



2024 Legislative Platform

ST. ANTHONY - NEW BRIGHTON SCHOOLS | WE ARE EVER BRIGHTER



Invest in Brilliance

The investment in education during the 2023 Minnesota legislative session is making an impact for St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools. Because of the legislation, the district is able to:

- ✓ *Renew the existing operating levy*
- ✓ *Slightly reduce Special Education and Multi Language Learner cross subsidies*
- ✓ *Serve 1,800 nutritious meals each day to all children who desire them without barriers*
- ✓ *Provide menstrual products to students and support physical health*
- ✓ *More easily fund the implementation of the READ Act*

While great strides were made, there are still issues that are impacting our schools and students each day that need solutions and support from our elected officials.

We are fortunate at St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools to be part of a generous and supportive community. We have stable enrollment and a history of fiscally responsible planning. However, with the rate of inflation, lack of consistently reliable state aid, and underfunded state mandates an inequitable burden is falling on local taxpayers to supplement much needed funding.

Policy Requests:

Enhance Local Control

- Allow school boards to publish school board meeting minutes on a district website to reduce expenses.
- Allow school boards authority to transform and innovate our high schools for the future by providing flexibility in how schools define "instructional hours."
- Eliminate state statute requiring three day notice for remote school board meeting access



As article XIII of the Minnesota Constitution states: *"The stability of a republican form of government depending mainly upon the intelligence of the people, it is the duty of the legislature to establish a general and uniform system of public schools. **The legislature shall make such provisions by taxation or otherwise as will secure a thorough and efficient system of public schools throughout the state.**"* While policy/bonding years are not typically funding years, we are asking for lawmakers to follow through on their constitutional duty by providing complete financial support for all legislative mandates.

Funding Requests:

Provide Complete Financial Support for all Mandates

- We support and share the legislative platform requests of AMSD and MSBA
- Equalize state funding to prevent uneven distribution of local levies and to ensure comparable taxpayer effort.
- Fund ADA required upgrades to facilities through state aid.

Uneven distribution of local levy taxpayer effort:

Impact of the tax base size of St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools

