



District Referendum Questions in November 4th General Election

2 Questions to Fund Learning, Curriculum & Technology

STRONG SCHOOLS, STRONG COMMUNITIES

The St. Anthony-New Brighton School District has a history of strong schools and a tradition of community support. Our schools receive state and national recognition and families are moving into our District because of our schools.

The St. Anthony-New Brighton School District will ask residents to vote on two referendum questions in the November 4, 2014, General Election. Both levies are necessary to support and sustain our strong schools.

Question 1: Operating Levy—supports **teaching and learning** in our classrooms and schools.

Question 2: Curriculum and Technology Levy—provides a dedicated source of funding for the **tools** teachers use and students need for learning (e.g. update textbooks, computers, software).

We are hosting public meetings and have created this publication to provide additional information about the two referendum questions.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anthony-New Brighton School District!

Superintendent Bob Laney, School Board Chair Leah Slye,
Vice Chair Andrea Scamehorn, and Directors Barry Kinsey, Laura Oksnevad,
Don Siggelkow, and Mike Volna



2014 Referendum Public Meetings

Public Meetings will be held to share information about the referendum with voters and provide an opportunity for questions.

Monday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m., St. Anthony Community Center Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m., High School/Middle School Media Center



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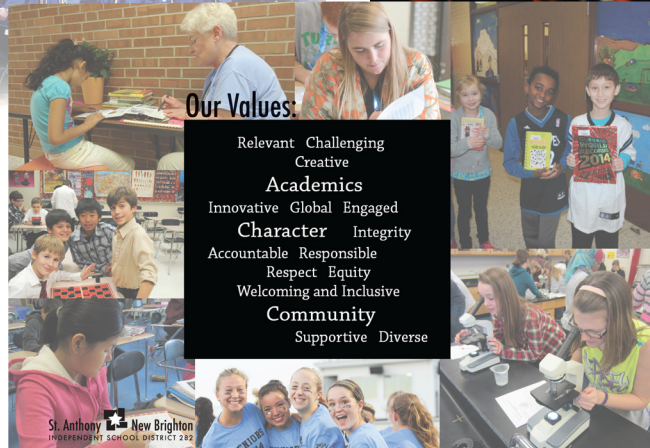
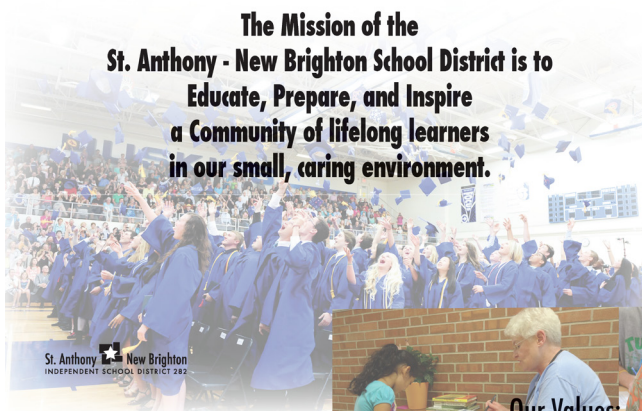
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The mission of the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District is to Educate, Prepare,
and Inspire a Community of lifelong learners in our small, caring environment.

School Board Adopts Strategic Plan

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District engaged in a strategic planning process in the Spring of 2014. The strategic planning committee—a group of 36 community members, parents, students, and staff—reviewed community input, student achievement and demographic data, and district financial information. The committee utilized the data to create recommendations for values, mission and vision statements, and strategic objectives for our School District. The School Board approved the recommendations at their meeting on June 17, 2014.

One of the recommended strategic objectives is to commit to the success of all learners by addressing our long-term financial needs. On August 6, 2014, the Board unanimously approved a referendum resolution to ask residents to vote on two referendum questions in the November 4, 2014, General Election.



Strategic Objectives

Eliminating the Achievement Gap

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District is committed to the success of all learners through equitable experiences and individualized instruction.

