



PRIOR LAKE-SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS

2024 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



ADDRESS STAFFING CHALLENGES & DIVERSIFY WORKFORCE

- Maintain 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 additional, sustainable and long-term funding sources to support the district's Crisis Management Plan aimed at crisis prevention, preparedness, response and recovery
- Provide a sustainable and equitable funding source to maintain and enhance building and cyber security systems
- Remove language that categorizes SROs as 'agents' of the school district



INCREASE STUDENT SUPPORT

- Increase funding through interagency collaboration to meet the mental health needs of students.
- Increase funding for related services staff (e.g. school counselors, social workers, chemical health counselors, psychologists, deans, interventionists).



REDUCE MANDATES, ENHANCE LOCAL CONTROL & FLEXIBILITY

- Oppose all 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
=
Student Success

