



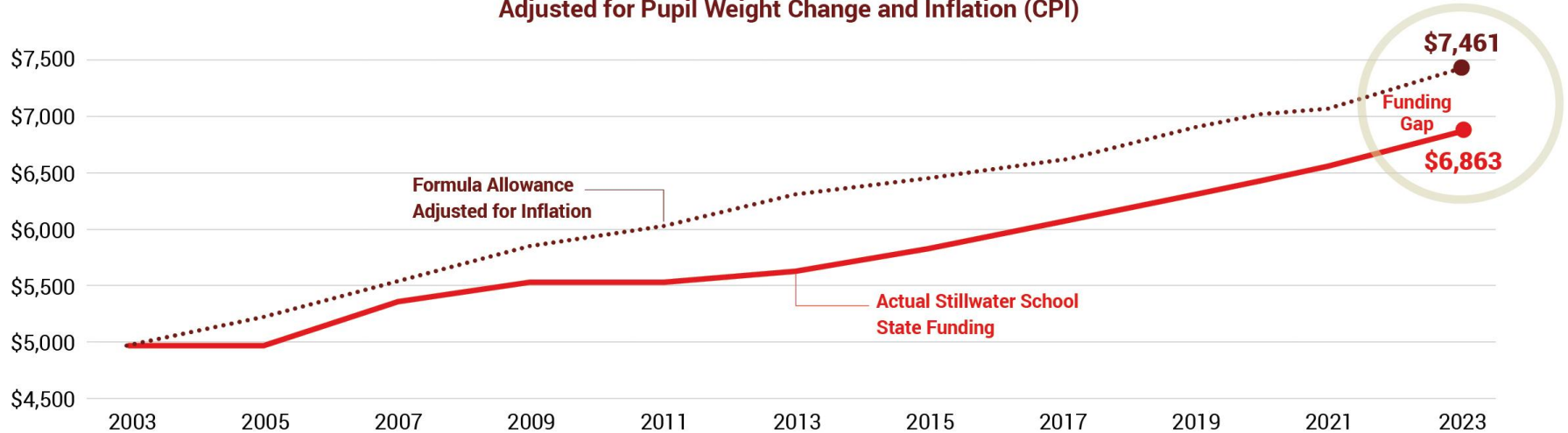
Our Kids. Our Community. Our Future.

Funding Facts

- Expiring levy currently generates about \$12 million
- State funding hasn't kept pace with inflation or increasing costs
- We've cut our budget 3 times since levy was approved in 2013 - totaling \$7 million
- We lost 3% of our student enrollment in 2020-2021 due to COVID-19.

General Education Formula Allowance, 2003-2023

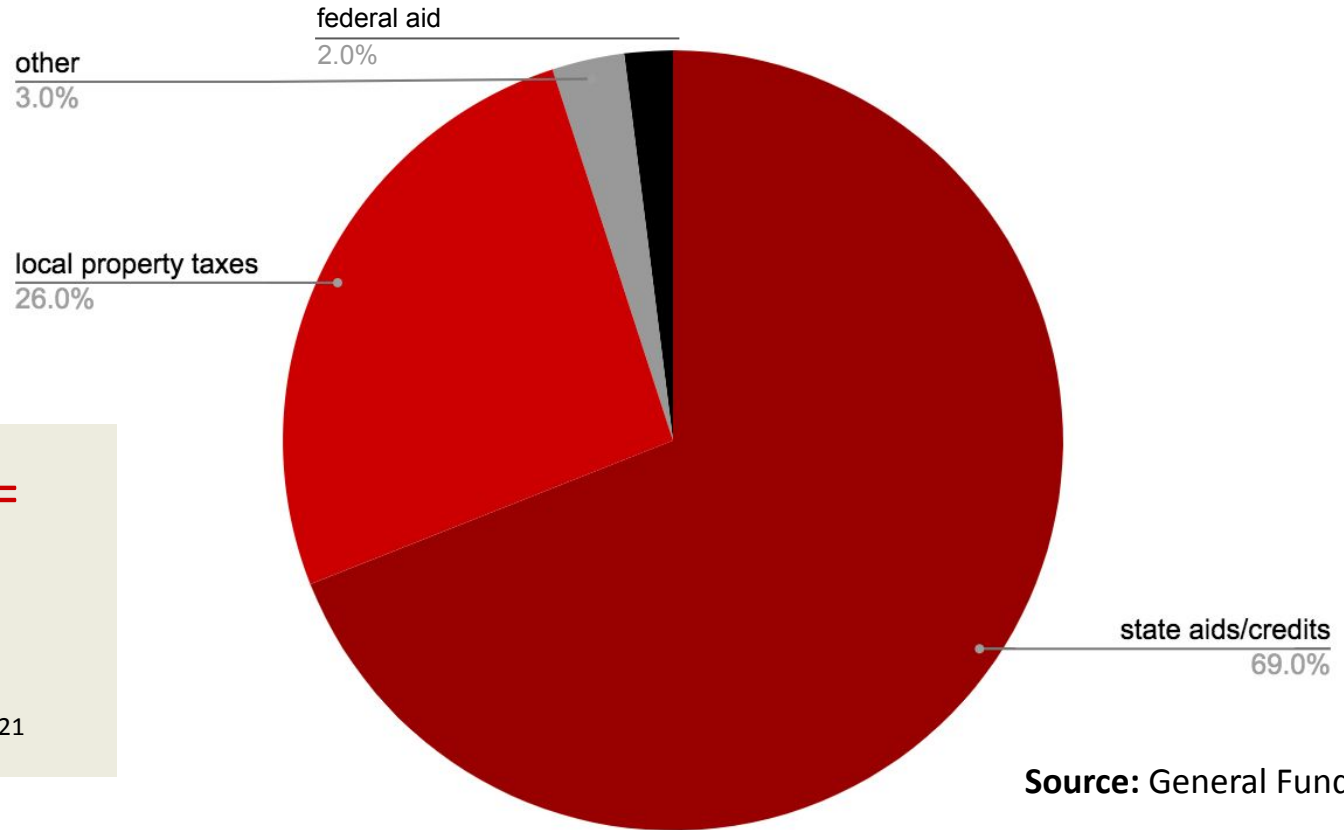
Adjusted for Pupil Weight Change and Inflation (CPI)