Addressing Long-Term Financial Needs

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District is committed to the success of all learners by addressing long-term financial needs.

Leveraging Community Connections

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District is committed to the success of all learners by engaging and leveraging the strength of our community.

Our Schools Receive State and National Recognition



St. Anthony Community Services

The preschool programs at St. Anthony Community Services were awarded a Four Star Rating—the highest possible—by Parent Aware, a voluntary program coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Education's Office of Early Learning. St. Anthony Community Services' Preschool is the only Four Star rated program in St. Anthony. To receive a rating of four-stars, St. Anthony Community Services demonstrated its quality early education programs and use of best practices to support school readiness.

Wilshire Park Elementary School

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) designated Wilshire Park Elementary School as a Reward School for the 2013-14 school year. Reward Schools represent the highest-performing Title I schools based on results of the Multiple Measurement Rating (MMR). Title I schools receive federal funding to help students who are economically disadvantaged and at risk of falling behind academically.

As a Reward School, Wilshire Park is in the top 15 percent of Title I schools in the state. This designation reflects the gains Wilshire Park has made in proficiency, growth and reducing the achievement gap.



St. Anthony Middle School

On MinnCAN's 2013 report of the top 10 schools in Minnesota, St. Anthony Middle School ranked 2nd for student performance among Asian students.

MinnCAN—Minnesota Campaign for Achievement Now—rankings show the top-performing schools in seven different areas. MinnCAN is dedicated to creating the political will to enact smart, research-backed public policies to ensure that every Minnesota child has access to a great public school.

St. Anthony Village High School Ranked 4th in Minnesota

St. Anthony Village High School was awarded a gold medal—the highest possible—by U.S. News and World Report in the 2014 Best High Schools rankings.

One of only seven gold medal schools in the state, St. Anthony Village High School is **ranked 4th in Minnesota** and 390th in the nation.

Approximately 36% of St. Anthony Village High School students and almost 50% of 10th, 11th, and 12th graders participate in Advanced Placement (AP) classes and exams. U.S. News calculated a College Readiness index for each high school based on student participation rates on AP exams and the percentage of those students who pass at least one exam. St. Anthony Village High School's high College Readiness index score resulted in a gold medal award.



Our School District Receives State and National Recognition for Financial Accountability and Transparency

Minnesota Department of Education's School Finance Award



For the seventh consecutive year, St. Anthony-New Brighton School District was awarded the 2014 School Finance Award by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). MDE recognizes school organizations that exhibit sound fiscal health and financial management policies and procedures with the annual School Finance Award.

Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the third consecutive year, St. Anthony-New Brighton School District has been awarded the 2013 Certificate of Excellence (COE) in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International.



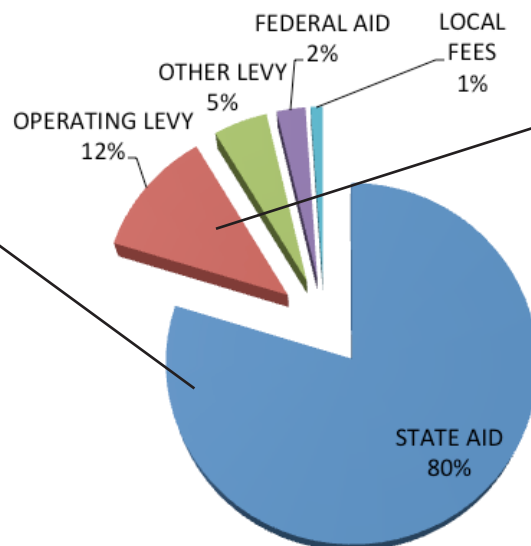
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SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS
INTERNATIONAL

One of only 25 school districts out of 328 in Minnesota to receive the 2013 Certificate of Excellence, award winners met or exceeded the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability. "The COE award confirms the business office's commitment to financial accountability and transparency," as stated in the letter from ASBO International. The COE award represents a significant achievement and reflects the school district's commitment to the highest standards of school system financial reporting. St. Anthony-New Brighton School District also received the Certificate of Excellence in 2011 and 2012.

