

Regular Meeting
Monday, October 12, 2026 6:00 PM

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

Agenda

1. Listening Session - 5:00 p.m.
Presenter: Morgan Steele, School Board Director; Marcus Hill, School Board Director
2. Call Meeting to Order and Recite Pledge of Allegiance - 6:00 p.m.
Presenter: Sarah Larsen, School Board Chair
3. Approval of the Agenda
Presenter: Sarah Larsen, School Board Chair
4. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Presenter: Sarah Larsen, School Board Chair
 - 4.A. Approval of Minutes of the September 28, 2026 School Board Meeting
 - 4.B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations
 - 4.C. Administrative Review of Policy 421: Gifts to Employees
 - 4.D. Approval of August 2026 Accounts Payable Report
 - 4.E. Approval of August 2026 Treasurer's Report
 - 4.F. Approval of September 2026 Wire Transfers Report
 - 4.G. Approval of TRHS Key Club Field Trip
 - 4.H. Approval of Gifts to the District
5. Listening Session Report - 6:05 p.m.
Presenter: Marcus Hill, School Board Director
6. Recognitions - 6:10 p.m.
Presenter: Peter Olson-Skog, Superintendent
7. Student Representatives' Report - 6:40 p.m.
Presenter: Aubrey McMahon and Clara Rebhan
8. Superintendent's Report - 6:50 p.m.
Presenter: Peter Olson-Skog, Superintendent
9. Site Report: Early Learning Center - 7:00 p.m.
Presenter: Laurie Hume, Assistant Director of Early Learning
10. Site Report: Branch Out - 7:20 p.m.
Presenter: Rachel Johnston, Special Education Supervisor
11. Presentation of Levy Update - 7:40 p.m.
Presenter: Peter Olson-Skog, Superintendent
12. Adjournment - 8:00 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, September 28, 2026
ISD 197 District Office, Mendota Heights, MN

A meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 197 was held on Monday, September 28, 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, Sarah Larsen, Byron Schwab, Jon Vaupel, Randi Walz. School Board members absent: Morgan Steele. School Board student representatives Aubrey McMahon and Clara Rebhan were present. Superintendent Peter Olson-Skog was absent.

Also present for the meeting were: Peter Mau; Assistant Superintendent; 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; Mark Fortman, Director of Operations.

Agenda

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

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

The motion carried (6-0).

Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the September 14, 2026 School Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Personnel Recommendations
- Final Reading of Policy 106, Equity
- Approval of Gifts to the District

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

The motion carried (6-0).

Comments to the School Board

Three speakers addressed the Board regarding coaching stipends.

Presentation of American Indian Education Plan

Assistant Superintendent Peter Mau, Educational Equity Coordinator Kevin Sheridan, and American Indian Education Coordinator Nell Barri presented an update on the district's American Indian Education Program, which focuses on increasing educational access and academic achievement while strengthening culturally relevant learning opportunities and school climate. The presentation highlighted continued growth of the program, including Native Student Groups at all schools, college and cultural field trips, literacy supports, family engagement, and the End of the Year Celebration and Senior Honoring. The Board also received an overview of the 2026-27 program plan, which establishes goals related to postsecondary preparation, academic achievement, culturally relevant curriculum, student and family participation, and intercultural awareness. The

district currently serves 161 American Indian students and is receiving \$110,500 in American Indian Education Aid for the 2026-27 school year.

Presentation of FY25 Audit

Director of Finance Brian Schultz introduced Jim Eichten of independent audit firm LB Carlson, who presented the results of the district's fiscal year 2024-25 audit, including financial, internal control, compliance, and federal single-audit findings. The district received an unmodified, or clean, opinion on its basic financial statements; the audit also identified four material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and findings related to federal programs and Minnesota legal compliance. The presentation also reviewed the district's financial position, including a declining General Fund balance, the district's fund balance policy, and the deficit financial position of the self-insured medical plan. The auditor discussed corrective action plans, implementation of new accounting standards, and future audit planning.

It was moved by Mr. Schwab and seconded by Mr. Hill to accept the FY25 Audit as presented.

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

The motion carried (6-0).

Approval of Pay 27 Preliminary Tax Levy

Director of Finance Brian Schultz presented the proposed 2026 property tax levy, payable in 2027, which must be certified by September 30, 2026. Administration recommended certifying the levy at the maximum amount, allowing the district to accommodate any subsequent adjustments to levy authority made by the Minnesota Department of Education before the final levy is adopted in December. The proposed levy totals \$39,605,090, an increase of \$108,694, or 0.28%, from the prior year; the General Fund levy decreases by 0.04%, the Community Service Fund levy increases by 12.77%, and the Debt Service Fund levy decreases by 0.24%. The Truth in Taxation hearing will be held December 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Mendota Heights City Hall.

It was moved by Mr. Aune and seconded by Mr. Schwab to approve the Pay 27 Preliminary Tax Levy as presented.

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

The motion carried (6-0).

Approval of Resolution to Close Open Enrollment for Grades 7-9 for the 2026-2027 School Year

Assistant Superintendent Peter Mau presented a recommendation to limit open enrollment for grades 7-9 for the 2026-27 school year due to enrollment levels and class-size considerations. Grades 7 and 8 are at or near Board class-size parameters, while higher-than-projected enrollment in grade 9 has limited scheduling flexibility and created challenges in maintaining the ninth-grade team model. Approximately 20% of students in grades 7 and 8 and 24% of students in grade 9 are currently enrolled through open enrollment; the limitation does not affect District 197 resident students. The Board was presented with a resolution limiting nonresident enrollment in each of grades 7, 8, and 9 to the lesser of one percent of total enrollment at that grade level or the number of District 197 resident students at that grade level enrolled in another district under the Enrollment Options Act. The resolution also requires the district to report to the Minnesota Department of Education the number of nonresident students denied admission as a result of the limitations.

