

# SAINT PETER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REFERENDUM 2021



# Saints Proud!

## Early Childhood Center

Child-centered approach

experience-rich with purposeful play

## South & North Elementary Schools

Rigorous Core Academics

Physical Education

STEM

Music

Art

1:1 iPads

## Saint Peter Middle School

Rigorous Core Academics

Co-curricular activities

Band & Choir

Clubs

World Language

1:1 Chromebooks

## Saint Peter High School

Earn college credits in advanced courses

Wide variety of Elective Courses

Career and Technical Education options

Many Co-curricular Options

1:1 iPads with Keyboards

## Rockbend ALC

Accelerated Credit Recovery

Evening and Summer Programming

Work-based learning

Individualized Comprehensive Academic Programming

## Hoffman Learning Center

Educational Services within a support Residential Treatment Program

## Community & Family Education

Saints Overtime

Youth & Adult Classes and Activities



# What we want to share today:



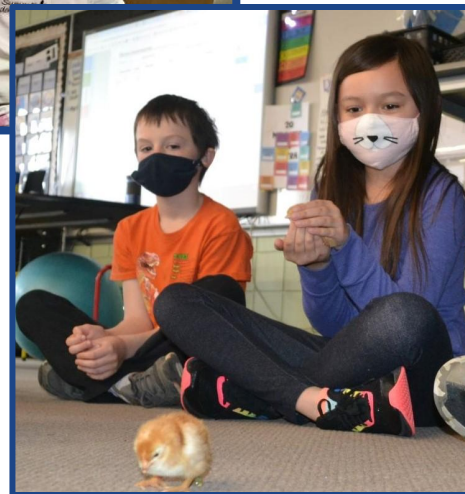
Why do we need it?



How much will it cost?

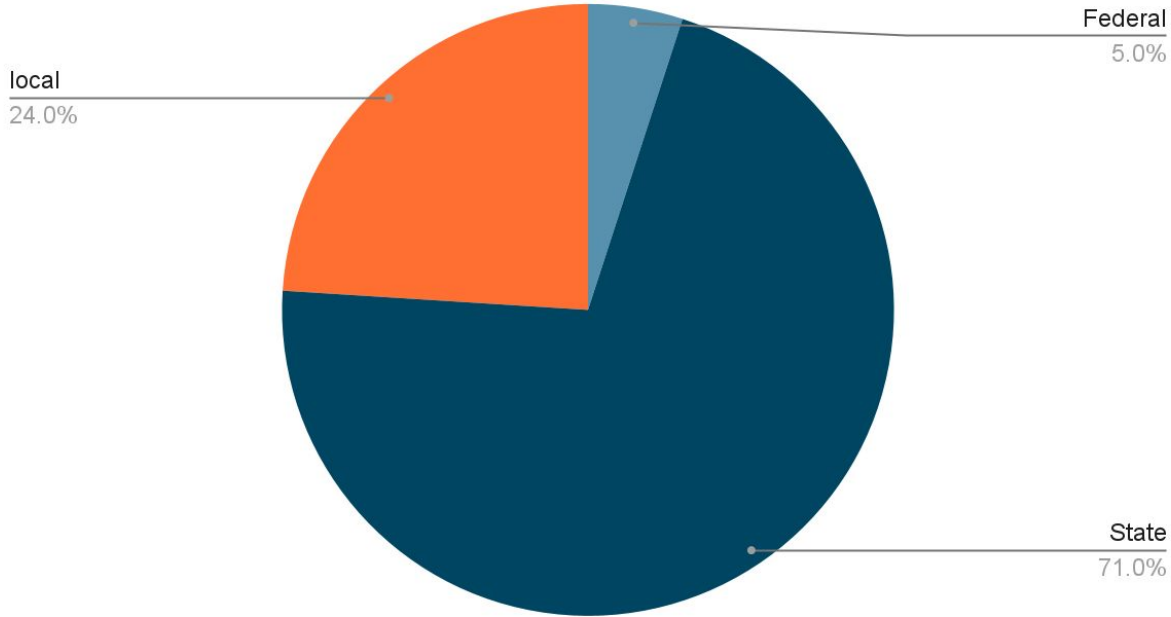


What happens if it doesn't pass?