Sources of Revenue in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District

Each year, state aid (tax dollars from the State) generates 80% of the revenue for our School District.

Since 2003, State aid funding has increased an average of 1% a year while inflation has increased an average of 2.4% a year.



Question 1 is a request to renew and increase the operating levy, which provides \$1.8 million each year in critical funding for teaching and learning: daily operation of schools and classrooms, teachers and staff, and maintains class size.

2013-2014 School Year Revenue

- STATE AID: \$12,557,599
- OPERATING LEVY: \$1,834,467
- OTHER LOCAL LEVY: \$770,360
- FEDERAL AID: \$408,563
- LOCAL FEES: \$169,800

Total Revenue: \$15,740,789

2013-2014 School Year Revenue

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the history of the referendum questions?

In 2005, voters approved a ten-year operating levy, which expires in June 2016, and provides \$1.8 million in critical revenue each year. In 2003, voters approved a capital projects levy for curriculum and technology, which provided \$3.1 million over seven years. That levy expired in 2011.

What are these dollars used for?

The **operating levy** provides \$1.8 million in critical funding each year for our schools and classrooms. Funds from the operating levy hire teachers, staff, and maintains class size by providing 12% of our annual revenue (see page 4). The **capital projects levy** would provide \$450,000 a year—a dedicated source of funding for curriculum and technology—to update textbooks, replace computers, and improve infrastructure.

Has the board considered other means of meeting these needs?

Yes. From 2011-2014, the Board utilized a committed fund balance to partially fund curriculum and technology needs (e.g. update curriculum and textbooks) for the District. That fund balance has been depleted and curriculum and technology needs still exist. The capital projects levy would provide a dedicated source of funding for curriculum and technology to update textbooks, replace computers, and improve infrastructure.

How much funding comes from the State?

There has been a history of minimal state funding for Minnesota's schools. Each year, State aid (tax dollars from the State) generates approximately 80% of the revenue for our School District (see graph on page 4). While state aid will increase 1.5% in the 2014-2015 budget, our expenses were projected to increase 3.2% and the Board approved a plan to reduce \$425,000 in expenses. Since 2003, State aid funding has increased an average of 1% a year while inflation has increased an average of 2.4% a year.

What do the Ballot Questions look like?

See pages 7 and 9 for an explanation of the language in the two ballot questions.

What has been the history of the District's tax rates?

The School Board is committed to keeping property taxes as stable as possible. In an effort to keep property taxes stable, the School Board utilized and depleted a committed fund balance to partially fund curriculum and technology needs (e.g. update curriculum and textbooks) for three years. However, that fund balance has been depleted and curriculum and technology needs still exist.

Families are moving into our community. How is that impacting our schools?

As young families move into our school district, our population of resident students increases. For the 2014-2015 school year, our enrollment of resident students is 100% in kindergarten and 85% in grades K-5 at Wilshire Park with a total resident population of 61% in grades K-12. The school district established enrollment targets for each grade level and utilizes a lottery system for accepting open enrollment applications when space is available in a specific grade. Open enrollment allows our school district to meet enrollment targets, maximize revenue from the State, and enhance educational programs for all students. As our resident student population increases, however, our ability to accept open enrollment applicants decreases.

If I vote in favor for the question(s), what will the impact be to me as a property taxpayer?

See pages 10-11 to determine the impact on property taxes beginning in 2015.

Where do I vote?

Visit www.mnvotes.org to register to vote, find where to vote, vote absentee, and view the sample ballot.

Question 1: Operating Levy

Request to Renew and Increase the Operating Levy

What is an operating levy?