It was moved by Ms. Walz and seconded by Mr. Vaupel to approve the Resolution to Close Open Enrollment for Grades 7-9 for the 2026-2027 School Year as presented.

Aye: Tim Aune, Marcus Hill, Sarah Larsen, Byron Schwab, Jon Vaupel, Randi Walz

Nay: none

The motion carried (6-0).

Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Schwab and seconded by Ms. Walz to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Aye: Tim Aune, Marcus Hill, Sarah Larsen, Byron Schwab, 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, October 12, 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: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Personnel Recommendations

The following personnel items are recommended for approval at the School Board Meeting on October 12, 2026.

Non-Licensed Employment

- Barnett, James - 8 hours per day Districtwide Grounds Worker at an hourly rate of \$27.81 effective October 1, 2026.
- Johnson, Jessica - 6.25 hours a day Instructional Paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$26.03 effective October 5, 2026.

Non-Licensed Resignation, Retirements, Terminations

- Grosjean, Matthew - Grounds Maintenance, resignation September 25, 2026.
- Hight, Eugene - Buildings and Grounds worker, termination October 2, 2026.



TO: School Board Members

FROM: Brian Schultz, Director of Finance

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Administrative Review of Policy 421, Gifts to Employees

BACKGROUND

An administrative review of Policy 421 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 adding the term "guardian" where needed. This policy was last updated in October 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 reviewed using the district's Four-Way Equity Test. This policy does not provide specific opportunities for the underserved, underrepresented or disadvantaged, but rather provides compliance procedures in order for the district to be in compliance with state statutes.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of School District 197 to approve Policy 421, Gifts to Employees, as presented.



OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

ISD 197 School Board

Employment and Personnel

Contact: Director of Finance

421 GIFTS TO EMPLOYEES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to avoid the appearance of impropriety or the appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to gifts given to school district employees including school board members.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school district recognizes that students, parents/guardians, and others may wish to show appreciation to school district employees. The policy of the school district, however, is to discourage gift-giving to employees, and to encourage donors instead to write letters and notes of appreciation or to give small tokens of gratitude as memorabilia.
- B. A violation of this policy occurs when any employee solicits, accepts, or receives, either by direct or indirect means, a gift from a student, parent/guardian, or other individual or organization of greater than nominal value.
- C. A violation of this policy occurs when any employee solicits, accepts, or receives a gift from a person or entity doing business with or seeking to do business with the school district. Employees may accept items of insignificant value of a promotional or public relations nature or a plaque with a resale value of \$5 or less with an inscription recognizing an individual for an accomplishment. The superintendent has discretion to determine what value is “insignificant.”
- D. Teachers may accept from publishers free samples of textbooks and related teaching materials.

- E. This policy applies only to gifts given to employees where the donor's relationship with the employee arises out of the employee's employment with the school district. It does not apply to gifts given to employees by personal friends, family members, other employees, or others unconnected to the employee's employment with the school district.
- F. An elected or appointed member of a school board, a school superintendent, a school principal, or a district school officer, including the school business official, may not accept a gift from an interested person.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Gift" means money, real or personal property, a service, a loan, a forbearance or forgiveness of indebtedness, or a promise of future employment, that is given without something of equal or greater value being received in return.
- B. "Interested person" means a person or a representative of a person or association that has a direct financial interest in a decision that a school board member, a superintendent, a school principal, or a district school officer is authorized to make.
- C. "Financial interest" means any ownership or control in an asset which has the potential to produce a monetary return.

IV. PROCEDURES

Any employee considering the acceptance of a gift shall confer with the administration for guidance related to the interpretation and application of this policy.

V. VIOLATIONS

Employees who violate the provisions of this policy may be subject to discipline, which may include reprimand, suspension, and/or termination or discharge.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 10A.07 (Conflicts of Interest)
Minn. Stat. § 10A.071 (Prohibition of Gifts)
Minn. Stat. § 15.43 (Acceptance of Advantage by State Employee; Penalty)
Minn. Stat. § 471.895 (Certain Gifts by Interested Persons Prohibited)

Cross References: School District Policy 210 (Conflict of Interest – School Board Members)

POLICY ADOPTED:	December 14, 2009
POLICY REVIEWED/REVISED:	May 15, 2017; April 20, 2020; October 23, 2023
Monitoring Method:	Administrative Review
Monitoring Frequency:	Every three years

ISD 197 Check register August 2026

NUMBER	AMOUNT	DATE	VENDOR
304281	624.95	08/06/2026	AINSWORTH, CHARLIE
304282	19,905.00	08/06/2026	ALLIED BLACKTOP COMPANY
304283	800	08/06/2026	ANOKA-HENNEPIN SCHOOL DISTRICT 11
304284	560	08/06/2026	ANSEL, HANNAH
304285	1,500.00	08/06/2026	BAUMGARTNER, JOHN
304286	248	08/06/2026	BIMBO BAKERIES USA
304287	6,030.46	08/06/2026	BIX PRODUCE CO
304288	4,860.00	08/06/2026	BROOKAIRE COMPANY LLC
304289	762	08/06/2026	BUCKEYE CLEANING CENTERS
304290	350	08/06/2026	C2 COMMUNICATION & CREATIVE
304291	15,575.84	08/06/2026	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
304292	2,812.20	08/06/2026	D & J QUALITY SOURCING LLC
304293	640	08/06/2026	DIETRICH, MEGAN
304294	480	08/06/2026	DOWNS, SUZANNE
304295	225	08/06/2026	FILLEY, CHAD
304296	9,475.36	08/06/2026	FLEETPRIDE
304297	25,572.99	08/06/2026	FLOORS BY FARMER INC
304298	5,824.00	08/06/2026	H & B SPECIALIZED PRODUCTS
304299	377.55	08/06/2026	HI TECH REFRIGERATION
304300	500	08/06/2026	INFINITE HEALTH COLLABORATIVE
304301	176.68	08/06/2026	JERRY'S ENTERPRISES
304302	2,650.00	08/06/2026	JORGENSEN CONSTRUCTION INC
304303	35	08/06/2026	JRS ADVANCED RECYCLERS
304304	225	08/06/2026	KRUSEMARK, LEEANNE
304305	2,100.25	08/06/2026	LVC COMPANIES
304306	13,720.84	08/06/2026	MACMILLAN HOLDINGS LLC
304307	435	08/06/2026	MEDICINE LAKE TOURS
304308	15,980.00	08/06/2026	MIDWEST FENCE AND MFG