# How is the School District Funded?

Revenue \$34M

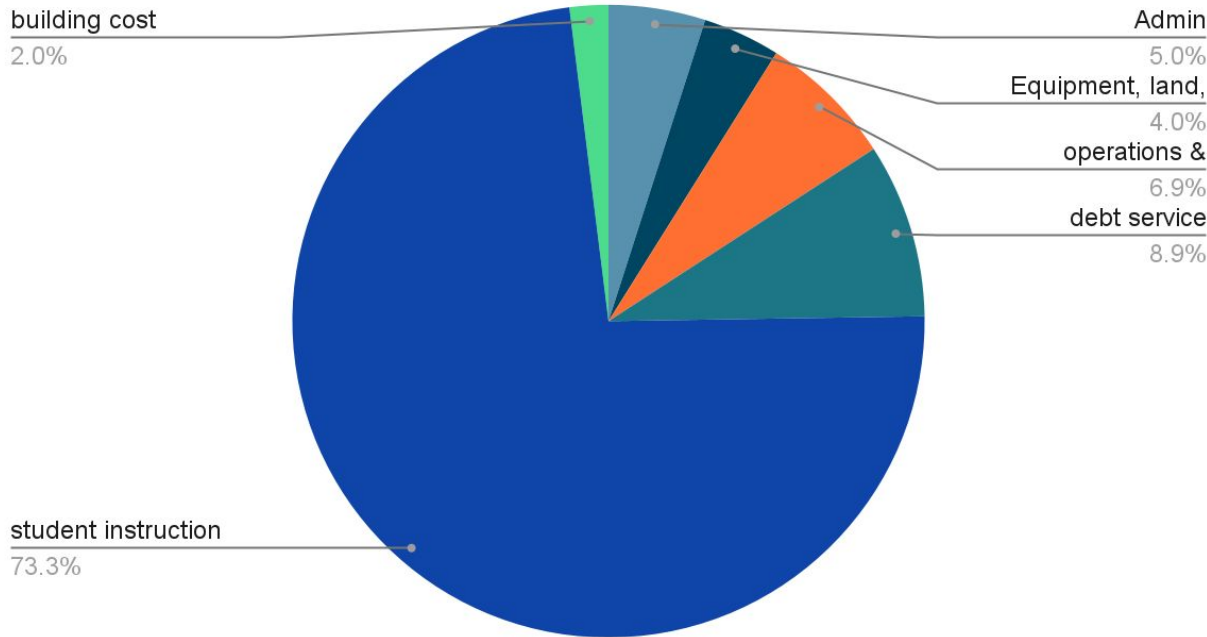


School districts receive funding from Federal, State, local and other sources. About 24% is provided through the local referendum to support regular operations.

# How is the funding spent?



## Expenditures



Our largest investment is in staffing-- about 75% of our budget is for classroom instruction and support services.

# Referendum History & Timeline

The current operating Referendum was passed in 2011.

The referendum sunsets at the end of 2021.

Vote in November to increase by \$410 per pupil or \$60/year based on the average property value

