

# Public Meeting for Taxes Payable in 2024

Robbinsdale Area Schools

Dec. 4, 2023





# OUR UNIFIED DISTRICT VISION

Our mission is to inspire and educate all learners to develop their unique potential and positively contribute to their community.



#### **Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge Robbinsdale Area Schools is located on the homelands of the Dakota and Ojibwe people.

We recognize the painful history of genocide and forced assimilation of the Indigenous inhabitants of this land.

We honor and respect the many Indigenous peoples who live on and hold sacred these lands, and we stand with members of these Nations to fight injustice in all of its forms.

We uphold the preservation of Dakota and Ojibwe languages, land based education, and tribal sovereignty.



# Agenda

- Background on Property Tax Levies
- · Information on School Current Year Funding & District Budget
- Proposed Taxes Payable in 2024
- Estimated Impact on Taxpayers
- Minnesota Property Tax Refunds
- Public Comments & Questions



# Background on Property Tax Levies



#### **Truth in Taxation Law**

#### Minnesota Truth in Taxation Law Requirements:

- Public meeting may be held at a regularly scheduled meeting
- Discussion of proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in 2024
- Current year budget must be discussed
- Levy may be adopted at same meeting
- Must allow for public comment and question



## **Levy Process Timeline**

District
provides
preliminary
data to
Minnesota
Department of
Education to
calculate levy
limitations

School board adopts preliminary levy to be provided to counties Hold elections; elections for bonds or levies can cause the final levy to be higher than the preliminary levy set in September

District must hold truth in taxation hearing in regularly scheduled meeting between Nov. 24 and Dec. 28 Deadline to certify final tax levy to the county



#### **Levy Cycle Process**

- 1. Assessors determine a property's estimated market value and assign a property class to each parcel.
- 2. The County Auditor calculates the net tax capacity for each parcel in the county, as well as the total net tax capacity for each taxing jurisdiction.
  - a) A property's net tax capacity is determined by multiplying the property's market value by the relevant class rate.
    - Class rates are set by statue, vary by property type, and are uniform statewide.
- 3. The local tax rate of a taxing jurisdiction is determined by dividing the jurisdiction's total levy by the jurisdiction's taxable net tax capacity.
  - a) Each jurisdiction sets its own levy and follows specific limits set by state law.



#### **Levy Cycle Process**

- 4. The County Auditor divides the final levy by the District's net tax capacity (or referendum market value) to establish rates.
- 5. The County Auditor applies those rates to each parcel and prepares the final statements for mailing.
- 6. Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) sets the maximum levy limit for each school district, based on current legislation and formulas.
- 7. The School Board adopts a proposed levy in September, holds a public meeting, then finalizes the levy amount in December.



#### **Authority for School Levies**

A school district tax levy must be either:

Voter approved

or

Set by state law



# Information on School Funding & District Budget





#### **Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Overview**

The Robbinsdale Area School District's fiscal year commences July 1 of each year, which is consistent with most school districts (and is law) in Minnesota. The School Board, by law, must have a budget adopted for the upcoming fiscal year prior to July 1.

The budget sets forth the financial plan for the forthcoming fiscal year. It is based on the projected financial needs of the District and serves to allocate limited resources in the best possible way to provide educational opportunities to students.



#### **GENERAL FUND**

The General Fund is used to account for K-12 educational activities, instruction and student support programs. Administrative, operational, building cleaning, maintenance and utilities, transportation, capital expenditures (excluding building construction and Long-Term Facilities Maintenance) and expenditures not required by State law to be accounted for in any other fund are also recorded within the General Fund.



#### **CHILD NUTRITION FUND**

The Child Nutrition Fund is used to record financial activities of the school district's food service program. Food service includes preparation and service of milk, meals and snacks in connection with school and community service activities.

All expenditures relating to meal preparation and service must be recorded in the Child Nutrition Fund. Eligible expenditures include application processing, Food Service management and staff tech support, food preparation, and meal service.



#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND**

The Community Service Fund is used to record all financial activities of the Community Service program.

The focus of Community Education is to provide enrichment programs for any age level that are not part of the K-12 education program. Community Education programming may also include K-12 summer school enrichment activities which, although educational in nature, are not for credit and are not required for graduation.

A district may spend up to 10 percent of its community education revenue (levy, aids and fees) to purchase or lease computers and related items as well as equipment for instructional programs and library books used exclusively for community education.



#### **BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND**

The Building Construction Fund is used to record all operations of a district's building construction program that are funded by the sale of bonds or by capital loans. Revenues and expenses relating to the District's state approved Long Term Facility Maintenance (LTFM) Program are recorded in this fund when bonds have been issued for project costs, or if a single project cost is \$2,000,000 or greater using pay-as-you-go LTFM levy.

Construction costs for buildings and additions consist of the following: expenditures for general construction, advertisement for contracts, payments on contracts for construction, installations of plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilation and electrical systems, expenditures for lockers, elevators, and other equipment, architectural and engineering services, paint and decorating expenses, and any other related costs.



#### DEBT SERVICE FUND AND OPEB DEBT SERVICE FUND

The Debt Service Fund and the OPEB Debt Service Fund are used to record revenue and expenditures for a school district's outstanding bonded indebtedness, whether for building construction, capital or OPEB liabilities, and whether for initial or refunding bonds.

When a bond issue is sold, the school board must levy a direct general tax upon the property of the District for the payment of principal and interest. The revenue from such a tax and related state aid must be separately accounted for in the two Debt Service Funds.



#### **OPEB TRUST FUND**

The OPEB Trust Fund is used to record revenue and expenditures for the school district's earnings on investments of OPEB Assets in the trust as well as retiree medical claims and direct reimbursement of Medicare supplement premiums as required by one union labor contract, net of any retiree premiums paid



#### **INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS**

The district's medical and dental self-insured funds record premium revenues, claims and fixed costs associated with the medical and dental plans for employees and retirees.



#### **GENERAL FUND OVERVIEW** (Fund 01)

General Fund Revenues are estimated at \$202,324,363, which is about \$9.1 Million over FY23 unaudited revenue estimates. This is primarily due to the increases in the state per pupil allowance and cross subsidies, compensatory revenue, as well as inflationary levy impacts to referendum in comparison to prior year.



#### **GENERAL FUND REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS** (Fund 01)

#### **State General Education Aid**

State Basic General Education Aid is budgeted at \$83,814,723. Under current law the basic formula amount is derived from estimated adjusted pupil units served multiplied by \$7,138. The basic formula reflects an increase of \$275 in comparison to the 2022-23 school year basic formula allowance. The basic general education aid serves as the district's primary funding source, accounting for 41.43% of the general operating fund revenue.

Per-Pupil Unit Allocation – Basic General Ed:

School Year	Basic Formula	Formula Change
2018-19	\$6,312	2.0%
2019-20	\$6,438	2.0%
2020-21	\$6,567	2.0%
2021-22	\$6,728	2.45%
2022-23	\$6,863	2.00%
2023-24	<b>\$7,138</b>	4.0%



Other components of General Education Aid revenue

Declining Enrollment	\$280,510
Pension Adjustment	\$1,082,465
Gifted & Talented	\$152,223
Extended Time	\$460,530
Basic Skills	\$17,692,616
English Learner	\$978,499
Operating Capital	\$1,255,724
Total	\$21,902,568

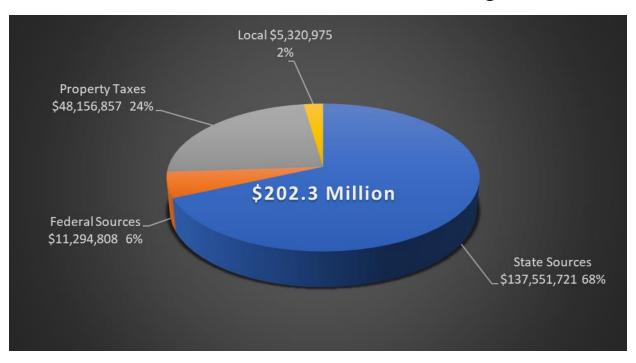


Other State Categorical Aid and Legislative cross subsidies/allowance amounts

Special Education (regular)	\$17,500,000
Literacy Aid	\$509,146
Integration Aid/Indian Ed	\$2,150,452
Endowment	\$506,172
Transportation	\$800,000
Q Comp	\$1,837,304
Additional Legislative Cross Subsidies and allowances	\$8,531,356
Total	\$31,834,430