304309	592.76	08/06/2026	MIDWEST BUS PARTS INC
304310	1,712.01	08/06/2026	NEO ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS
304311	162	08/06/2026	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CENTERS OF MN PC
304312	500	08/06/2026	OPEN EYE THEATRE
304313	25,000.00	08/06/2026	POSTMASTER
304314	489.01	08/06/2026	PROFESSIONAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS
304315	219	08/06/2026	QUALITY COMMERCIAL SERVICES LLC
304316	45,397.40	08/06/2026	SAYOO TRANSPORTATION LLC
304317	100	08/06/2026	SCHOOL NUTRITION LEADERS OF MN
304318	5,248.85	08/06/2026	SCHOOL SPECIALTY
304319	16,534.32	08/06/2026	SHERWIN WILLIAMS
304320	372.8	08/06/2026	SHRED N GO INC
304321	925.02	08/06/2026	STATE SUPPLY COMPANY
304322	1,080.00	08/06/2026	STOUT LINDA
304323	640	08/06/2026	SWEETLAND ORCHARD LLC
304324	1,879.25	08/06/2026	TRANE U S INC
304325	4,182.36	08/06/2026	UCP-SEGUIN-MINNESOTA, INFINITEC SERVICES
304326	10,000.00	08/06/2026	UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN
304327	14,262.08	08/06/2026	UPPER LAKES FOODS
304328	869.5	08/06/2026	VESTIS GROUP INC
304329	15,900.00	08/06/2026	WARRIOR DANCE TEAM
304330	127.26	08/06/2026	WEIGENANT, ANDREA
304331	325	08/06/2026	ZAHL PETROLEUM
304332	214.12	08/06/2026	ZEN EDUCATE INC
304333	44,656.18	08/06/2026	AMPION PBC
304334	2,722.50	08/06/2026	ARCHKEY TECHNOLOGIES
304335	2,195.00	08/06/2026	ASG COMMERICAL CLEANING LLC
304336	126.93	08/06/2026	ASPEN WASTE SYSTEMS OF MN INC
304337	239.95	08/06/2026	BATTERIES PLUS BULBS
304338	85,847.00	08/06/2026	BUILDING RESTORATION CORP
304339	242.55	08/06/2026	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS
304340	1,988.12	08/06/2026	CITY OF EAGAN

304341	441.5	08/06/2026	CRAWFORD DOOR SALES OF THE TWIN CITIES
304342	82.99	08/06/2026	CULLIGAN
304343	22,463.44	08/06/2026	DG MN CS 2021 LLC
304344	21,427.67	08/06/2026	FAE LSE 6 LLC
304345	1,555.00	08/06/2026	HARICH NURSERIES INC
304346	21,075.00	08/06/2026	HILDI INC
304347	10,360.00	08/06/2026	HORIZON COMMERCIAL POOL SUPPLY
304348	34.42	08/06/2026	HOSE/CONVEYORS INC
304349	1,800.00	08/06/2026	ICS CONSULTING LLC (DBA ICS)
304350	380	08/06/2026	INDEPENDENT BLACK DIRT COMPANY
304351	2,439.00	08/06/2026	KEEFE CO LLC
304352	5,335.05	08/06/2026	KINECT ENERGY GROUP
304353	1,669.12	08/06/2026	LVC COMPANIES
304354	3,789.46	08/06/2026	MADISON ENERGY INVESTMENTS III LLC
304355	141.5	08/06/2026	MADISON ENERGY INVESTMENTS II LLC
304356	66.39	08/06/2026	MEDTOX LABORATORIES INC
304357	906.04	08/06/2026	MENARDS
304358	6,689.13	08/06/2026	MSC RICE01
304359	14,863.92	08/06/2026	NAC MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL SERVICES
304360	474.65	08/06/2026	NASSEFF MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS
304361	5,729.88	08/06/2026	NEO ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS
304362	41,786.56	08/06/2026	NICOLLET PROJECT I LLC
304363	90.1	08/06/2026	OXYGEN SERVICE
304364	1,091.62	08/06/2026	PETERSON BROS ROOFING
304365	2,910.47	08/06/2026	PIONEER MANUFACTURING CO
304366	216.85	08/06/2026	REINDERS INC
304367	1,345.65	08/06/2026	SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPANY
304368	356.86	08/06/2026	SHERWIN WILLIAMS
304369	341.2	08/06/2026	SHRED N GO INC
304370	6,571.45	08/06/2026	SKIP'S SPRINKLER SYSTEMS LLC
304371	3,194.42	08/06/2026	STATE SUPPLY COMPANY
304372	5,440.00	08/06/2026	STEEN ENGINEERING INC

