



PRIOR LAKE-SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS

2023 Legislative Platform



STABILIZE EDUCATIONAL FUNDING

- Increase the basic formula and local optional revenue - index to inflation
- Fully fund Special Education and English Learner programs
- Increase equalization of operating referenda to reduce funding disparities
- Allow School Boards to renew existing operating referendum



ADDRESS STAFFING CHALLENGES & DIVERSIFY WORKFORCE

- Provide incentives to attract, develop and retain high quality teachers, particularly those of color, linguistically diverse and in shortage areas
- Maintain multiple pathways to the tiered licensure system, and provide funding to create incentives and alternative ways to enter the teaching profession and/or become a substitute



SCHOOL SAFETY

- Provide a sustainable funding source to support the district's Crisis Management Plan aimed at crisis prevention, preparedness, response and recovery
- Provide a sustainable funding source to maintain and enhance building security systems



INCREASE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

- Increase funding through interagency collaboration for youth in mental health crises
- Allow districts to receive Medical Assistance reimbursement for school-based mental health services, without undue administrative burden
- Increase funding for qualified mental health providers in schools
- Increase funding for school counselors, social workers, chemical health counselors, etc...



REDUCE MANDATES, ENHANCE LOCAL CONTROL & FLEXIBILITY

- Oppose new underfunded or unfunded legislative mandates
- Provide flexibility to adapt learning environments without loss of ADM funding
- Remove the per-pupil limit in the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Revenue program

Stable State Funding
+
Local Control
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Student Success

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