



Referendum Considerations

School Board Work Session
Dec. 10, 2020

Purpose of Tonight's Discussion

- Review district current and future needs related to finances and facilities
- Gather feedback from board members
- Establish next steps

Finance Needs

- Expiring operating levy = approximately \$12 million
- Other considerations:
 - Increasing operating costs
 - Program enhancements
 - Technology needs

Facility Needs

- Space
 - Overcrowding in several schools
 - Projected growth in Lake Elmo and Woodbury
- Facility improvements
(Community Design Team)

Understanding Financial Needs



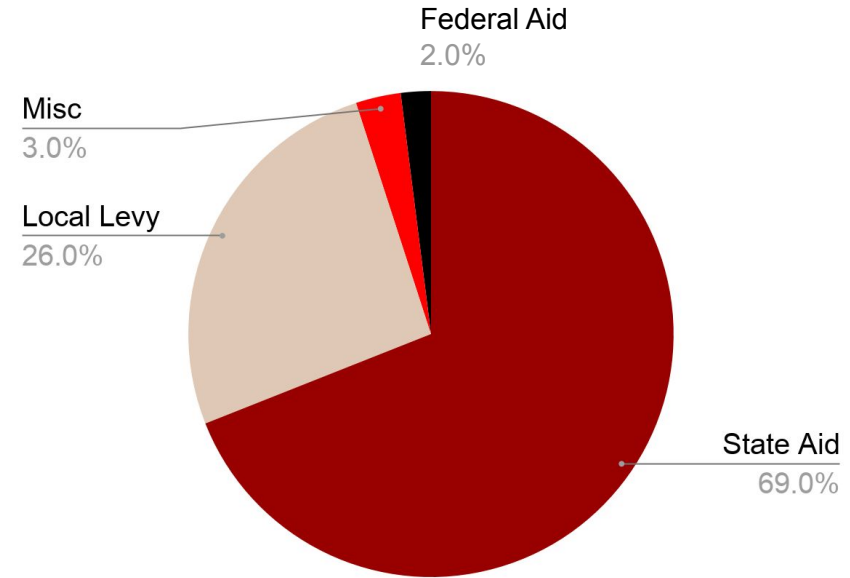
Stillwater
AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Our Revenue Sources

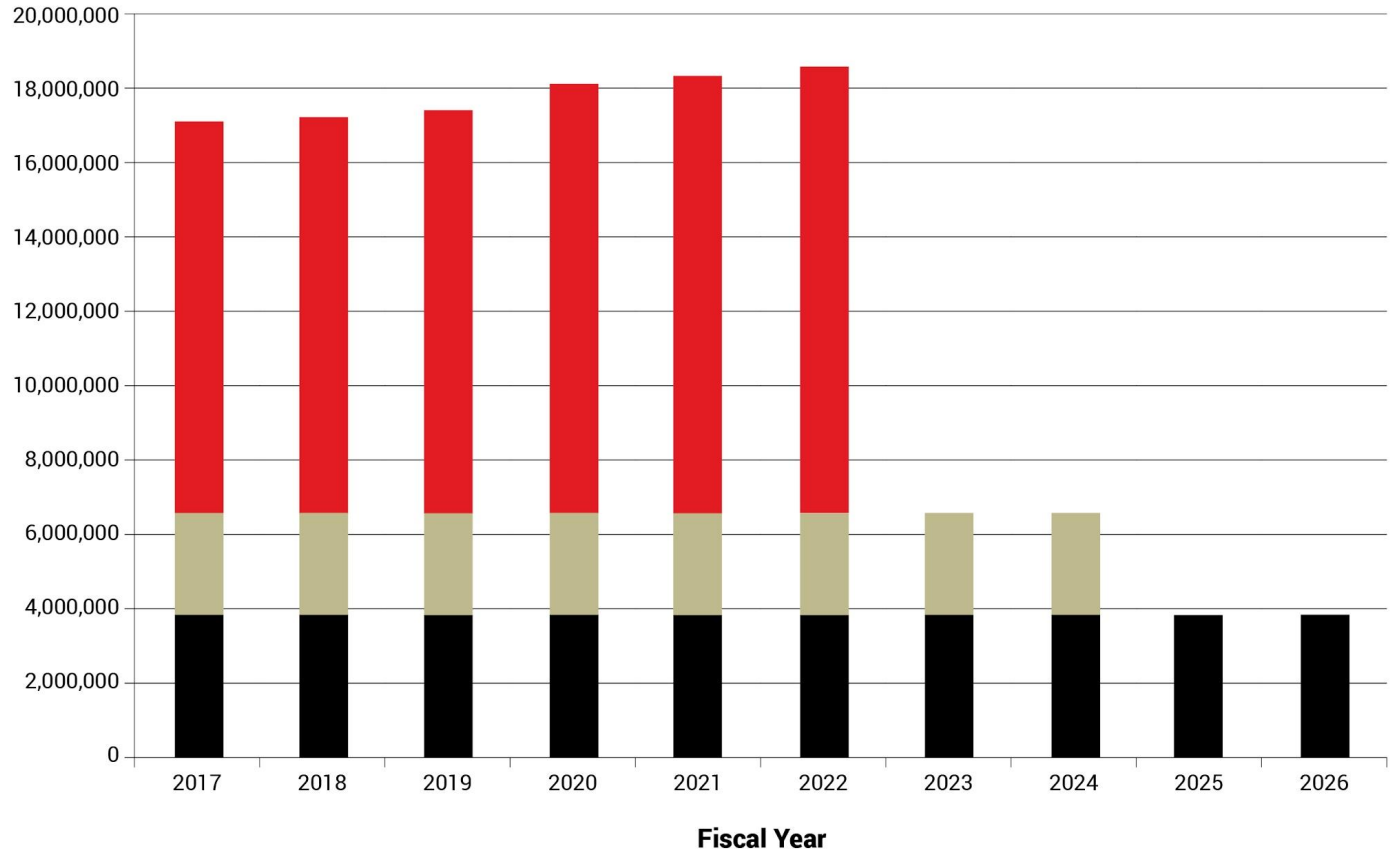
Local Levy (property taxes)