- Our operating levy provides funding for **teaching and learning**, supporting the daily operation of our schools and classrooms.

How are the operating levy funds used?

- This levy provides \$1.8 million in critical funding each year to hire teachers, staff and maintain class size.

What is the history and timeline of our current operating levy?

- In 2005, residents approved a ten-year operating levy which provides \$1.8 million in critical funding each year. The current operating levy will expire in 2016.

Current and Proposed Operating Levy Dollars Per Student

Current Operating Levy: \$988

Proposed Ten-Year Operating Levy:

2015, 2016, 2017: \$1,068

2018, 2019, 2020: \$1,149

2021, 2022, 2023, 2024: \$1,230

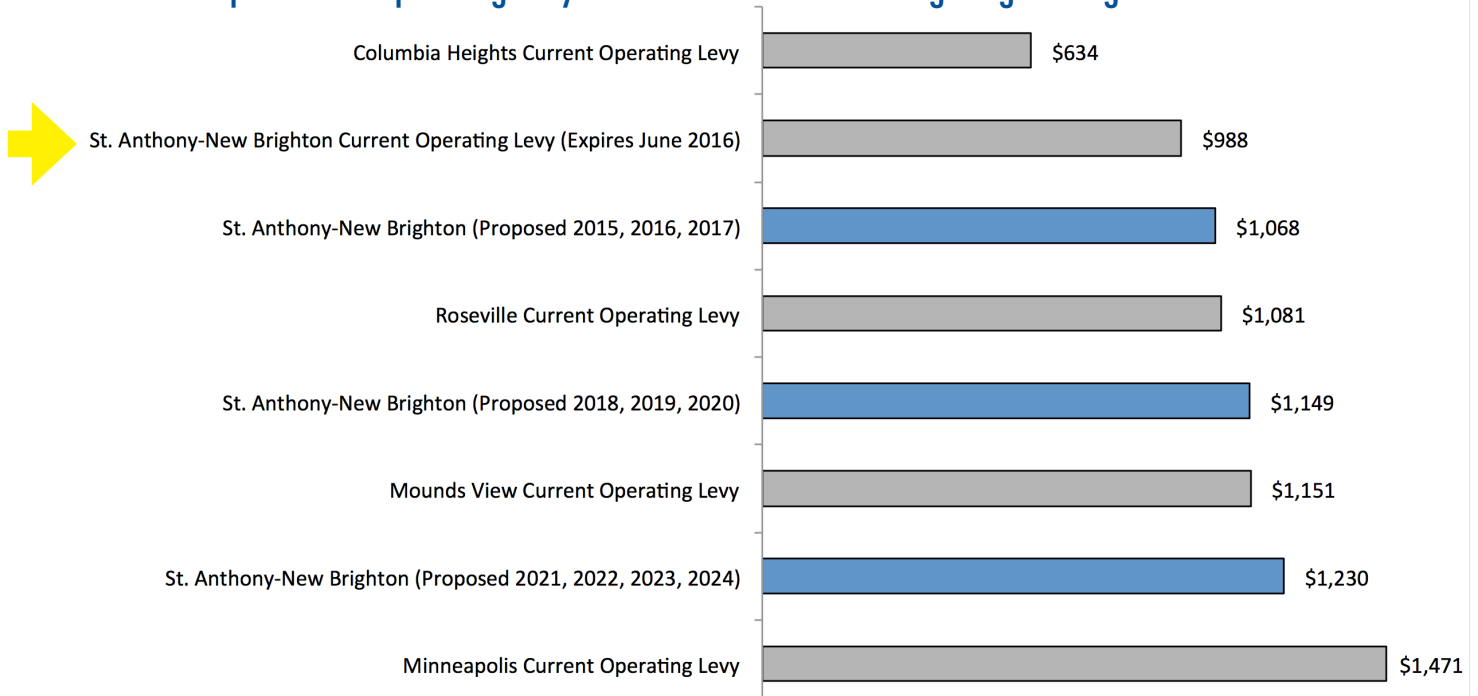
How will this levy impact property taxes?