#### **FY24 General Fund Revenue by Source**





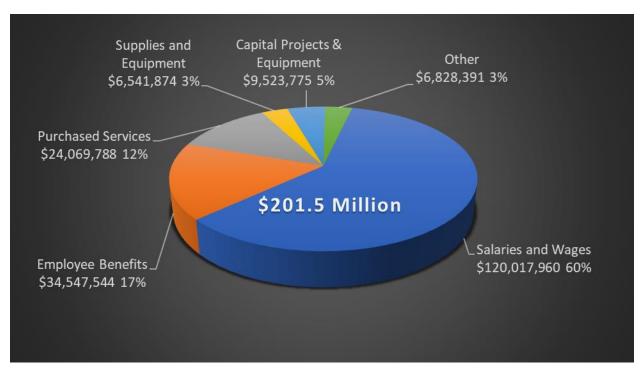
#### **EXPENDITURE OVERVIEW**

General Fund Expenditures are estimated to be \$201,529,331, which is up from previous year.

Increase anticipated from prior year within salary and fringe benefits cost due to anticipated bargaining unit settlements, transportation costs, and contingency set aside dollars.



#### **FY24 General Fund Expenditure by Object**





#### **FY24 Budget – All Funds Overview**

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Property Tax Levy
State Aid Revenue
Federal Aid Revenue
Other Local Revenue
Transfers
Total Revenues

		Community	Building			Revocable	OPEB Debt	
General	Food Service	Education	Construction	Debt Service	Trust	Trust	Service	Total
48,843,569		1,752,694		19,634,408			2,663,258	72,893,929
138,216,719	1,640,870	3,094,812		900,000				143,852,401
11,294,808	5,865,828	883,168						18,043,804
3,969,267	104,281	4,625,310	19,430,000		22,020,112	500,000		50,648,970
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202,324,363	7,610,979	10,355,984	19,430,000	20,534,408	22,020,112	500,000	2,663,258	285,439,104

**OPEB** 

OPEB

(400,000)

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(2,682,129)

#### Expenses

Salaries/Benefits Purchased Services Supplies Capital Expenditures Debt Service Misc.

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(1,209,436)

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#### **Total Expenses**

**Budget Balance** 

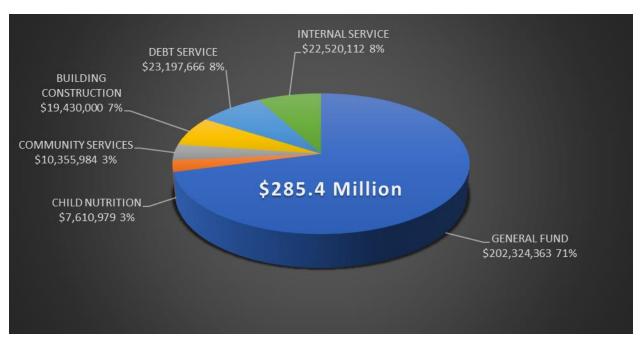
		Community	Building			Revocable	OPEB Debt	
General	Food Service	Education	Construction	Debt Service	Trust	Trust	Service	Total
154,565,503	3,358,115	9,562,021			19,175,000	850,000		187,510,639
24,126,460	128,500	1,053,523			1,427,112	50,000		26,785,595
6,527,201	4,558,800	208,330						11,294,331
9,523,776	750,000	54,425	22,430,000					32,758,201
				20,345,660			2,601,213	22,946,873
6,786,391	25,000	14,203						6,825,594
201,529,331	8,820,415	10,892,502	22,430,000	20,345,660	20,602,112	900,000	2,601,213	288,121,233
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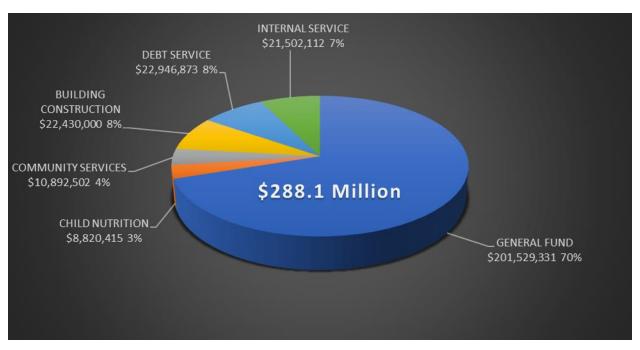


#### **FY24 Revenue by Fund**





#### **FY24 Expenditure by Fund**





# Proposed Taxes Payable in 2024





#### **Proposed Property Taxes Payable in 2024**

	Certified	Proposed		
Category	Pay 23	Pay 24	\$ Change	% Change
Voter Approved Levies	33,324,862	32,911,221	(413,642)	-1.2%
Other Local Levies	38,882,354	42,958,230	4,075,875	10.5%
School District Total	72,207,217	<b>75,869,45</b>	3,662,234	<b>5.07</b> %



#### **Proposed Property Taxes Payable in 2024**

	Certified	Proposed		
Category	Pay 23	Pay 24	\$ Change	% Change
Referendum	25,141,476	26,268,561	1,127,085	4.5%
Local Optional	7,748,282	8,549,037	800,755	10.3%
Equity	798,001	605,690	(192,310)	-24.1%
Transition	215,796	223,058	7,262	3.4%
Technology	5,863,119	6,642,660	779,541	13.3%
Operating Capital	1,520,616	1,797,253	276,637	18.2%
Q Comp	1,025,754	1,004,018	(21,736)	-2.1%
Achievement & Integration	819,851	823,283	3,432	0.4%
Unemployment	200,000	100,000	(100,000)	-50.0%
Safe Schools	587,245	587,622	377	0.1%
Career Tech Education	239,185	368,193	129,008	53.9%
Long-Term Facilities Maintenance	2,519,743	2,014,547	(505,197)	-20.0%
Lease Levy	3,180,847	3,156,773	(24,073)	-0.8%
Adjustments and Abatement	(1,703,055)	(2,084,492)	(381,437)	
Total General Fund	48,156,859	50,056,202	1,899,343	3.9%
Community Education	1,752,692	2,396,321	643,630	36.7%
Debt	19,634,408	21,735,504	2,101,096	10.7%
ОРЕВ	2,663,258	1,681,423	(981,834)	-36.9%
TOTAL PROPOSED LEVY	72,207,217	75,869,450	3,662,234	5.1%



### Factors That Cause Property Tax Changes

Many factors may cause the individual property tax statement to increase or decrease from year to year:

- Changes in enrollment
- Levy adjustments to prior years
- Inflationary Adjustments
- Legislative changes
- Changes in market values
- Changes in class rates/history



### Areas of significant change in Proposed Levy

Significant changes occurred in the following areas in this year's proposed levy

- Referendum \$1.1m Increase
- Local Optional \$800k Increase
- Capital Projects Referendum \$780k Increase
- LTFM \$505K Decrease
- Community Service \$643k Increase
- Debt Service \$1.1m Increase
- Adjustments \$381K Decrease



## Major Areas of Change in Proposed Levy

Category: General Fund - Voter Approved Referendum Authority

Change: +\$1.1m

**Use of Funds:** Unrestricted general fund use

**Cause of Change:** Inflationary adjustments for current and prior year levies multiplied by prior year actual and current year estimated adjusted pupil units.



### Major Areas of Change in Proposed Levy

**Category:** General Fund – Local Optional

**Change:** +\$800k

**Use of Funds:** Unrestricted general fund use

**Cause of Change:** Loss of state aid in formula due to rising property values as well as adjustments to prior year levies on local optional formula.



**Category:** General Fund – Capital Project Referendum

**Change:** +\$780k

**Use of Funds:** Restricted general fund use – Voter Approved

**Cause of Change:** Revenue is set at a % of Net Tax Capacity. With increasing NTC, the amount of revenue increases



**Category:** General Fund – Long Term Facilities Maintenance

Change: -\$505K

**Use of Funds:** Restricted general fund use for deferred maintenance and health & safety projects for district facilities

**Cause of Change:** Reduction in Health and Safety initiatives approved by MDE in connection to the districts 10-year LTFM plan.



Category: Community Service

**Change:** -\$643k

**Use of Funds:** For Community Services related programs

**Cause of Change:** Increase to School-Age Care levy.



Category: Debt Service

**Change:** +\$1.1m

**Use of Funds:** Restricted to use for payment of semi-annual debt service payments

**Cause of Change:** Increase will be used for debt service payment on the issuance of LTFM bond series 2023A that was issued in fall of 2023.