304373	843.14	08/06/2026	TRI-STATE BOBCAT
304374	320.64	08/06/2026	TURFWERKS
304375	1,033.03	08/06/2026	UNITED RENTALS
304376	423.86	08/06/2026	VERIZON WIRELESS
304377	1,226.90	08/06/2026	XCEL
304384	18,300.00	08/13/2026	ALLIED BLACKTOP COMPANY
304385	4,868.65	08/13/2026	ASPEN WASTE SYSTEMS OF MN INC
304386	378.29	08/13/2026	AVIBEN LLC
304387	2,374.94	08/13/2026	BSN SPORTS
304388	169,087.91	08/13/2026	CDW GOVERNMENT INC
304389	48.29	08/13/2026	CLARKIN, STEFANIE
304390	437	08/13/2026	COLLINS BROTHERS TOWING OF ST CLOUD INC
304391	5,302.52	08/13/2026	DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSN
304392	4,455.00	08/13/2026	FLOORS BY FARMER INC
304393	250	08/13/2026	HAMLIN UNIVERSITY
304394	286,091.00	08/13/2026	HORIZON EQUIPMENT
304395	2,448.00	08/13/2026	INGINA LLC
304396	17,275.00	08/13/2026	LB CARLSON LLP
304397	2,728.95	08/13/2026	LEARNING ALLY INC
304398	348.9	08/13/2026	LVC COMPANIES
304399	2,392.00	08/13/2026	MAYER ARTS INC
304400	986.54	08/13/2026	MCGRAW HILL LLC
304401	1,176.00	08/13/2026	MEDICINE LAKE TOURS
304402	255.03	08/13/2026	MENARDS
304403	494.34	08/13/2026	MIDWEST BUS PARTS INC
304404	750	08/13/2026	NAC MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL SERVICES
304405	144	08/13/2026	NESSIM & ASSOCIATES
304406	147.97	08/13/2026	NORTH CENTRAL BUS & EQUIP INC
304407	162	08/13/2026	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CENTERS OF MN PC
304408	6,600.00	08/13/2026	PEARSON
304409	4,628.41	08/13/2026	POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC
304410	2,160.00	08/13/2026	PRO CARE THERAPY

304411	65.77	08/13/2026	PROFESSIONAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS
304412	2,580.00	08/13/2026	RICH BOYER MASONRY & CONCRETE INC
304413	1,345.65	08/13/2026	SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPANY
304414	455,132.00	08/13/2026	SFM
304415	187.2	08/13/2026	SHRED N GO INC
304416	2,372.88	08/13/2026	ST PAUL BEVERAGE SOLUTIONS LLC
304417	942.16	08/13/2026	STATE SUPPLY COMPANY
304418	1,360.00	08/13/2026	SUNBELT STAFFING LLC
304419	322.02	08/13/2026	TRIO SUPPLY COMPANY
304420	21,284.00	08/13/2026	TWINS BALLPARK LLC
304421	127.18	08/13/2026	VESTIS GROUP INC
304422	962.73	08/13/2026	XCEL
304423	499.62	08/13/2026	ZEN EDUCATE INC
304424	22,935.87	08/13/2026	AMPION PBC
304425	21,812.72	08/13/2026	CITY OF MENDOTA HEIGHTS
304426	12,491.92	08/13/2026	DG MN CS 2021 LLC
304427	29,981.00	08/13/2026	DODGE NATURE CENTER
304428	19,105.36	08/13/2026	FAE LSE 6 LLC
304429	146.25	08/13/2026	GOODIN COMPANY
304430	1,899.94	08/13/2026	MADISON ENERGY INVESTMENTS III LLC
304431	74.47	08/13/2026	MADISON ENERGY INVESTMENTS II LLC
304432	23.34	08/13/2026	MENARDS
304433	480	08/13/2026	MONSON, JODI
304434	17,910.06	08/13/2026	MSC RICE01
304435	63,607.16	08/13/2026	NICOLLET PROJECT I LLC
304436	100	08/13/2026	SHIPMAN, MELONIE
304437	18,353.13	08/13/2026	ST PAUL CENTRAL
304439	27,682.16	08/20/2026	150 MARIE LLC
304440	1,349.40	08/20/2026	A N C SERVICES LLC
304441	859.6	08/20/2026	ACTIVE SOLUTIONS
304442	291.91	08/20/2026	AVIBEN LLC
304443	63	08/20/2026	AWARDS BY HAMMOND

304444	975	08/20/2026	BAYADA HOME HEALTH CARE INC
304445	3,600.00	08/20/2026	BRAINPOP LLC
304446	248.84	08/20/2026	BROOKAIRE COMPANY LLC
304447	41,735.00	08/20/2026	BUILDING RESTORATION CORP
304448	3,194.70	08/20/2026	CARNEGIE LEARNING
304449	71,300.66	08/20/2026	CDW GOVERNMENT INC
304450	4,959.88	08/20/2026	CENGAGE LEARNING INC
304451	9,850.00	08/20/2026	CENTAURI SYSTEMS LLC
304452	1,909.62	08/20/2026	CESO FINANCE LLC
304453	4,998.30	08/20/2026	CHARACTERSTRONG LLC
304454	481.32	08/20/2026	COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT
304455	5,852.80	08/20/2026	CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES LLC
304456	1,308.00	08/20/2026	DAIKIN APPLIED
304457	1,309.00	08/20/2026	DASH SPORTS LLC
304458	1,680.00	08/20/2026	DRAMA LAB LLC
304459	145	08/20/2026	ECKROTH MUSIC
304460	625	08/20/2026	GIPPER MEDIA INC
304461	500	08/20/2026	GRANITE COMPANIES LLC
304462	350	08/20/2026	HEALTH SPECIAL RISK INC
304463	777.44	08/20/2026	HENRY SCHEIN INC
304464	13,526.92	08/20/2026	ICS CONSULTING LLC (DBA ICS)
304465	2,550.00	08/20/2026	INGINA LLC
304466	1,015.00	08/20/2026	JAYTECH
304467	99.64	08/20/2026	JERRY'S ENTERPRISES
304468	351	08/20/2026	KIDCREATE STUDIO WOODBURY
304469	500	08/20/2026	KINECT ENERGY GROUP
304470	3,419.00	08/20/2026	KODIAK CUSTOM LETTERING INC
304471	517.41	08/20/2026	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC
304472	9,207.94	08/20/2026	LIGHTSPEED SOLUTIONS LLC
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304482	1,617.00	08/20/2026	MN MOBILE TELEPHONE CO INC
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304550	23,647.69	08/27/2026	FAE LSE 6 LLC
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304556	466.59	08/27/2026	JERRY'S ENTERPRISES
304557	519.4	08/27/2026	KELLY SERVICES INC
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	2,392,750.16	8/14/26 PR	
	2,469,358.55	8/28/26 PR	
	7,929,322.91	Grand Total	