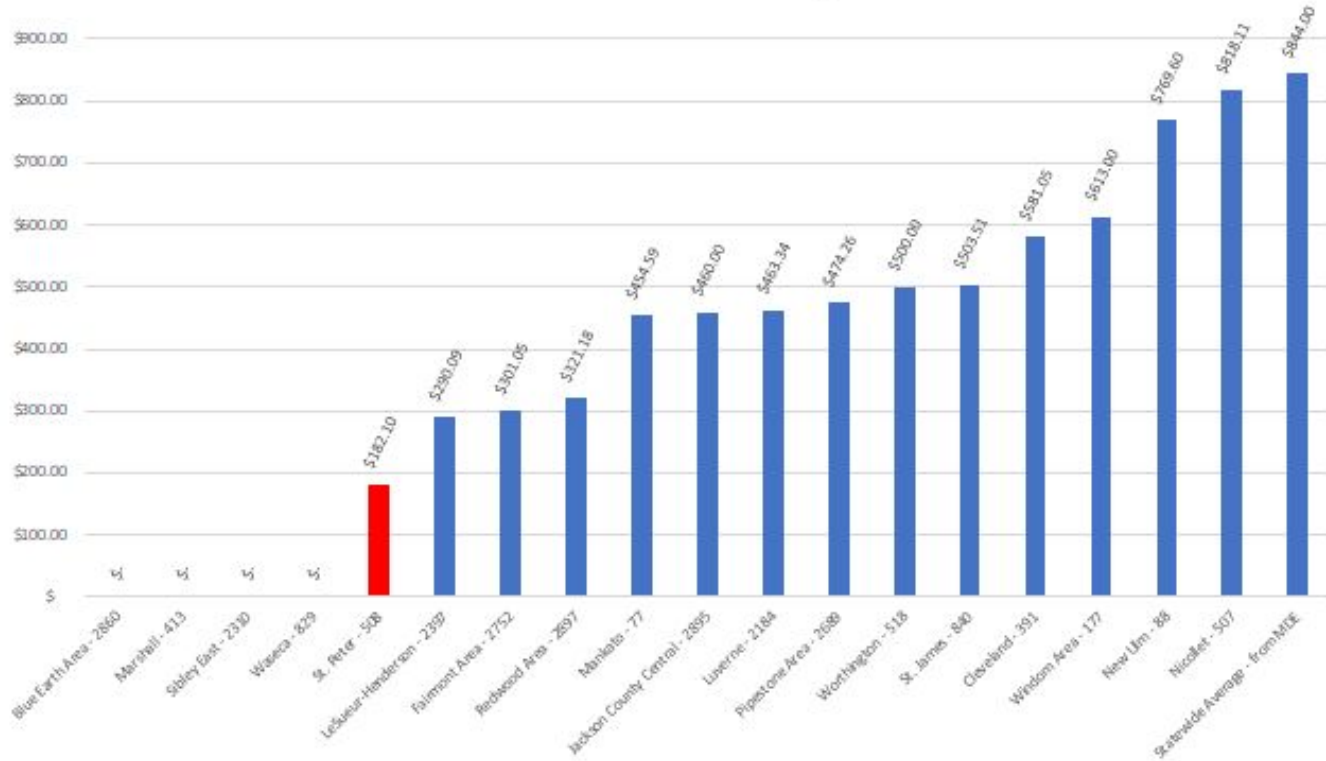
Successful referendum would sustain current programming and student supports.





# How Does Our Current Referendum Compare?

FY21 Referendum Authority



## Why Should We Have A Referendum?

- State and Federal Funding is not adequate to cover regular operating expenses. For this reason almost all districts in Minnesota have an operating referendum.
- We are not receiving all of the State Aid we are eligible to receive. By increasing the referendum we will receive approximately \$128,000 in additional aid from the State.
- We have gained over 500 students in the past five years. We are projected to continue growing. This requires additional staff, and materials.



## How Will the Funds Be Used?

- Maintain current levels of programming
- Expand Career & Technological Education Programs
- Provide support to struggling students- both academic and social-emotional
- Ensure the financial stability of the School District



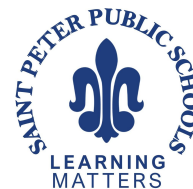
# What Does This Mean For the Average Property?

Increasing the referendum to \$410 per pupil would result in a property tax increase of \$59.98 per year, or \$5 per month, for the average property with an assessed value of \$150,000.

Agricultural properties include the household and one acre of land.



\$100,000	\$39.99
\$125,000	\$49.98
\$150,000	\$59.98
\$200,000	\$79.97
\$250,000	\$99.96
\$300,000	\$119.96



## What if the Referendum Doesn't Pass?

- The budget for the 2022-2023 school year would need to be reduced by about \$450,000.
- Reductions would affect class sizes, our ability to support programs such as career and technology, and additional supports for struggling students.
- Additional reductions would need to be made in following years due to increasing costs.



## In Summary...

- The current referendum sunsets at the end of 2021.
- Increasing the referendum to \$410 per pupil ensures we are able to maintain and enhance our current level of programming and support.
- An increase in the referendum also means an increase in State Aid.
- Ensures the financial stability of Saint Peter Schools.



**Questions?**

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