**Category:** General Fund – Adjustments

**Change:** -\$381K

**Use of Funds:** Adjustments occur every year in various categorical funding areas

Cause of Change: Categorical accumulated adjustments from prior year actuals



### Impact on Taxpayer





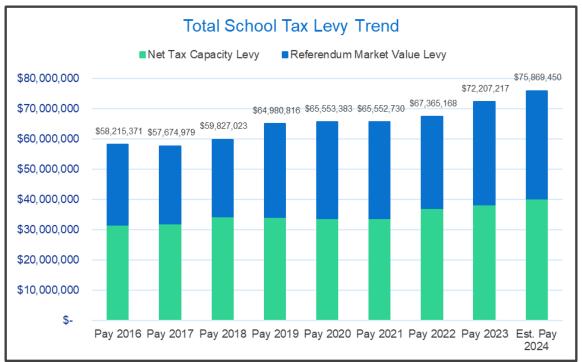


## Impact on Taxpayer

- Following, are charts showing examples of changes in the School District portion of property taxes
- Examples include School District taxes only
- Figures for 2024 are estimates based on data available from the County (final figures may change slightly)



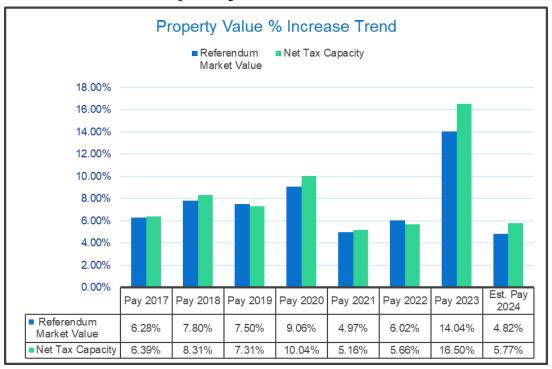
#### **Tax Levy Trends**







#### **Property Value Trends**







#### **Property Tax Comparisons – Pay 2023 versus Pay 2024**

		Summary			
		Pay 2023	E	st. Pay 2024	% Change
Referendum Market Value	\$ '	13,629,682,300	\$ 1	14,287,256,525	4.82%
RMV Tax Rate		0.21762%		0.22036%	1.26%
Net Tax Capacity	\$	139,110,919	\$	147,135,762	5.77%
NTC Tax Rate		24.09%		24.14%	0.21%

Types of Property	Pay 2023 Value	Pay 2024 Est. Value	Pay 2023	Pay 2024	\$ Change	% Change
	\$150,000	\$154,108	\$631	\$655	\$24	3.88%
<b>-</b>	200,000	205,478	871	903	\$33	3.76%
Residential Homestead	250,000	256,847	1,111	1,152	\$41	3.69%
	314,000	322,600	1,418	1,470	\$52	3.65%
(Value Increase	400,000	410,956	1,831	1,897	\$66	3.60%
2.74%)	500,000	513,695	2,293	2,380	\$88	3.83%
	600,000	616,433	2,811	2,917	\$105	3.75%
	\$100,000	\$103,000	\$458	\$475	\$17	3.73%
Commercial / Industrial**	250,000	257,500	1,225	1,274	\$49	3.99%
	500,000	515,000	2,570	2,668	\$98	3.82%
(Value Increase 3%)	1,000,000	\$1,030,000	5,260	5,456	\$196	3.73%

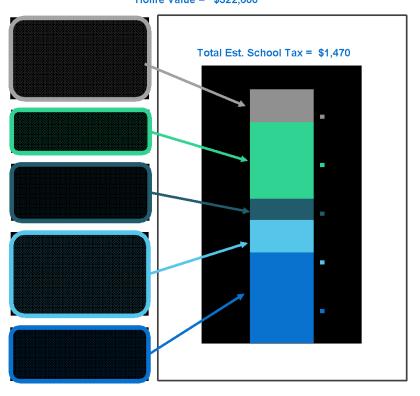


<sup>\*\*</sup>Commercial Industrial taxes will have small variations from one taxing City/township to the next due to differences in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Fiscal Disparities Program



#### Robbinsdale Public School District

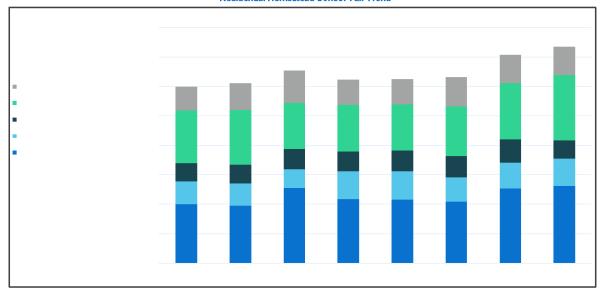
Pay 2024 Tax Levies for Residential Homestead
Home Value = \$322,600