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

Aug-26

Fund	Balance Beginning Of Month	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance End Of Month
General	(2,060,143.71)	12,726,477.55	10,208,826.97	457,506.87
Food Service	1,747,339.39	111,348.11	500,085.67	1,358,601.83
Comm. Service	3,220,790.34	397,282.86	675,299.25	2,942,773.95
Building Constructic	7,921,599.44		183,521.37	7,738,078.07
Debt Service	6,742,651.26			6,742,651.26
Trust & Agency	223,204.42	77,075.26	13,665.09	286,614.59
Custodial Fund	142,197.55	2.00	11,532.29	130,667.26
Self Insurance	1,186,481.48			1,186,481.48
OPEB Trust	5,796,595.87	18,648.10		5,815,243.97
Internal Service	2,559,933.80			2,559,933.80
Total	27,480,649.84	13,330,833.88	11,592,930.64	29,218,553.08

Bank	Balance Per Bank Statement	Outstanding Checks	Other Reconciling Items	Balance Per Treasurer's Books
US Bank	17,539,985.58	780,950.10	(5,118.50)	16,753,916.98
Ehlers Bond	6,859,862.15			6,859,862.15
PMA				287,258.68
PMA Bond	-			-
PERA				5,257,074.49
CD'S				60,440.78
Total				29,218,553.08

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ISD 197 WEST ST. PAUL SCHOOLS**Wire Transfers
9/1/26 thru 9/30/26**

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
9/11/26	MSDLAF - General	MSDLAF - Payroll	1,515,160.97	A/P - P/R*
9/11/26	MSDLAF _ - Payroll	State of MN	85,415.66	Payroll taxes
9/11/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	IRS	502,951.45	Payroll taxes
9/11/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	PERA	83,264.67	Pension
9/11/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	TRA	304,886.73	TRA contrib.
9/11/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	EBC	114,831.88	403B
9/11/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	Health Equity	17,457.58	Flex
9/25/26	MSDLAF - General	MSDLAF - Payroll	1,552,982.52	A/P - P/R*
9/25/26	MSDLAF _ - Payroll	State of MN	89,177.90	Payroll taxes
9/25/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	IRS	521,478.31	Payroll taxes
9/25/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	PERA	91,365.64	Pension
9/25/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	TRA	313,272.61	TRA contrib.
9/25/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	EBC	117,121.88	403B
9/25/26	MSDLAF - Payroll	Health Equity	17,741.02	Flex
Total			<u><u>5,327,108.82</u></u>	

* To cover accounts payable or payroll checks.

DISTRICT 197 OVERNIGHT OR EXTENDED TRIP REQUEST- FORM 2

Form 1 must have been completed and approved before submitting Form 2

Submit to Principal/Administrator and Superintendent's Office no less than two months prior to domestic travel and no less than 4 months prior to international travel.

Staff Member Name and school: Mary Beth Townsend/Two Rivers

Date of Trip/Destination/Who trip is for: November 6-8, 2026 Key Club

Did you complete **FORM 1** for this trip and receive the required approval? Yes

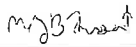
TOUR CHECKLIST	RESPONSE
1. Dates of travel	November 6-8, 2026
2. Trip destination	YMCA Camp Ihduhapi, Loretto MN
3. SUBMIT: Complete roster of travelers. Include a link to your roster in the response or attach a document. <i>Link to roster template: TOUR ROSTER</i>	Yes
4. SUBMIT: Detailed Itinerary, including hotel names, addresses and phone numbers. Include a link or attach a document with these details in your response.	3:15 departure, using school bus. Arrive at camp 4:00 pm Stay at camp until 11am Sunday. Arrive at school noon on Sun, 10/1/26
5. Final number of student travelers	9 as of 10/1/26
6. Final number of adult travelers who are paying their own way/fare.	2
7. Final number of adults travelers who are traveling with a free or reduced fare. [If any, include the amount by which their fare is reduced]	0
8. Final number of district employees (also include in #6 and #7 counts)	1
9. Ratio of adults to students	
10. FINAL TOTAL of Number of Travelers (Adults and Students)	
11. Have parents received detailed information about the cancellation policies and fees?	Yes
12. Is travel insurance through the tour company required OR optional for your travelers?	no

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13. Has the district completed background checks for <u>all</u> adults?	Yes
14. Is this a private tour, or will you be traveling with students from other schools? If so, please include the full roster of the adjoining group.	private tour
15. How will you communicate with travelers while on tour?	In person and via text
16. How will you communicate with families back home/not on tour?	Via email and text if necessary
17. What is your plan for those requiring medication?	There is a registered P.A. at the camp



Staff Member's/Group Leader's Signature

10/4/26

Date

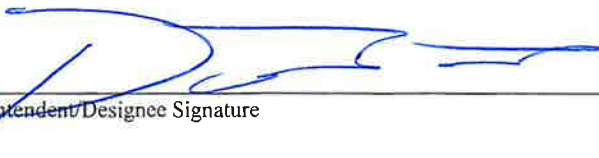
Required Approvals:

 AD

Principal Signature

10/5/24

Date



Superintendent/Designee Signature

10/5/26

Date

School Board Approval

Date Approved

Once this form has been signed by your site administrator, submit it to the Superintendent for review and approval. It will then require School Board approval. Once approved, a signed copy will be returned to you for your records.



TO: School Board Members

FROM: Britini Osmonson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & School Board

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Gifts to the District

BACKGROUND

Minnesota Statute §123B.02, Subd. 6, permits School Boards to “... receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education.”