- **Voter Approved Referendum**
 - Operating referendum (operating costs)
 - Capital projects (technology)
- **Non-Voter Approved Levies**
 - Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligations
 - Q Comp
 - Long Term Facility Maintenance



ISD 834 Operating Fund Recap - 10 Year Snapshot

Referendum
Revenue, Local
School Board
Approved and Local
Optional Information



Technology: The tools kids need to learn

- Student devices
- Teacher computers
- Interactive classroom displays
- Cameras
- Technology infrastructure



Funding: Where We Are	Funding: Where We Should Be
Annual technology investment = \$1.3 million <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Equates to about \$155/student	Annual technology funding target = \$3.1 million <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Equates to about \$370/student
Pulls \$1.3 million from general fund to cover technology needs	Frees up \$1.3 million in general fund; provides additional funds for other student needs

Understanding Enrollment Needs



ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

- First five projection years (2019-20 to 2024-25)
 - K-5 increases 55 to 180 students
 - 6-8 increases 89 to 149 students
 - 9-12 increases 112 to 123 students
- In ten years (2019-20 to 2029-30)
 - K-5 increases 43 to 190 students
 - 6-8 increases by 108 to 222 students
 - 9-12 increases by 323 to 388 students

**10 year projection =
8,881 to 9,153 students**

Increase of 501 to 773 students
from 2019-2020 enrollment
of 8,380

Source: Enrollment Projections,
5/20/2020, Hazel Reinhardt

COHORT SURVIVAL METHOD

PROJECTIONS GRADES K-5

High/High

School	2019-20	2020-201	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Afton-Lakeland	479	494	503	526	537	542
Anderson	364	354	354	356	356	349
Brookview	480	503	529	549	549	559
Lake Elmo	697	701	738	758	763	747
Lily Lake	477	488	494	483	492	490
Rutherford	567	548	537	514	512	501
Stonebridge	433	422	432	431	434	437
Gate 4/5	55	60	65	70	75	80
Sum	3,552	3,570	3,652	3,687	3,718	3,705
District-wide	3,552	3,577	3,654	3,688	3,720	3,705
Difference	0	-7	-2	-1	-2	0

Source:

Enrollment Projections,
5/20/2020,
Hazel Reinhardt

COHORT SURVIVAL METHOD

PROJECTIONS GRADES 6-8

High/High

School	2019-20	2020-201	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Oak Land MS	973	1,042	1,087	1,136	1,142	1,226
Stillwater MS	1,024	987	968	948	917	922
Sum	1,997	2,029	2,055	2,084	2,059	2,148
District-wide	1,997	2,028	2,054	2,083	2,057	2,146
Difference	0	1	1	1	2	2

Source: Enrollment Projections,
5/20/2020, Hazel Reinhardt

Building Capacities



Building	Programmatic Capacity
Afton-Lakeland	500
Andersen	350
Brookview	450
Lake Elmo	675
Lily Lake	525
Rutherford	675
Stonebridge	575
Oak-Land Middle	986
Stillwater Middle	1,232
Stillwater Area High School and ALC	2,875

Enrollment Survey Results

Of the approximately 2,300 students who chose 100% Online Learning:

- About 66% are likely to return to our schools post-pandemic
- 40% are interested in online learning post-pandemic

Of the approximately 650 students who left our district for other options this year:

- 60% indicated Hybrid Learning was a major factor in their decision
- About 50% are likely to return to our schools post-pandemic

LEVY is for
learning



Bond is for
building



Referendum Options

Type	Operating Referendum	Bond Referendum	Capital Projects Referendum
Purpose	For operating expenses	For building construction	For capital and/or technology expenditures
Last Approved	November 2013 for eight years	May 2015	Not currently utilized in ISD 834
Election Options	LAST CHANCE TO RENEW General Election in November 2021	General Election in November or Special Election in February, April, May, August	General Election in November or Special Election in February, April, May, August

Next Steps

Consider levy request

- Straight renewal?
- Renewal plus additional funds?
Possible program enhancements?
- Technology levy?

Consider bond request

- When? Fall 2021 or later date?
- What projects to include?

Resources:

Baker Tilly: Community survey to measure public perceptions and tax tolerance

Ehlers: Financial analysis and tax impact information

Kraus-Anderson: Bond project costing and planning

What additional information does the board need?

Supporting Materials

Enrollment Projections, Hazel Reinhardt, 5/20/20

- [Presentation](#) and [Report](#), 10/8/20

Community Design Team, 2/18/20

- Recommendation [Volume I](#) and [Volume II](#)
- [Review of Recommendation](#), 11/5/2020 School Board Work Session

2019 Residential Survey, Morris Leatherman, 10/29/19

- [Presentation](#)

[Draft 2021 Referendum Timeline](#)