



DETROIT LAKES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA WORK SESSION

Friday, October 30, 2026 - 10:30 AM

City Council Chambers, 1025 Roosevelt Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

The mission of Detroit Lakes Public schools is to ensure consistent expectations, opportunities, meaningful support, and strong relationships so that every student develops the skills, confidence, and connections needed to thrive beyond graduation.

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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Presenter: Steffl, Board Chair

II. **ROLL CALL**

Presenter: Steffl, Board Chair

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Presenter: Steffl, Board Chair

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Presenter: Steffl, Board Chair

V. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Presenter: Steffl, Board Chair

A. Review the budget and processes related to the referendum.

VI. **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Presenter: Steffl, Board Chair

I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under God,
indivisible,
with Liberty and Justice
for all.



PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES - FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

Detroit Lakes School District No. 22

October 22, 2026

**Analysis of Tax Impact for Potential Bond Issue
Election 2026**

Authorized Bond Issue Amount	\$20,000,000	\$25,000,000
Average Interest Rate	5.00%	5.00%
Number of Years	20	20
Capital Project Levy Amount	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Number of Years	10	10

Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Impact on Annual Taxes Payable 2028 Compared to 2027*	
Residential Homestead	\$100,000	\$14	\$17
	200,000	37	46
	300,000	61	75
	400,000	85	104
	500,000	109	133
Commercial/ Industrial	\$100,000	\$33	\$40
	500,000	202	247
	1,000,000	420	513
Agricultural Homestead** (average value per acre of land & buildings)	\$2,000	\$0.19	\$0.21
	3,000	0.29	0.31
	4,000	0.39	0.42
	5,000	0.49	0.52
Agricultural Non-Homestead** (average value per acre of land & buildings)	\$2,000	\$0.39	\$0.42
	3,000	0.58	0.63
	4,000	0.78	0.84
	5,000	0.97	1.05
Seasonal	\$250,000	\$55	\$67
Recreational	500,000	109	133
Residential	750,000	177	217

* Estimated tax impact includes principal and interest payments on the new bonds. The amounts in the table are based on school district taxes for capital project levy and bonded debt levies only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including the impact of the homeowner's Homestead Credit Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Owners of homestead property may qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This will change the net effect of the proposed bond issue for those property owners.

** For all agricultural property estimates include a 70% reduction due to the School Building Bond Agricultural Credit for the school building bond only. Average value per acre is the total estimated market value of all land & buildings divided by total acres. If the property includes a home, then the tax impact on the house, garage, and one acre of land will be calculated in addition to the taxes per acre, on the same basis as a residential homestead or non-homestead property. If the same property owner owns more than \$3.84 million of agricultural homestead land and buildings, a portion of the property will be taxed at the higher non-homestead rate.

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Residential Homestead	\$100,000	\$19	\$22
	200,000	53	62
	300,000	87	101
	400,000	121	140
	500,000	155	179
Commercial/ Industrial	\$100,000	\$47	\$54
	500,000	287	332
	1,000,000	598	691
Agricultural Homestead** (average value per acre of land & buildings)	\$2,000	\$0.29	\$0.30
	3,000	0.43	0.45
	4,000	0.57	0.60
	5,000	0.72	0.75
Agricultural Non-Homestead** (average value per acre of land & buildings)	\$2,000	\$0.57	\$0.60
	3,000	0.86	0.90
	4,000	1.15	1.20
	5,000	1.43	1.51
Seasonal	\$250,000	\$78	\$90
Recreational	500,000	155	179
Residential	750,000	252	292

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