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 197 that the School Board accept with appreciation the following contributions and permit their use as designated by the donor:

Value	Donor	Item/Purpose
\$1,000	South Robert Street Business Association	Funds for Tri-District CAPS programming



SITE REPORT: EARLY LEARNING CENTER

**Presented by: Laurie Hume, Assistant Director of Early Learning
October 12, 2026 School Board Meeting**



WHO WE ARE



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide every child and family with a high quality, holistic early childhood experience. We strive to create a collaborative, safe, nurturing, and developmentally appropriate environment, which fosters individual needs. It is our goal that children will possess confidence in their abilities and establish lasting relations with adults and peers, which will prepare them to become responsible citizens in their community.





POINTS OF PRIDE



POINT OF PRIDE: NATURE-BASED PLAY

Increased Focus on Nature-Based Play

- Expanded Outdoor Mud Kitchen at ELC
- ECFE-based Nature Courses
- Field Trips to Parks, Nature Centers, Outdoor Spaces



POINT OF PRIDE: ECFE REORGANIZATION

ECFE Reorganization

- Added a Community Outreach Parent Educator/Preschool Teacher
 - Increased outreach by going to our families through home visits
 - Creating partnerships
 - Continue to offer classes at both Pilot Knob and the Early Learning Center



POINT OF PRIDE: PARTNERSHIPS

- Wentworth Library
- Alden Pond
- Apartments at 15 Butler
- Nature Pathways
- Augustana Church





LOOKING AHEAD



LOOKING AHEAD

NEW CURRICULUM

We are trialing 2 new general education curriculums and 1 special education curriculum

- Frog Street: Preschool Curriculum
- Creative Curriculum for Preschool
- Teach Town: Special Education Curriculum



LOOKING AHEAD

MN EARLY LEARNING CORPS

We will have 3 Early Learning Reading Corps tutors this year



LOOKING AHEAD READY FOR RIGOR EQUITY TRAINING

All staff, including paraprofessionals, will be participating in Ready for Rigor Equity Training.





THANK YOU!





SITE REPORT: BRANCH OUT

Presented by: Rachel Johnston, Special Education Supervisor
October 12, 2026 School Board Meeting



WHO WE ARE



OUR MISSION

We empower our learners to discover their strengths and build confidence for adult life through continued development of independent living, job training, and post-secondary education.

We help each student build independence, self-advocacy skills, pursue meaningful opportunities, and become a confident, contributing member of their community.





POINTS OF PRIDE



POINT OF PRIDE: AMBASSADORS FOR RESPECT

- Grant-funded initiative from PeaceMaker Minnesota
- Brings individuals with developmental disabilities into 4th grade classrooms to teach students to include others, to use Person-First Language, and to advocate for themselves and others.
- Strengthen **bullying prevention** while building self-advocacy and leadership skills for the adult ambassadors, who are compensated for their work



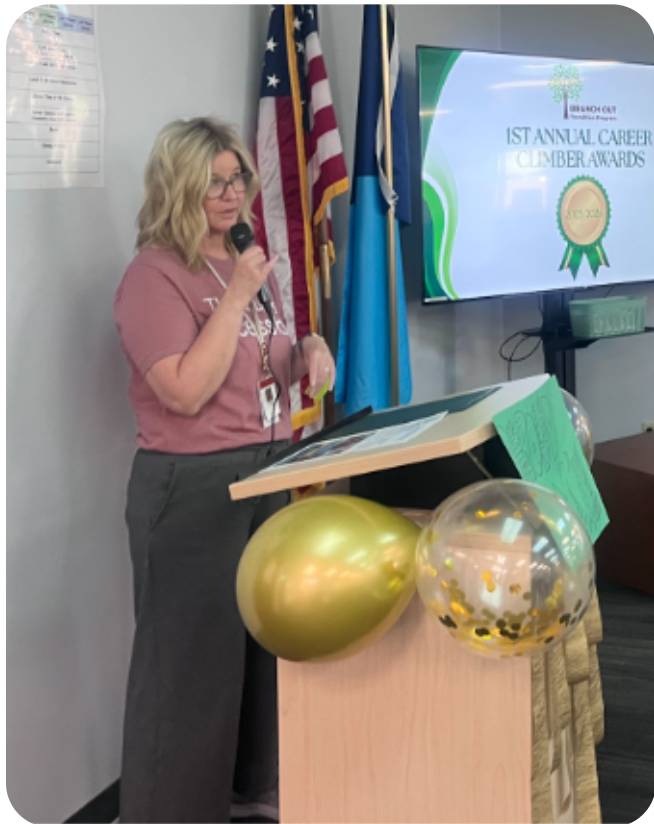
POINT OF PRIDE: OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Grant-funded outdoor classroom space with wheelchair accessible tables.



POINT OF PRIDE: CAREER CLIMBERS

Career Climber Awards celebrate the unique talents and accomplishments each learner has demonstrated throughout the school year.