If state funding had kept up with inflation since 2003, our schools would receive \$500 more per student - for a total of \$4.2 million more this year.

Source: Minnesota Department of Education and the Association of Metropolitan School Districts 2021 Inflation estimates

Where Our Money Comes From



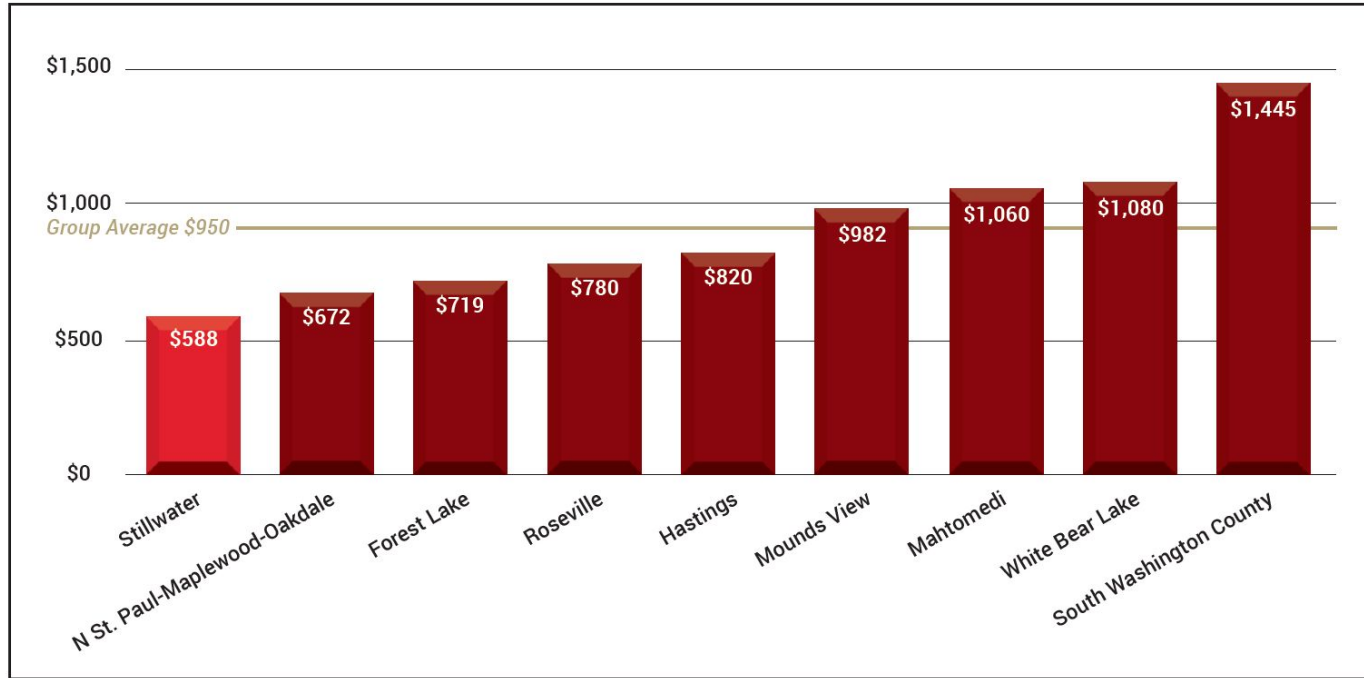
Expiring levy =
10.4% of
general fund

Source: Certified Levy Payable 2021

Source: General Fund

Stillwater Area Public Schools, ISD 834

Estimated Voter Approved School Property Taxes, Payable 2021, \$350,000 Residential Homestead



