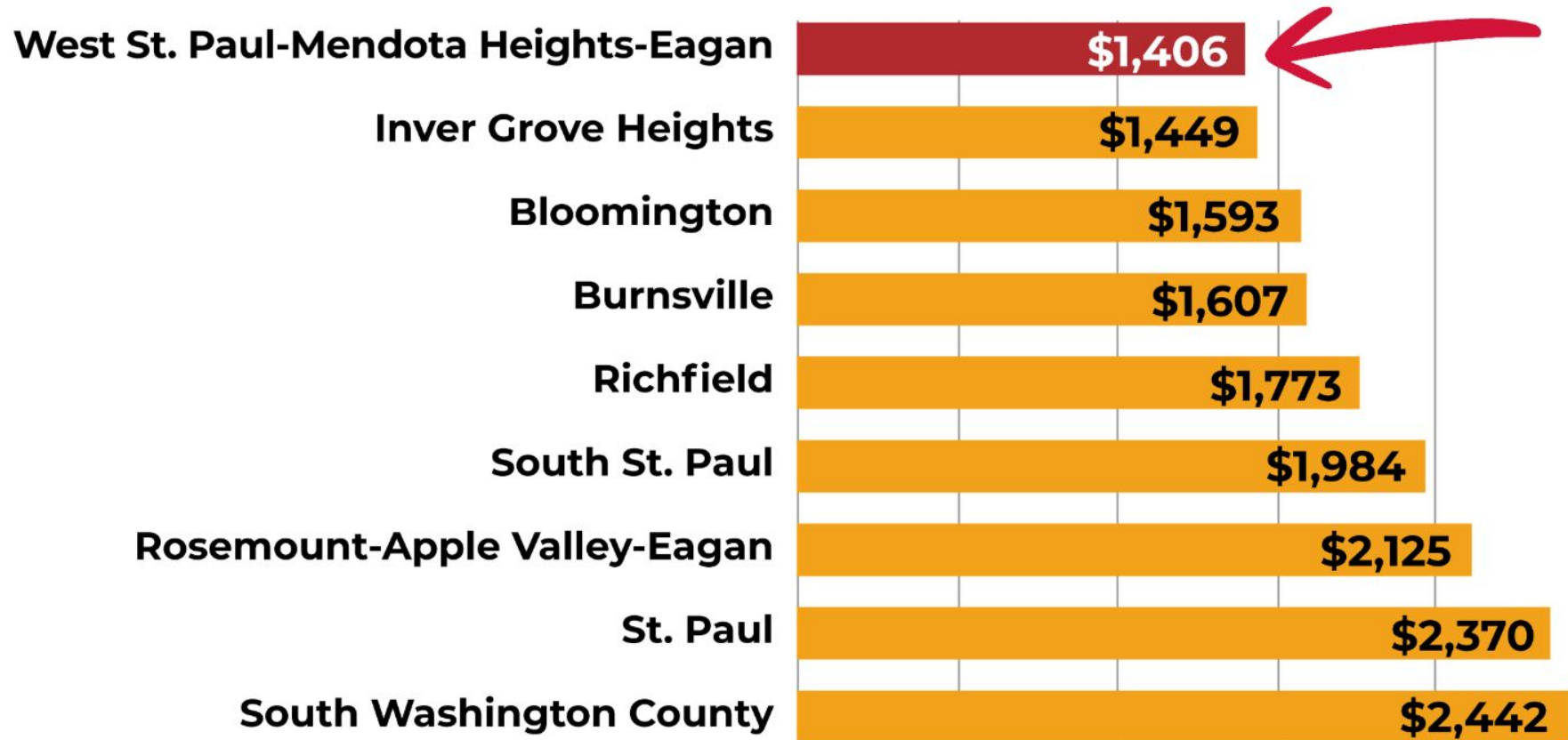
\$1,406 vs. \$1,449 to \$2,442 in surrounding districts.



Source: Pay 26 School Tax Report, AMSD comparison of all 47 metro districts.

How School District 197 Compares

Total school property taxes, payable 2026, on a home with an estimated market value of \$400,000



Question:
**What if I have more
questions?**



Get your answers here...

1 **Our website - isd197.org/vote2026**

The most info is here. We keep adding as we get more questions.

2 **Email us - levy@isd197.org**

Whether it's a question or a concern or an idea, we want to hear from you.

3 **Come to a meeting on Sept. 16, Sept. 30 or Oct. 29.**

September 16 - 8 to 10 AM - District Office - 1897 Delaware Ave, Mendota Heights

September 30 - 4 to 6 PM - District Office - 1897 Delaware Ave, Mendota Heights

October 29 - 5 to 7 PM - Thompson Park Activity Center - 1200 Stassen Lane, WSP