The average home in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District is valued at \$225,000.

The tax impact for question 1 is estimated at:

Year Taxes Payable	Annual for Question 1	Monthly for Question 1
2015, 2016, 2017	\$41.24	\$3.44
2018, 2019, 2020	\$82.51	\$6.88
2021, 2022, 2023, 2024	\$123.75	\$10.31

Comparison of Operating Levy Dollars Per Student Among Neighboring School Districts



Source: Minnesota Department of Education, October 2013 enrollment and FY14 Levy Certification.

SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 282

November 4, 2014

Official Ballot Language

Explanation of Ballot Language

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1

REVOKING EXISTING **REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION**; — **Operating Levy**
APPROVING NEW AUTHORIZATION

The Board of Independent School District No. 282 (St. Anthony-New Brighton) has proposed to revoke the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$987.60 per pupil and to increase its general education revenue by the following amounts for taxes payable in the years specified:

- **\$1,068.35 per pupil** for taxes payable in 2015 through 2017
- **\$1,149.11 per pupil** for taxes payable in 2018 through 2020
- **\$1,229.86 per pupil** for taxes payable in 2021 through 2024

Estimated to generate additional revenue of:
\$150,000 per year in 2015, 2016, 2017;
\$300,000 per year in 2018, 2019, 2020;
\$450,000 per year in 2021, 2022, 2023, & 2024

The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

The operating levy provides funding for teaching and learning, daily operation of schools and classrooms, teachers and staff, and maintains class size.

- ☐ YES *Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 282 be approved?*
- ☐ NO

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

The tax impact on the average home in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District (market value of \$225,000) is estimated to be:

Year Taxes Payable	Annual for Question 1	Monthly for Question 1
2015, 2016, 2017	\$41.24	\$3.44
2018, 2019, 2020	\$82.51	\$6.88
2021, 2022, 2023, 2024	\$123.75	\$10.31

Question 2: Curriculum and Technology Levy

Request to Approve a Capital Projects Levy for Curriculum and Technology

What is a capital projects levy for curriculum and technology?

- A curriculum and technology levy would provide a dedicated source of funding for the **tools** teachers use and students need for learning (e.g. update textbooks, computers, software, etc.).

How will the dedicated funds be used?

- This levy would provide \$450,000 each year for curriculum and technology — update textbooks, replace computers, and improve infrastructure (e.g. network servers, security, etc.).

Has our community approved a curriculum and technology levy in the past?

- Yes. In 2003, residents approved a curriculum and technology levy which provided \$3.1 million over seven years for St. Anthony-New Brighton School District. That levy expired in 2011.