Tax Base Source: Final values from Washington, Dakota and Ramsey Counties.

Levy Source: Taxes Payable 2021 Levy Certification Reports for voter approved operating referendum, capital project levy and debt only

Two ballot questions:

Q1: Replacement Levy

Q2: Technology Levy



Request is based on:

- Needs of our students
- Expiring levy
- Years of inadequate state education funding leading to budget cuts
- Analysis of district finances
- Stakeholder feedback



Question 1

Replacement Levy

Maintain quality learning:

- Renew expiring levy
- Help stabilize the district's budget
 - Address state funding gap, enrollment change, rising costs/inflation
- Retain teachers, support staff
- Maintain existing programs and services
 - Continue to support academic achievement for all students
- Minimize - but not eliminate - future budget cuts

Question 1

If **APPROVED** by voters

- Address state funding gap, enrollment change, rising costs/inflation
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Question 1



If **NOT APPROVED** by voters

Face a \$12 million deficit in 2022-2023 and more in future years

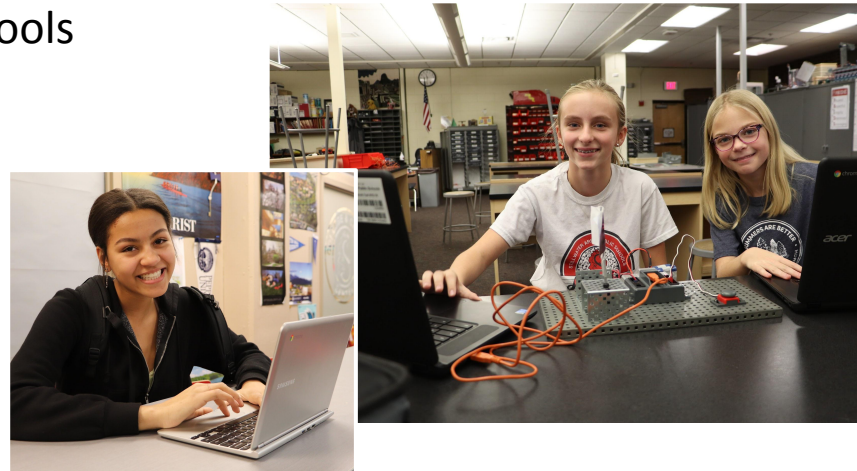
- Significantly higher class sizes
- Reduce more than 100 full time teachers and support staff
- Loss of academic and social/emotional interventions
- Loss of electives classes, specialized programs, as well as art and athletic opportunities

Question 2

Technology Levy

Provide kids the tools they need to learn

- Provide classroom devices, teacher and student computers
- Keep technology up-to-date
- Give students reliable access to technology tools at school and at home
- Provide students and staff with technology support and training
- Support infrastructure, software and security needs



Question 2

If APPROVED by voters:

- Technology for classrooms
- Devices for students, teachers
- Technology support staff
- Dedicated funding source for technology



Consideration:

Capital projects levy for technology is NOT based on enrollment

Stable and reliable funding for technology

Question 2



If NOT APPROVED by voters:

- No dedicated funding source for technology, equipment, support staff and purchases
- 10-year replacement cycle for classroom technology
- No funding for student device replacement
- Failure to meet future state testing requirements
- Minimal technology access for students

Reinvesting In Our Kids

Priority is to use any new funds to improve academic achievement

- Stabilize the budget and avoid additional budget cuts
- Keep class sizes from growing
- Support quality learning for our students
- Provide more academic support for kids needing extra help
- Provide emotional and mental health support for students

Overview of Levy Request

Election November 2, 2021



Two ballot questions:

- **Q1:** Replacement levy to maintain quality learning
Tax impact on average homeowner = \$0.17 more per month
- **Q2:** Technology levy to provide kids the tools they need to learn
Tax impact on average homeowner = \$11.50 more per month

Tax impact on average home (\$350,000) if voters approve both questions is less than \$12 more per month