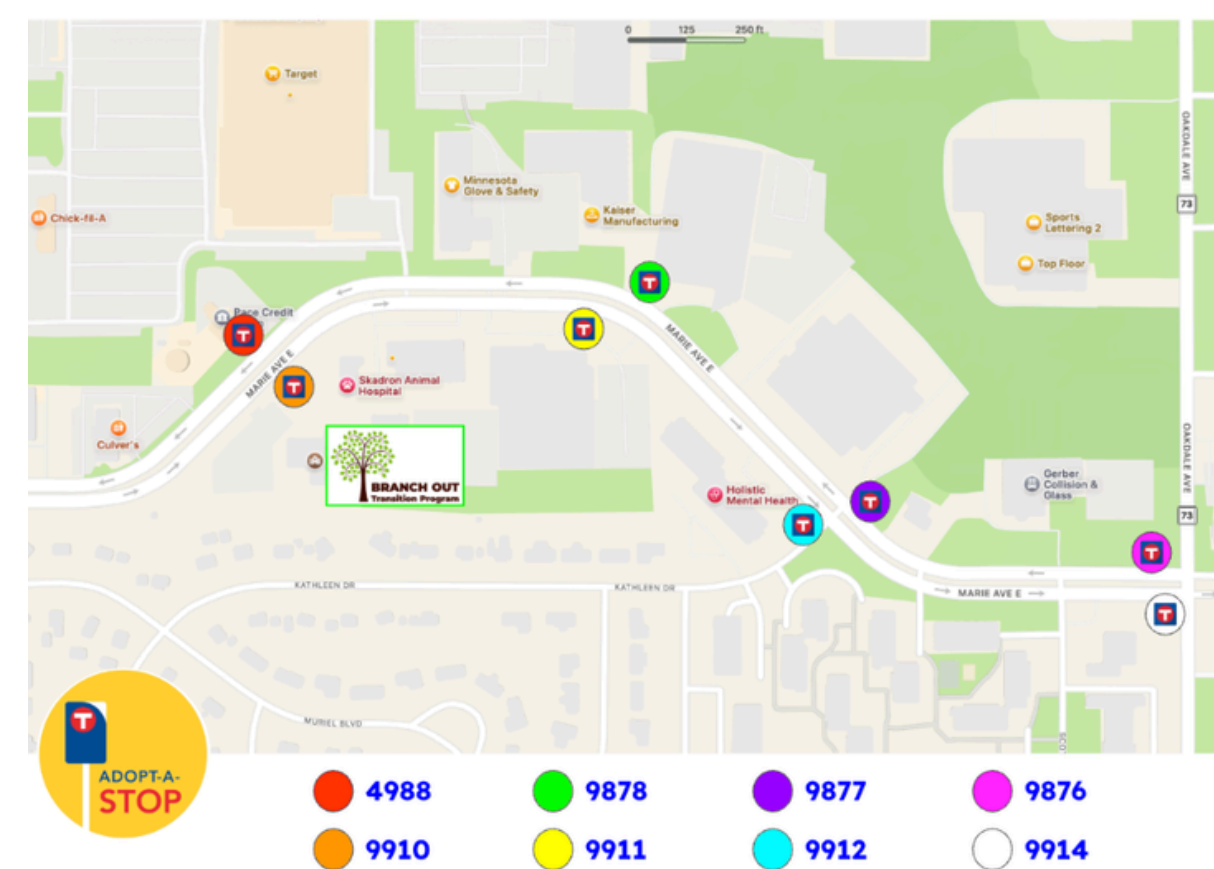
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PUBLIC TRANSIT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

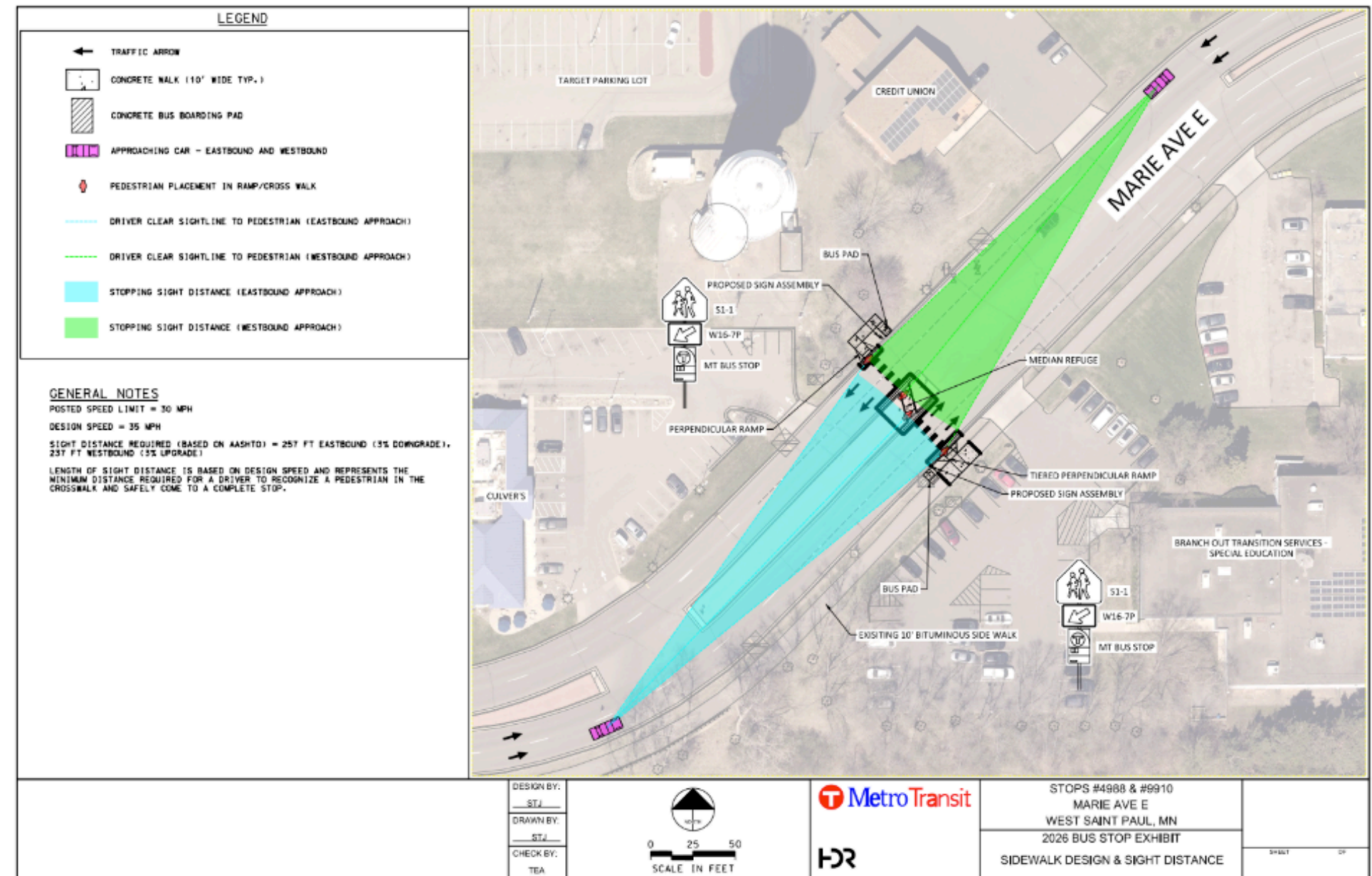
- Adopt-a-Stop has become both a volunteer job site for our learners as well as providing a benefit of **10 free rides per month per stop** (8 stops) for our program, a value of \$160 per month.