Current and Proposed Curriculum and Technology Levy Dollars Per Student

Current Curriculum and Technology Levy: \$0

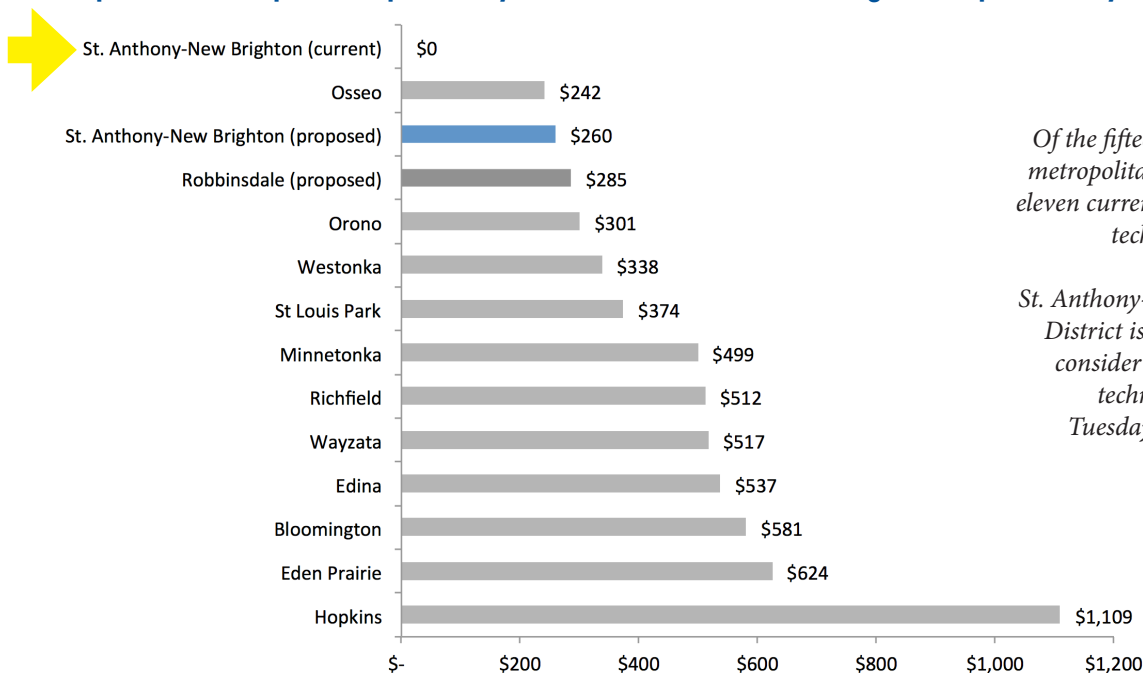
Proposed Ten-Year Curriculum and Technology Levy:
2015 - 2024: \$260 per student

How will this levy impact property taxes?

The average home in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District is valued at \$225,000. The tax impact for question 2 is estimated at:

Year Taxes Payable	Annual for Question 2	Monthly for Question 2
2015-2024	\$127.06	\$10.59

Comparison of Capital Projects Levy Dollars Per Student Among Hennepin County School Districts



Of the fifteen school districts in metropolitan Hennepin County, eleven currently have an approved technology levy.

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District is asking residents to consider a curriculum and technology levy on Tuesday, November 4th.

Source: Minnesota Department of Education, October 2013 enrollment and FY14 Levy Certification.

SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 282

November 4, 2014

Official Ballot Language

Explanation of Ballot Language

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2 APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY AUTHORIZATION

Curriculum and Technology Levy

The Board of Independent School District No. 282 (St. Anthony-New Brighton) has proposed a capital project levy in the amount of 6.198% of the net tax capacity of the school district for taxes payable in 2015 through 2024. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$450,000 for taxes payable in 2015, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$4,500,000. The projects to be funded have received a positive review and comment from the Commissioner of Education.

The amount the district will receive with voter approval.

Based on market value and tax rate.

See letter from Commissioner Cassellius on our website: www.stanthony.k12.mn.us

The money raised by the capital project levy authorization will be used to provide funds for the purchase, replacement and maintenance of curriculum and technology for school instruction.

The curriculum and technology levy would provide funding for the tools teachers use and students need for learning: update textbooks, replace computers, software and improvements to infrastructure.

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

Shall the capital project levy authorization proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 282 be approved?

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YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

The tax impact on the average home in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District (market value of \$225,000) is estimated to be:

Year Taxes Payable	Annual for Question 2	Monthly for Question 2
2015-2024	\$127.06	\$10.59

Tax Impact

Estimated Tax Impact of Proposed Ballot Questions

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District ISD 282 - Projected November 4, 2014 Referendum Tax Impact*