#### Residential Homestead School Tax Trend



	Pay 201	7	Pay 2018	Pay 20	19	Pay 2020		Pay 2021	Pay	2022	Pay	2023	Est.	Pay 2024
Home Value*	221,9	920	230,797	240,	029	249,63	30	259,615	2	70,000	31	4,000		322,600
Referendum Market Value Voter Taxes		100	391		509	43	37	431		416		507		524
Referendum Market Value Other Taxes	1	54	1 50		131	18	88	196		167		177		187
Net Tax Capacity Voter Taxes	1	27	130		135	13	32	139		143		157		125
Net Tax Capacity Non Voter Debt	:	357	370		315	32	20	315		339		383		442
Net Tax Capacity Other Taxes	1	63	185		221	16	9	173		199		195		192
Total School Taxes	\$ 1,2	01	\$ 1,226	\$ 1,3	12	\$ 1,246	б	\$ 1,253	\$	1,265	\$ '	,418	\$	1,470

<sup>\*</sup>The chart assumes a 4% annual increase in the home value for taxes payable from 2017 to 2022. A 15% increase in value is assumed for taxes payable in 2023 and a 2.74% increase in 2024.





#### **Pay 2023 Property Tax Comparisons – Surrounding Districts**

		Home					Non Voter									
#	District Name	Value	RI	MV Voter	R۱	/IV Other	NTC	Voter		Debt	NTC	Other	Tot	al Levy		
13	Columbia Heights	314,000	\$	87	\$	224	\$	286	\$	6	\$	263	\$	866		
270	Hopkins	314,000	\$	352	\$	117	\$	261	\$	225	\$	277	\$	1,232		
284	Wayzata	314,000	\$	420	\$	145	\$	271	\$	79	\$	377	\$	1,293		
279	Osseo	314,000	\$	602	\$	201	\$	119	\$	128	\$	352	\$	1,403		
281	Robbinsdale	314,000	\$	507	\$	177	\$	157	\$	391	\$	195	\$	1,426		
283	St. Louis Park	314,000	\$	374	\$	126	\$	688	\$	73	\$	171	\$	1,432		
623	Roseville	314,000	\$	473	\$	197	\$	346	\$	76	\$	344	\$	1,436		
286	Brooklyn Center	314,000	\$	119	\$	375	\$	579	\$	57	\$	365	\$	1,496		
282	St. Anthony-New Brighton	314,000	\$	333	\$	311	\$	401	\$	134	\$	337	\$	1,517		
14	Fridley	314,000	\$	230	\$	286	\$	404	\$	282	\$	387	\$	1,589		
Group	Average		\$	364	\$	212	\$	334	\$	168	\$	297	\$	1,374		

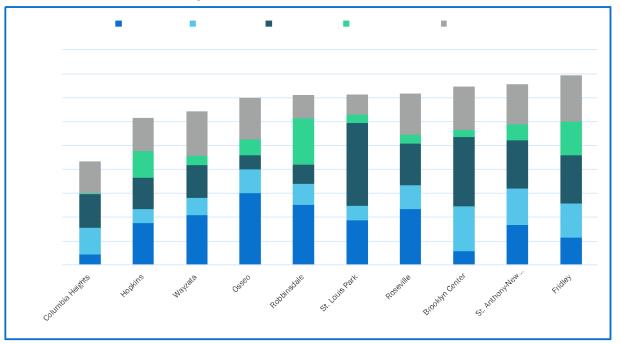
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#### Pay 2023 Property Tax Comparisons – Surrounding Districts

Pay 2023 Tax Levies for Residential Homestead





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## Minnesota Property Tax Refunds





#### Minnesota Property Tax Refunds

Two different tax refund program available from the state

- Minnesota Property Tax Refund (aka "circuit breaker" refund)
- Special Property Tax Refund

Complete form M-1PR

For help with the forms and instructions contact:

- Your tax professional
- Minnesota Department of Revenue
  - (651) 296-4444
  - www.taxes.state.mn.us



# Comments and Questions