LOOKING AHEAD

PUBLIC TRANSIT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

- Partnering with City of WSP and Metro Transit; advocating for having a crosswalk moved and a bus pad installed for improved safety and access.



LOOKING AHEAD

MORE JOB SITE OPPORTUNITIES

More job site opportunities across varying industries to address a variety of interests and skills among our talented learners! Listed below are new, in addition to the sites we had last year.



LOOKING AHEAD

EXPANDED CURRICULA

- Ori Learning
- Disability Hub
- DCTC Career and Tech Ed courses now offering cosmetology
- Two Rivers Intro to Foods class



ONE LAST THING...

**WINTER BOUTIQUE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
11:00AM – 1:00PM**





THANK YOU!



Strong Schools. Strong Communities.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 197 10 Levy Facts



Big Picture Overview

Why a Levy is Needed

This fall, voters will decide whether to approve a School District 197 levy to help maintain our schools, programs, and services. After more than \$3.2 million in budget reductions over the past two years, the district has reached a point where additional cuts will reach deeper into the classroom.

Why does School District 197 have a \$2 million annual funding gap?

Because of inflation and decades of underfunding, the cost to educate students grows by about 3% each year, while the funding we receive from the state grows by only 1%. **Every year, this creates a \$2 million funding gap.**

The Funding Gap

\$2 MILLION

Inflation and decades of underfunding have created an ongoing \$2 million annual funding gap.



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

School District 197 made more than \$3.2 million in budget cuts over the last two years. For the 2026-27 school year alone, the district reduced spending by \$2.55 million, including \$1.73 million in position reductions. The district has also kept administrative costs low.

Steps Already Taken

**\$3.2
MILLION**

Cuts from the district budget over the past two years.



How much would the proposed levy provide?

If approved, the levy would provide \$4.6 million each year for 10 years, beginning in the 2027-28 school year. The funding would help address the district's \$2 million annual funding gap and help rebuild the district's fund balance toward the School Board-approved 8% target.

The Proposed Levy

**\$4.6
MILLION**

Annually for 10 years,
beginning in the
2027-28 school year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 197
What We Teach & Learn Matters to Us Every Day

**Strong Schools.
Strong Communities.**

— VOTE NOV. 3 —

What would the levy fund?

The levy would fund existing eligible expenses, including textbooks and teaching materials, safety and security, building maintenance and utilities, and transportation. The levy would **not** fund new schools, major construction, or new or expanded programs.

What it Would Fund

Existing Expenses

Textbooks , safety, building maintenance, utilities, transportation



How much would it cost residents if the levy passed?

If approved, the estimated tax impact would be about \$14 per month for the owner of a \$400,000 home. The tax impact will vary based on each home's estimated market value. Because the levy is funded through property taxes, there would be no direct tax impact on renters.

The Tax Impact

\$14 per **MONTH**

For the owner of a \$400,000 home.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 197
What We Teach & Learn Matters to Our Future

**Strong Schools.
Strong Communities.**

VOTE NOV. 3

How do School District 197 property taxes compare with other school districts?

School District 197 has some of the lowest total school property taxes in the metro area. We rank 40th out of 47 metro school districts, making it the seventh lowest. Closer to home, School District 197 has the lowest total school property taxes among our neighboring school districts.

School Property Taxes

Lowest Tax Rate

School District 197 has the lowest total school property taxes than all neighboring districts.



What happens if the levy fails to pass?

The district will make another \$2-\$4 million in budget cuts for the 2027-28 school year. Those cuts will include staff reductions, larger class sizes, higher caseloads, reduced student programming, and reduced transportation services.

If Levy is Not Approved

**\$2-\$4
MILLION**

In additional budget cuts next year, including staff reductions, larger class sizes, and more.



When and where can voters cast their ballots?

Voters in School District 197 will be asked to go to the polls on Tuesday, November 3, to elect three school board members and vote on a capital project levy. Absentee and early voting are now available.

Election Day



Nov. 3

Find your polling location
and learn more at
isd197.org/vote2026.



What is the Permanent School Fund question on the November ballot?

Voters will see a Permanent School Fund constitutional amendment in November. If approved, it would provide School District 197 approximately \$150,000 more annually without raising taxes, but would not close the district's \$2 million funding gap. A blank vote counts as a "No" vote.

Permanent School Fund

+0.2%

Equivalent to nearly \$150,000 more annually if approved—but not enough to close the district's funding gap.



How does School District 197's administrative spending compare to other districts?

School District 197 spends 2.7% of its budget on administrative pay—nearly half the statewide average of 5%.

Those figures are from before nearly \$2 million in staff reductions this year, which will further reduce administrative spending.

Administrative Spending

2.7%

of School District 197's budget is spent on administrative pay—compared to 5% statewide.



A Few More Things to Remember

- The Permanent School Fund question will be on the front of the ballot.
- The levy question will be on the back of the ballot.
- Our budget, including budget cuts, reaches beyond our classrooms.