		Years 1 - 3 (Taxes Payable 2015, 2016, 2017)		
		Estimated Change in Taxes		
Property Type	Estimated Market Value	Question 1 Operating Levy	Question 2 Curriculum & Technology (Capital Projects Levy)	Total for Both Questions
Homestead Residential Average home value in St. Anthony-New Brighton School District	150,000	27.49	80.57	108.07
	175,000	32.08	96.07	128.15
	200,000	36.66	111.56	148.22
	225,000	41.24	127.06	168.30
	250,000	45.82	148.75	194.58
	275,000	50.41	164.25	214.65
	300,000	54.99	179.74	234.73
	350,000	64.15	210.73	274.89
	400,000	73.32	247.92	321.24
	500,000	91.65	309.90	401.55
Commercial/Industrial	100,000	18.33	92.97	111.30
	250,000	45.82	263.42	309.24
	500,000	91.65	573.32	664.97
	750,000	137.48	883.22	1,020.69
	1,000,000	183.30	1,193.12	1,376.42
Apartments	100,000	18.33	77.48	95.81
	250,000	45.82	193.69	239.51
	500,000	91.65	387.38	479.03
	750,000	137.48	581.06	718.54
	1,000,000	183.30	774.75	958.05

*Tax Impact estimates provided by Robert W. Baird & Co.

Note: The above tax impact estimates assume no increase in tax base from taxes payable 2014 and do not take into account future fiscal disparities adjustments.

A detailed tax impact chart is also available on our website: www.stanthony.k12.mn.us.

Years 4 - 6
(Taxes Payable 2018, 2019, 2020)

Estimated Change in Taxes		
Question 1 <i>Operating Levy</i>	Question 2 <i>Curriculum & Technology (Capital Projects Levy)</i>	Total for Both Questions
55.01	80.57	135.58
64.17	96.07	160.24
73.34	111.56	184.90
82.51	127.06	209.57
91.68	148.75	240.43
100.84	164.25	265.09
110.01	179.74	289.75
128.35	210.73	339.08
146.68	247.92	394.60
183.35	309.90	493.25
36.67	92.97	129.64
91.68	263.42	355.09
183.35	573.32	756.67
275.03	883.22	1,158.24
366.70	1,193.12	1,559.82
36.67	77.48	114.15
91.68	193.69	285.36
183.35	387.38	570.73
275.03	581.06	856.09
366.70	774.75	1,141.45

Years 7 - 10
(Taxes Payable 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

Estimated Change in Taxes		
Question 1 <i>Operating Levy</i>	Question 2 <i>Curriculum & Technology (Capital Projects Levy)</i>	Total for Both Questions
82.50	80.57	163.07
96.25	96.07	192.32
110.00	111.56	221.56
123.75	127.06	250.81
137.50	148.75	286.25
151.25	164.25	315.50
165.00	179.74	344.74
192.50	210.73	403.23
220.00	247.92	467.92
275.00	309.90	584.90
55.00	92.97	147.97
137.50	263.42	400.92
275.00	573.32	848.32
412.50	883.22	1,295.72
550.00	1,193.12	1,743.12
55.00	77.48	132.48
137.50	193.69	331.19
275.00	387.38	662.38
412.50	581.06	993.56
550.00	774.75	1,324.75

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Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2014
Polls Open: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Where Do I Vote?

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District has four voting precincts as indicated below.
Visit www.mnvotes.org to find your polling place.

HENNEPIN COUNTY

Precinct 1: Autumn Woods, 2600 Kenzie Terrace, St. Anthony

Precinct 2: St. Anthony City Hall, 3301 Silver Lake Road, St. Anthony

RAMSEY COUNTY

Precinct 1: Chandler Place, 3701 Chandler Drive, St. Anthony

New Brighton Precinct 1B: Salem Covenant Church, 2655 5th Street NW, New Brighton

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you vote, vote absentee, and
view the sample ballot.

To be eligible to vote in Minnesota you must:

- be at least 18 years old on Election Day
- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding Election Day
- have any felony conviction record discharged, expired or completed
- not be under court-ordered guardianship where a court has revoked your voting rights
- not have been ruled legally incompetent by a court of law

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